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Docklands comes together to aid flood victims

Docklands has responded to the nation's flood disasters with the community coming together on February 24 for a massive fund-raising effort at Watermark Bar.

Organised by *Docklands News*, the event has already attracted more than \$20,000 worth of goods and services from local businesses for charity auction on the night. For a full list of donations to date, see our story online at www.docklandsnews.com.au.

Harbour Town Shopping Centre is sponsoring the fund-raiser to the tune of \$5000.

Entertainer Bobby Valentine is bringing his popular *Very Tall Show* to Docklands for the night and Switch Music is putting together a band to rock the night out. The *Very Tall Show* stars Wilbur Wilde, Tracy Bartram and Geoff (Coxy) Cox.

Watermark Bar on Victoria Harbour Promenade has called in favours from suppliers, and food, wine and security is being donated by Chef's Choice, Richmond Oysters, Hudson Pacific, Tyrrells Wines and TF Pro Security.

Funds raised through ticket sales, a silent auction and a public auction conducted by local real estate agent Cheryle Street will go directly to the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal and the Red Cross Victorian Flood Appeal.

Tickets to the show are \$60 and can be purchased online at www.docklandsnews.com.au.

www.docklandsnews.com.au/floods where users will be taken to a booking site donated by Eventarc.

The cocktail-style evening starts at 7pm and, until 10pm, patrons have unlimited access to food and beverages. After 10pm the band will play on and drinks can be purchased at the bar.

"We're hoping that hundreds of Docklanders come together for a night of community spirit for this very worthy cause," *Docklands News* editor Shane Scanlan said.

Former Docklands residents Tanina and Neil Osborne have organised the entertainment and promise an extensive line-up of top musicians all wanting to do their bit.

In other Docklands efforts, Black Light Mini-Golf in Harbour Town raised nearly \$5000 on January 22 when all proceeds for the day went to the Queensland appeal.

Owner Julie Blyth said: "Our family finds it important to also help out others who are less fortunate than we are and we also get a great deal of satisfaction when we do fund-raising like this."

And NAB sent a group of volunteers to northern Victoria on January 20.

To donate to the fund-raiser, email news@docklandsnews.com.au or ring 8689 7979.



Ted gets his skates on

The Premier Ted Baillieu visited Docklands last month to promote a charity preview for 'Xanadu The Musical', which opens here next month.

Mr Baillieu teamed up with the star of the show Christie Whelan to promote a special preview on March 1 to raise money for the Queensland Premier's Flood Relief Appeal.

Speaking at the promotion on January 14,

Mr Baillieu encouraged Victorians to return the generosity of Queenslanders who had dug deep for Victorians affected by the Black Saturday fires two years ago.

"Please do for Queensland what Queensland did for us during the fires," Mr Baillieu said. "The rain may have passed, but the threat hasn't."

At the time of the announcement, erection of the Grand Xanadu Marquee was incomplete as some parts were trapped by floodwaters in Brisbane. Xanadu is due to start on March 3 in the vacant area opposite Docklands Studio in Docklands Drive.



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Uber Bar off the agenda

The Director of Liquor Licensing has knocked back an application for a small wine bar in St Mangos Lane, New Quay.

Docklands' businessman Chris Ellis first applied for a licence for his proposed Uber Bar in November, 2009, but was opposed by local residents.

His application for a venue for 57 patrons went to a hearing last September and, on December 20 last year, the application was formally rejected. Reasons for the rejection have not been given.

Mr Ellis declined to comment.

In other Docklands liquor licensing news, the Woolshed Pub has successfully extended its licence which means it will be able to serve up to 311 patrons in its "back bar" area between 11pm and 1am on Fridays and Saturday nights.

The Woolshed had previously only had permission to use this area during these times for pre-booked functions.

And following objections from some Victoria Point residents, local businessman Dom Anthony has modified his application for a licence for his "Docked" tapas bar on the Stadium Concourse to a restaurant and café licence until 11pm.

If objectors don't withdraw their objections, this matter will be subject to a panel hearing.



Dance 101 director Cheryl Smith ... she's is trying to work with the council to keep the free lessons going.

Docklanders keep dancing

Docklanders have kept dancing through a row with the City of Melbourne which threatened to end four years of joy on Sunday afternoons at Yarra's Edge.

Things went pear-shaped before 5pm on January 23 when a council by-laws officer walked into Curves Bar and Restaurant and demanded that the regular free outdoor salsa lessons not proceed.

The council officer, who was not wearing a uniform, said he was acting on a complaint from a local resident and left his card. Staff say that, not long before, a resident had complained about the noise and threatened to have the show shut down, claiming to know someone on the council.

Dance 101 staff phoned the particular council officer and later decided to proceed with the dance class. The class uses a single outdoor speaker at less than 70 decibels.

They say more noise comes from traffic using the adjacent Charles Grimes Bridge.

During the following week, the daily press, talk-back radio and television news and current affairs went into a feeding frenzy in response to the council's actions.

Dance 101 director Cheryl Smith said she was appalled that the council had tried to shut down the free entertainment. She said the Lord Mayor personally intervened in the dispute to allow the classes to proceed as a one-off on January 30.

Ms Smith is currently in negotiations with the council over the future of the event.

Even though the council officer demanded the event not proceed on the basis of noise levels, the council later claimed the classes are unlawful because Dance 101 did not have an event permit.

This is despite official noise level checks conducted by uniformed council officers two years ago.

Ms Smith said she assumed that because

the classes were held on private property, an event permit was not necessary.

However, she said, she was happy to work with the council which had now adopted an official position of wanting to find a home for the classes in Docklands.

City of Melbourne CEO Kathy Alexander has said: "We will work with this group to help their application for an events permit and identify a suitable site in Docklands."

"We are committed to balancing the needs of the city's many users, and we'll work to achieve an outcome that will work for everybody."

Ms Smith met with council staff on January 31 and later reported a positive outcome.

"They certainly want us to continue," she said.

She said she appreciated that the council needed to balance the requirements of all stakeholders and she was considering a compromise position of starting the classes at 4pm and ending at 9pm.

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Changes afoot for Docklands

By Shane Scanlan

The election of a new State Government means some significant changes for Docklands - particularly in the area of planning.

Docklanders can expect to see VicUrban merged into a new urban renewal authority and they can expect to see the precinct rapidly expanded to the north, with the E-Gate project gaining increased significance.

And under the new Baillieu Government, the City of Melbourne will have more influence on the future of Docklands.

In an interview with *Docklands News*, Planning Minister Matthew Guy outlined broadly that inner urban renewal would be managed by the new authority. The specifics of the new authority are yet to be announced, but it is understood that a specific business unit would look after Docklands and the E-Gate area to its north.

"We believe that the original model for Docklands with its separate authority was a good one," Mr Guy said.

"Our policy is for the creation of a new urban renewal authority. But obviously we won't be creating an authority which will duplicate the role of VicUrban. We are still in the conceptual stage and the relationship with VicUrban is still being worked out," he said.

VicUrban assumed development responsibility for Docklands following the merger of the Docklands Authority and the Urban and Regional Land Corporation in 2003. VicUrban has been without a chairperson since former chairman Tony Darvall left the post last July. In December, its CEO Pru Sanderson resigned.

Mr Guy said: "I think Docklands requires an injection of stability and we intend to do that."

He said the Government also intended to give VicUrban employees and those with business relationships with VicUrban some certainty.

"I think what people want more than anything is certainty. They'll want to know what kind of authority they'll be dealing with and how it will go forward," he said.

Mr Guy said the railway yards to the north of Docklands, known as E-Gate, would become a priority for urban renewal under the new Government.

He said the 20 hectare site, bounded by Dudley St, Footscray Rd, Moonee Ponds Creek and the railway, could be the answer to Docklands' lack of community facilities.

"Some of the community infrastructure for Docklands could be fulfilled by land in E-Gate which is, so far, not committed," Mr Guy said.

"I think it has to become an extension of Docklands because there is no use creating a precinct all to itself. It will have

a community of interest with what already exists there in the Docklands."

"Clearly, in my view, it would be most sensible to have a common community of interest between the two and I think that community infrastructure can play a role in doing that."

Mr Guy also flagged more influence for the City of Melbourne in Docklands' future. Following the coalition victory late last year, the Lord Mayor Robert Doyle renewed his campaign for planning powers in the precinct.

"I have a good relationship with Robert - full stop. My view is that we will be able to work very well together," Mr Guy said.

"Again, I have a good personal relationship with Peter Clarke (chair of the council's planning committee). I know him very well and have done for a while."

"My view is that we will be able to have a very good relationship with Melbourne City Council in relation to Docklands."



Police seek 'banning' powers

The City of Melbourne is supporting a bid by Victoria Police to have Docklands declared a "designated area" from which police can effectively ban drunken and disruptive revellers.

On February 1, councillors voted to support a police application to Responsible Alcohol Victoria (RAV) to extend to Docklands the powers they already have to deal with drunks within 100 metres of CBD night-spots.

Since being granted temporary 24-hour "banning powers" in 2007, police have evicted more than 3000 people from the city, a move they say has been effective in combating anti-social behaviour.

In seeking the council's support, Victoria Police said public order category offences had increased 96 per cent in Docklands since 2007. At the same time, they say, there has been a 38 per cent increase in licensed premises in Docklands.

However, RAV is not convinced by these percentages and has asked for actual numbers and other evidence proving that the proximity of licensed premises contributed to the offences.

In a letter to police, RAV licensing and compliance manager Murray Smith said any support from the council should include "evidence of the resources they have had to commit to the area proposed because of alcohol-related violence or disorder".

The City of Melbourne does not record the specific costs associated with licensed premises or alcohol-related incidents. However, the council has commissioned this research and should have the results by July.

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Briefly

Docklands is the media hub

Work has started on the Wheel

As predicted in our last edition, work has now started on the reconstructed Southern Star Observation Wheel at Waterfront City.

Its owner ING Real Estate is still keeping tight-lipped about its expected completion, but the first piece was joined on January 20.

It's been two years now since the wheel failed and was dismantled. Harbour Town traders have mostly toughed out the downturn in visitor numbers and many have established themselves in their own right despite the wheel's woes.

Council parking fines bonanza

The City of Melbourne is cashing in on increasing competition for Docklands' car parking spaces.

The council did nearly twice as well as it expected in the first quarter of the 2010-11 financial years with its parking fee revenue up \$68,032 on its \$150,000 budgeted figure.

In its report to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee in December, the council said parking revenue was up "due to increased occupancy as a result of new developments".

Docklands again hosts the Splash

Docklands will once again play host to the Variety Splash this month when teams gather at Waterfront City to start their three-day boating event on Port Phillip Bay.

The annual sailing event will kick off with a welcome function at Central Pier on Thursday February 24, before the boats embark on their first leg to Queenscliff Harbour on Friday morning.



Sales executives Andrew Cann and Carly Astone move their work gear into 717 Bourke St on January 31.

The first Channel 9 staff started moving into their new Docklands headquarters at 717 Bourke St on January 28.

The media giant's move to Docklands cements the precinct's status as Victoria's media hub - joining pioneer Channel 7 and, more recently, The Age and 3AW.

Channel 9's parent organisation Nine Entertainment Co has been moving associated businesses, ACP Magazines, NineMSN and Ticketek, into Docklands since late last year. But the TV station staff have only started making the move from their original home in Richmond.

Station manager Brian Pedler said Docklands was a natural choice for Nine.

The company has 8000 sqm over four floors, including the double-storey level four which was originally designed to accommodate a lecture theatre for a design school.

Mr Pedler said the extra ceiling height meant Channel 9 could operate a fully-functioning

production studio from the office block.

He said news and current affairs would start broadcasting from the location by the end of this month.

Another advantage that Docklands offered was its proximity to public transport as well as the facilities available at Docklands Studios, where Channel 9 will broadcast its audience participation shows such as the popular *Footy Show*, *Hot Seat* and a new show to be called *Million Dollar Drop*.

Mr Pedler said these live shows would hopefully contribute patronage to other Docklands businesses.

He said while some staff were naturally reluctant to leave Richmond where the station had begun, others were excited and looking forward to embracing the new opportunities that Docklands has to offer.

He said it was obvious that activity was gravitating towards the Docklands side of the city.

Nine Entertainment Co will have between 450-500 employees in Docklands when the last workers leave Richmond on March 31.



All aboard for the next lunch

Docklands News Networking Lunch guests will be taking to the water on March 4 with the next lunch being held on the ex-Sydney ferry *Lady Cutler*.

Docklands' stakeholders are invited to jump on board the beautiful boat on from midday for a relaxing afternoon of networking and cruising around the harbour.

The lunch will follow the same format with three courses and drinks provided for \$60, but with the bonus of being on the water.

Attendees are encourage to arrive at Central Pier at 12pm with the boat departing at 12.30pm and arriving back at 2.45pm.

Currently there is no speaker booked, but if we choose to present one, the speech will go for no more than five minutes and will be of genuine interest to attendees - which leaves more valuable time for networking.

The networking lunch is organised quarterly to help develop and renew relationships within the Docklands business community.

This will be our seventh lunch with our numbers continuing to grow.

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Harbour Esplanade – the next stages

Planning has started on the next stages of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

With stage 1 heading for completion, VicUrban and the City of Melbourne have started discussions about how the vast area between the roadway and the water is to be treated. The two bodies met to discuss the project on January 31.

Available finance will be crucial to the outcome, with VicUrban having limited funds set aside for the project.

VicUrban general manager for Docklands Simon Wilson won't say how much has been allocated to the project, but admits that other funding sources need to be found.

"That's not to say that we can't design to a budget," Mr Wilson said. "And, in any event, we will be speaking with the community before we do anything."

Next month, planting of up to 210 Norfolk Island Pines between Bourke St and Docklands Drive will start.

Mr Wilson said the trees had been ready since last year but it was decided to wait until the worst summer conditions had passed.

"And if we get another hot spell when we intend to plant, we will postpone again," he said.

The trees, which will be between five and seven metres tall when planted, are currently being cared for at a nursery in Newcastle and have been selected for their suitability to coastal conditions, hardiness and ability to provide year-round shade and shelter.

Mr Wilson pointed to similar plantings at Portsea, Warrnambool and at Gawler in South Australia as evidence of the species' suitability for Docklands.

Pits for the trees and irrigation lines have been installed in anticipation of the plantings.

Mr Wilson said within the coming months, residents, workers and visitors would be able to enjoy new street furniture, including



bench seats, drinking fountains and bike hoops, the first of which are now being installed between Bourke and LaTrobe streets.

"The Harbour Esplanade redevelopment will ultimately see this important public space transformed into a new harbour-side destination for Melbourne," Mr Wilson said.

Smoko break during the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment. Roadworks will soon be finished as the authorities plan the next two stages.



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Great deals on their way for Docklanders

The Docklands' new business loyalty program faces a co-operative future, if the selection of its name is any indication.

The organisers ran a competition for *Docklands News* readers late last year and, after reviewing the 50 or so applications, they couldn't choose.

So they selected Docklander Deals, which is drawn from two entries – "Docklander Card" and "DockDeals".

The "Docklander" part of the name was contributed by Etihad Stadium business development manager Andrew Pirchan, while the "Deals" part came from a submission by Myer analysis and planning manager Louise Hughes.

Andrew and Louise have each won a dinner for two at Platform 28.

Destination Docklands spokesperson Michelle Kemp said her organisation and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce were delighted with the hybrid name.

"Docklander Deals encompasses the essence of what we are trying to achieve," she said.

The program is designed to give local businesses an opportunity to make offers to Docklands' 25,000 residents and workers.

Free for cardholders, Docklanders will get special access to a web page listing offers from participating businesses. These offers will change monthly, rotate randomly and the best offers will be emailed out to members every month.

Mr Pirchan said he was delighted to win the competition. "When someone asks you something, you just like to help out," he said.

Ms Hughes was equally pleased to have contributed. She said she only started with Myer three months ago but loved Docklands.

"I wouldn't have taken the job if it was based in the inner city, but because it was here in Docklands it's great," she said.

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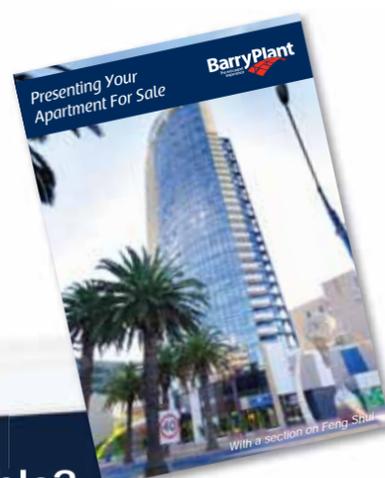
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Farewell to Noel Raitt

Having spent almost six years managing residential buildings in Docklands' NewQuay precinct, Noel Raitt retired this January and said he and his wife Celia would miss the area immensely.

The popular manager, who spent nearly two years managing the Arkley building before being employed by the owners' corporation of the Nolan building for four years, said it was just time to retire.

"It's been wonderful for us to live here and I've really enjoyed working here, but we want to travel, do a few things before we get too old and I want to spend some more time with my mother who is 96-years-old," Noel said.

Noel, who already retired once before for five years, came out of retirement to fill in for his brother who was managing a building in the suburbs.

"I had never managed a building before, but my brother wanted to go on a five-month holiday and I filled in and through that I met the Arkley people and ended up coming out of retirement and moving to Docklands."

Noel, who has seen Docklands grow from strength to strength in his six years in the suburb, believes that in another five years Docklands will take off and the value of properties will go through the roof.

"I've seen Docklands grow so much already and I can't wait to see the final product," he said.

Moving back to his family home in the Grampians, the friendly manager said he would be sure to visit from time to time.

"All the restaurants are great, so we will definitely be back for the restaurants and there are people here that we want to keep in contact with," he said.

Though Noel and Celia have no travel plans yet, Noel said a trip around Australia, a trip to New York to visit his son and a trip to England to visit Celia's family were possible.



Popular building manager Noel Raitt is moving on after six years in Docklands.

Docklands traffic is improving – VicUrban

VicUrban is confident that Docklands' traffic will be vastly improved in coming weeks as the Harbour Esplanade roadworks come to an end.

General manager for Docklands Simon Wilson said extra turning lanes at intersections would make a huge difference to the congestion which has dogged Docklands recently.

"Once the temporary barriers come down, the traffic will flow a lot better," he said.

Mr Wilson said VicUrban had been working with the City of Melbourne and VicRoads since November to re-sequence Docklands' traffic signals which had resulted in smoother traffic flows.

"It might have only been a few seconds here and a few second there, but it has made a remarkable difference," he said.

Mr Wilson said consultants UrbanTrans had studied Docklands' traffic and had provided a plan for improvements.

However, Mr Wilson admitted that the Batman's Hill peak hour snarl had not been anticipated. He said planners failed to predict the numbers of drivers exiting the CBD via Collins St – attempting to connect with Wurundjeri Way via Batman's Hill Dr.

Mr Wilson said Harbour Esplanade was never intended to carry through-traffic. He said drivers needed to be educated to use Wurundjeri Way to skirt around Docklands.

He said the raised tramway was installed in Harbour Esplanade to improve tram timetable reliability and as a safety measure to prevent vehicles from crossing the tracks.

He said a dedicated U-turn facility at Bourke St, would assist vehicles approaching Central Pier from the north. Mr Wilson also said drop-off zones and taxi ranks would further assist Central Pier businesses.

Parking on the end of Central Pier is to cease in March, with Mr Wilson admitting it should not have been allowed in the first place.

He said Central Pier operators were being encouraged to direct their guests to park at Etihad Stadium. VicUrban provided parking at Etihad Stadium for Atlantic Group [v] guests during the LaTrobe and Bourke streets intersection occupation period.



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NYE fireworks a success

Docklands' New Year's Eve 9.15pm family fireworks were under threat last year but have again proven themselves with a blaze of colour and energy.

The City of Melbourne considered dumping the family show but more than 15,000 turned out this year to enjoy the spectacle in Victoria Harbour.

And those who were awake for the midnight fireworks were treated as the sky was lit-up with fireworks launched from both a barge and off the tops of 15 buildings throughout Docklands and the CBD.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the council was extremely happy with the crowd numbers, particularly in Docklands.

"More than 15,000 revellers watched the fireworks at 9.15pm and midnight. As a key vantage point to watch the fireworks from, Docklands is increasing in popularity and crowd numbers are growing substantially every year," Cr Doyle said.

However, although the night was a success, there is no guarantee that Docklands will be hosting the fireworks this year.

"As with all events, we will commence a full debrief of New Year's Eve over the next few weeks and all firing sites and vantage points will be reviewed as part of this," he said.



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Docklands 1707 / 50 Lorimer Street

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

Docklands 38 / 801 Bourke Street

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This beautifully presented fully furnished one bedroom apartment located on the 5th level of Docklands Quest on Bourke complex is a must see. The apartment has a large balcony off the main living area that is ideal for the entertainer. The apartment is currently leased back to the secure tenant of Quest Service apartment group. What an ideal investment opportunity!

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Docklands 101 / 15 Caravel Lane

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1 bed 1 bath 1 car

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Docklands 1606 / 2 NewQuay Promenade

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1 bed 1 bath 1 car

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Docklands 55 / 55 Victoria Harbour Promenade

PODIUM APARTMENT DIRECTLY ON WATER

2 bed 2 bath 1 car

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Bird's eye view of Docklands

Docklands News was treated to a bird's eye view of our suburb on January 20, thanks to the generosity of our colleagues at Channel 7 News.

News director Steve Carey made the offer of a helicopter ride about a year ago and, given the beautiful weather, *Docklands News* took him up on the offer last month.

Editor Shane Scanlan and journalist Alison Kinkade enjoyed several laps of Docklands.

And it wasn't a total indulgence, we got to

bring our readers these amazing images of our wonderful precinct.

"Docklands looks amazing from up there. And the striking thing is just how big it is. The CBD is tiny by comparison," Mr Scanlan said.

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What I did on my vacation ...

By Shane Scanlan

Did you do anything interesting over the holiday break?

Emily Ballantyne-Brodie did. She joined Sea Shepherd's hunt for illegal whalers in the Southern Ocean.

The director of Docklands-based Urban Reforestation was called upon at the last minute in mid-December to replace the regular vegetarian cook who suffered an accident and could not sail.

For the next 36 days Emily, her partner Nathan, and 10 other Sea Shepherd volunteers crammed aboard the tiny pursuit craft *Gorija* and patrolled the Antarctic.

During the period they "engaged" a refuelling vessel and a number of harpoon ships. Emily said she stuck to her duties in the galley while other crew members attempted to throw red paint over the whaling vessels.

"Although, on one occasion, I went to the front of the boats and made a 'peace' sign to the whalers. I was virtually asking them to please just leave the whales in peace," she said.

Emily said one of her roles was "peace ambassador" - a role which she will carry out more formally in July when she chaperones a



Emily Ballantyne-Brodie aboard the *Gorija* in the Southern Ocean. She is inviting Docklanders to a vegetarian barbecue in March if the vessel visits here.

group of children to Japan as part of the Asia Pacific Children's Convention.

As a primary school student aged 11 in 1995, Emily herself visited Japan as part of the same program. This was when her environmental concerns were first beginning to find voice.

"I have been invited back to help select this year's students and to accompany them as a peace ambassador," she said.

Emily said it was important to separate the whaling activities from the Japanese people. "It's the whaling that is the problem here, not the Japanese people," she said.

During her time at sea, Emily said whales had come right up to the boat and she remarked on how curious they were.

"The whales are very curious and innocent. They are being very easily killed by the whalers," she said.

Emily said anti-whaling went way beyond the whales themselves. "I see it as symbolic of how we connect with nature," she said.

"I think our long-term sustainability starts with food. That's what the Docklands garden is all about. It's about investing in growing food. To me, this is more fundamental than the issues of energy, waste and water."

She said living with 11 others in close proximity for more than five weeks at sea was remarkably tranquil despite extremely trying conditions.

"I think this was because everyone was concerned about issues which are so much bigger than themselves," she said.

"It's really a model of how our urban societies can work. We are all connected and each person has to be conscious of being a responsible member of the community."

"Social sustainability is integral to ecological sustainability. It starts with each person being aware."

Emily hopes the *Gorija* will visit Docklands next month.

"We'll have a vegetarian barbecue and everyone will be welcome to come along," she said.

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Meet Amalie Donnelly

Amalie Donnelly is a very Docklands baby.

She was born on December 7 to parents Lina D'Ambrosio and Glenn Donnelly of City Residential Real Estate.

And not only do mum and dad work in Docklands, they are long-standing Yarra's Edge residents.

Weighing in at 2.6 kilos and 50 cms in length, Amalie is the couple's first child and certainly the most important person in the young family.

"We're trying to have her fit in with our lifestyle," Glenn said. "She's been to Canberra by car and we've taken her out with us to see a band and we've been to many restaurants."

"She's a good baby and is normally very relaxed," Lina said when *Docklands News* called in for a visit.

Amalie was delivered by Caesarian at the Royal Women's Hospital as she had turned into an awkward position late in the pregnancy. However, the birth went without further complication.



Right: Glenn and Lina show off baby Amalie at their Docklands apartment.

'Vision' feedback closing soon

VicUrban and the City of Melbourne are this month closing off public submissions on their draft shared vision for Docklands.

They launched a document last October which has been available for comment online at www.docklandsseconddecade.com/draft-shared-vision.

However the opportunity to give feedback will be only stay open until 5pm on Monday, February 14.

VicUrban's general manager for Docklands Simon Wilson said he hoped draft directions would be released for community comment by Easter and that a final set of directions and priority actions would be known by the end of the financial year.

"By the end of the financial year we expect to be able to tell people what the tangible outcomes are and what we are going to do," Mr Wilson said.

VicUrban says more than 1500 unique visitors had visited the Second Decade of Docklands website and some 800 had looked at the shared vision page.



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Police Beat

Sublime evening for concert

Daylight assault

An 85-year old woman suffered serious facial injuries when she was sexually and physically assaulted at Southern Cross Station in the early afternoon of January 27.

Police allege a 64-year-old Bairnsdale man dragged the elderly woman into a disabled toilet at about 1.10pm. It is alleged he demanded cash, then bashed and sexually assaulted the victim before fleeing.

Tomahawk arrest

On December 29 police arrested a 45-year-old Croydon West man at South Wharf's Hilton Hotel after witnesses reported seeing a bloodied man carry a tomahawk.

A 3AW listener called the station describing an angry man who had jumped out of a silver car at an intersection and proceeded to attack it with a tomahawk.

Police wearing bulletproof vests and helmets entered the Hilton Hotel and made the arrest, but the man was released the following day without charge pending further investigations.

Silly driver

A 23-year-old Glenroy man who performed a fishtail in front of police in Docklands on New Year's Eve has had his car seized.

The man, who spun the rear wheels of his Holden Commodore at about 12.15am New Year's Day, had two passengers in his car including a four-year-old girl.

He has been interviewed for a number of driving offences.

No quick fix

More than four years after Aaron Dalli was viciously bashed outside Docklands' Fix nightclub, County Court Judge James Montgomery has passed judgement on six of the 10 men accused of assault.

Three of the accused admitted to assaulting Mr Dalli, while the other three admitted to assaulting three other victims.

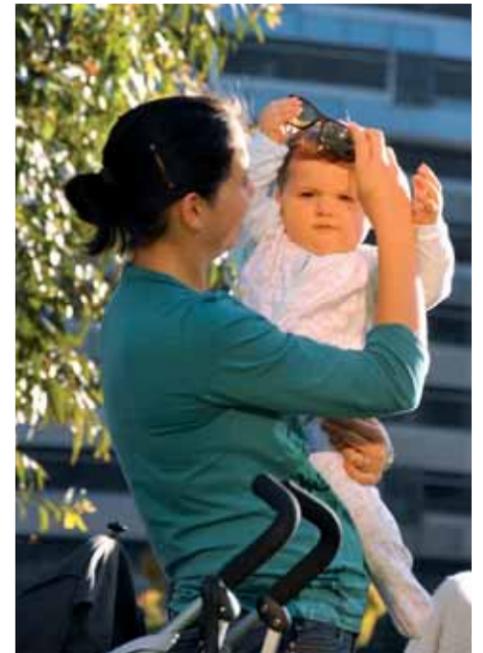
Two of the men Sinan Cekuc, 20 and Orhan Bekar pleaded guilty to recklessly causing injury, assault and affray and were sentenced to 150 hours of unpaid community service, a \$1000 fine and serve a six-month wholly suspended jail term.

Okan Yorudan, 23, also pleaded guilty to assault and affray and was ordered to serve a 12-month community-based order with 150 hours of unpaid community work and a six-month suspended jail sentence.

Yusuf Kilic, 24, Emrah Aslan, 24, and John Yussef, 23, pleaded guilty to charges of affray and assault and were sentenced to serve a 12-month community-based order with 1150 hours of unpaid community work and a \$1000 fine.

Mr Dalli, who was 18 at the time of the attack, underwent brain surgery twice on the day following the attack.

Four more men are due to face a County Court trial this year in relation to the attack.



Several hundred Docklanders enjoyed a sublime summer's evening on December 16 for the Docklands Community Concert.

Hosted by Lend Lease, City on a Hill, Melbourne City Sports and the City of Melbourne, the evening featured live bands, great food and children's activities. The weather was kind and the audience relaxed on a perfect Docklands evening on the grass beside The Hub.



Bikers bring good cheer to Docklands

About 2000 motorcyclists descended on Docklands in December to deliver toys for needy families.



The Motorcycle Riders Association's annual Toy Run finished in Docklands for the first time on December 12 and, despite being hampered by rain, organisers have declared the event a success.

The event was organised by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, and president Keith Rankin wants the event back again next year.

"We would have liked more people there but we don't have any control over the weather," Mr Rankin said.

"But the bikes were brilliant, the number of toys donated for the Salvos was astronomical and we achieved what we wanted, which was to put Docklands in the spotlight."

"We've learned a lot through the experience and we're keen to have it back this year," he said.

"We think it was quite an investment in Docklands' future," Mr Rankin said.

Corey's new home sweet home

By Alison Kinkade

He may be a long way from his native New York roots, but National Basketball League (NBL) player Corey "Homicide" Williams is now calling Docklands home.

Recruited by the Melbourne Tigers in November following its decision to drop import TJ Campbell, the point-guard decided to move straight into Docklands on his friend's advice.

"I called up my good friend who lives here in Docklands and said 'sort something out for me because I'm moving to Melbourne' and I got off the plane and came straight here," Corey said.

"Docklands is definitely the place to be and the area I need to be in to be close to all the action," Corey said.

Having spent the last three seasons playing for the Townsville Crocodiles, Corey, who took out the Andrew Gaze Trophy for the NBL's Most Valuable Player (MVP) last season, left Australia at the end of the season after the club opted not to re-sign him.

"I decided to go play in Europe, but then had to return to the States when the team I was with in Athens couldn't pay me, but then the Tigers weren't performing well so they called me up," he said.

Signed to a one-year import contract, the 33-year-old said he could potentially end up playing out his basketball career in Melbourne.

"I probably have another four years in me, maybe more, and if the Tigers like having me and I like being here then I definitely could stay in Docklands a lot longer," he said.

With a larger than life personality, Corey, who gained the nickname "Homicide" for his reputation for annihilating competition on basketball courts of the streets of New York, says he really enjoys living in Australia.



Corey "Homicide" Williams at home in Docklands ... he's loving it!

"I'm loving it. The people are so friendly and laid-back and Melbourne is a great city. It's so different to Townsville," Corey said.

Already accustomed to the great food of St Kilda's Acland St, Williams is looking forward to testing out what the restaurants of Docklands have to offer.

"I don't really have to watch my diet too much because I work so hard and train so hard and have a high metabolism, so I am

definitely looking forward to checking out all the restaurants down here," he said.

Well and truly settled into his Village Docklands apartment, Corey believes that Platform 28 may end up being his local.

"That place goes off. I think you will definitely find me there on a Friday or Saturday night," he said.

With the season ending in April, we wonder how long the star calls Docklands home.

Probus Club launched at Docklands

Melbourne's Docklands-based Probus club has grown to about 45 members since its launch at Docklands Hub on December 2.

The Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club's membership target is 80. It is the first new Melbourne-based Probus club for 21 years.

Probus clubs are for professional/business retirees and other retirees of good character. The clubs run a monthly speaker program, and encourage networking and socialising among retirees.

The initial monthly meeting is at 10am on Thursday February 3.

The February 3 speaker will be Melbourne City Councillor Kevin Louey, who will speak on the council's Docklands programs.

The social program started with an MCG tour and lunch on January 12, and a movie morning and lunch on January 20 - *The King's Speech* at Kino, Collins St.

The club is the first Probus club in Australia - and possibly the world - to use the ClubRunner web system. The club's website is www.clubrunner.ca/mspc.

The club has gone further towards paperless operations by buying a net-book laptop to enter member data during events, which are then emailed to the ClubRunner system.

Members are drawn from the CBD, Docklands, Southbank, East Melbourne and other inner suburbs.

The interim president is Harold Fraser, of Docklands but office-bearers will be formally elected at the annual general meeting on March 3.

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Lord Mayor Robert Doyle (left) shares a joke at Mecca Bah on Christmas morning. Photo: Courtesy of Hitchcock Productions.

Mecca Bah lends a hand

While we woke up to find presents under the Christmas tree, Mecca Bah opened its doors to some of Melbourne's most marginalised.

Mecca Bah held its sixth annual Salvation Army Christmas Day brunch and welcomed more than 100 of the Salvation Army's most frequent users to the event.

The award-winning restaurant put on a hearty feast for its guests, putting plenty of smiles on their faces.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle got involved once again, acting as chauffeur. He personally transported guest to Mecca Bah from the Salvation Army's Bourke St headquarters and then transported them onto their lunch following the brunch at Mecca Bah.

Many Rooms creates many smiles

By Alison Kinkade

Docklands' church City on a Hill supported the less fortunate on Christmas Day through its charity organisation, Many Rooms.

About 15 volunteers from Many Rooms gave up their Christmas Day with family and friends to host a barbecue at a park in North Melbourne and hand out presents.

The recipients - some homeless and some from public housing - feasted on barbecued lamb, chicken and sausages, as well as salads, Christmas cake and custard and soft drinks.

Many Rooms director Jim Davison said around 50 gifts were generously donated by Docklands residents and given out at the Christmas barbecue and also at a similar event on New Year's Day.

"People were very appreciative of the gifts and grateful for the time volunteers gave to serve those who don't have as much," Mr Davison said.

Though this was not the first time that Many Rooms held a Christmas celebration, it was the first time it had held such an event on the actual day.

"We also ran a barbecue and gave out gifts



Local resident Jimmy (left) and volunteer James Veale share a meal on Christmas Day.

donated by Docklands residents last year on Boxing Day (a Saturday), which was well attended. This year we spread the celebration over two Saturdays - Christmas Day and New Year's Day since not all of our regular attendees were available on Christmas Day."

Many Rooms was launched in November 2009 as an initiative of City on a Hill. Each

Saturday since its launch about 11 volunteers prepare a cooked lunch for 30-40 people at the North Melbourne Community Centre.

To find out more about Many Rooms or to volunteer visit www.manyrooms.org.au/

City on a Hill meets in Docklands every Sunday night at 6pm and at Hoyts Cinema in Melbourne Central on Sunday mornings at 10am.

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

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

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Marathon man runs for the kids

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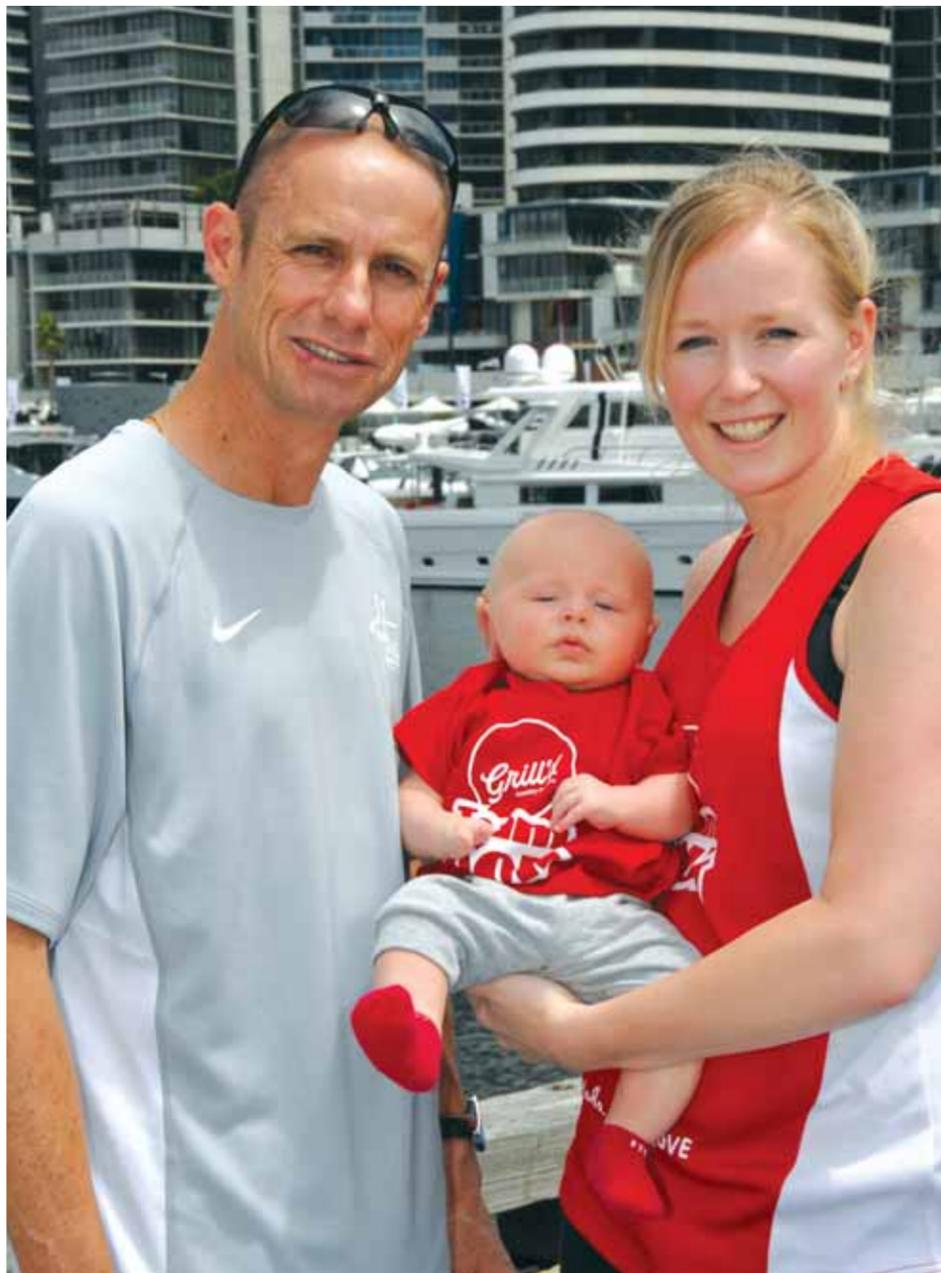
The Commonwealth Games gold medallist was in Docklands as race director for Victoria's biggest fun run which is on again this year on Sunday, April 17.

The event will swing through Docklands, bringing with it 33,000 competitors, as they head off the Bolte Bridge and back to the Botanical Gardens.

The Run For The Kids has raised \$3.7million for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and organisers hope to again raise more than \$1million this year.

Joining Steve in Docklands was Team 100km, a team of enthusiasts who, collectively, are aiming at raising more than \$100,000 this year.

In our photo (right), Steve is with Cristy and Perry McCluskey of Coburg. Cristy's husband organises Team 100Km and, with the birth of Perry late last year, the family has even more reason to "run for the kids".



What do you love about Docklands?

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Berth

For some reason, I've never eaten at Berth.

I don't know why, it's been there forever and it is in one of Dockland's finest locations (the pod next to the one which houses Livebait and Mecca Bah) – so maybe that's it! Two of Docklands' most stand-out restaurants with clear themes and distinctive menus – or Berth, which has gone with a kind of bistro style and offers ... what a whole bunch of others down that way have.

Credit where it's due though. On a sunny summer's Monday afternoon, we were struggling to find somewhere we could graze on something light at around 3pm. I know it's not a traditional meal hour, but Docklands is supposed to be a tourist hot spot and we are in the midst of the holiday season.

Thankfully, we were warmly welcomed at Berth (where we could even have ordered breakfast until 5pm – an immediate bonus point!) and had full choice of the menu. The

wine list was succinct yet pleasing – only one glass per variety on offer – but I was happy with the Toolangi Chardonnay and my friend with the Katnook Estate Riesling.

We argued over starters – I was very keen to try the saffron prawns with chorizo and cherry tomatoes on herbed risotto cakes, but she convinced me the antipasto platter for two would be more substantial, and most likely would contain a sample of the majority of the starters. It didn't.

We each scored a single Italian rice ball (the size of a cherry tomato) and one piece of calamari – the rest was, not surprisingly, antipasto. A generous serve of fetta (with balsamic), some lovely mushrooms with spicy chilli (and vinegar), a pickled artichoke heart, slice of frittata, some smoked eggplant and a few sticks of focaccia all quite artistically dressed – with balsamic.

Yes, all a bit too "vinegary" for me – but an antipasto plate, no argument there. It was just that – well, I got the feeling the majority of the ingredients had come out of a jar or a box – they might not have but ... they might.

It was mid-afternoon so we skipped straight to another glass of wine and dessert, where we fared much better. I literally swooned after breaking the thin toffee top and biting into a delicious white chocolate brulee.

I almost left the accompanying berry compote alone, as I feared it would overpower the delicate dessert. I ended up eating it separately as it was good, but I didn't want it interfering with the leading lady.

My friend didn't have the same luxury – the very same berry compote came on top of her honey and cinnamon pannacotta, which we think was nice, but we weren't entirely sure if it was that or the berries. The textures were certainly all as they should be.

Look, Berth is stunning. Jutting out over the water, you are almost surrounded by NewQuay's marina and it's a nice feeling being at "ground level" with the boats. I've attended a function upstairs before and the night-time views are simply spectacular. And let's face it – not everybody can afford the same view at Livebait, and Meccah Bah's middle-eastern fare may not be to everyone's taste.

So it could be that Berth has gone with the everyday man's menu for a very good reason – to attract the everyday man. I just wonder if perhaps they might need to do a little something more into the future, or if location alone will keep them afloat?

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Well, I did it. I can finally put a tick against the biggest thing on my list. It's been on the list every year, without fail. And each year I have wondered if this will be it, this will be the year for it.

I've had great intentions for a long time, even occasionally done some research into a narrowed down list of various suburbs throughout, well, Australia. But in hindsight, I have to say I was half-hearted. In fact, kind of lame.

I never really did much about it before. It was kind of like being annoyed you haven't won the big one in lotto, but then admitting you hadn't actually bought a ticket. You know the feeling, "Ohhh, I would SO have picked those numbers!" But you didn't.

Well, I've been like that for a while in the "property game" – all good intentions but no action. But that all changed recently ... I

have to confess, I did only the littlest bit of research. I was intending to do more, I spent three weekends looking at various houses and then BANG. There she was. Everything I'd wanted.

Well actually I didn't know it was what I wanted. I thought I just wanted to buy an investment property that could be quickly rented out with minimum fuss, and there I would begin a new phase in my life as PROPERTY MOGUL. (You gotta think big!) So really it was more like BANG there she was, nothing that I was looking for.

The fact she was already sold was admittedly a hurdle, but in a rush of activity that left little time to contemplate the sheer enormity and – well, some would say stupidity – of the implications of what I was doing, it was all done.

Lawyers did their bit, agent did his, the bank was involved, I was suitably nervous for a few days and then there was champagne. Not as painful as I thought. I picked up the keys only three weeks later (after quite a long drive I might add) and thought how "quaint":

they were three inches long and looked like they belonged in a museum.

I had not only decided to buy a run-down, three-bedroom, four-fireplace, double brick 100+-year-old cottage that brings new meaning to the term "renovator's delight", but I had decided I simply must live there as well. There was something magical about the expanse of lucerne paddocks, the views to the mountains and the cows at the bottom fence, that told me I had to pick-up everything immediately and move.

So I welcomed in the New Year in my new-found world of simple perfection. I sat in the sweltering heat in my yard, under the Hills hoist, with my feet submerged in the blow up plastic pool (some comfort to the half dozen still bleeding holes from which I'd extracted the bindis), a plastic tumbler of champers and an incredible feeling of accomplishment, and I toasted in the new year.

I'm not fussed by the outside loo, although I'm convinced the resident blue tongue takes great joy in sticking his tail through the great cracks in the concrete floor to make

me think he's a snake, and I'm not the least concerned that you literally can fall through the floorboards in the kitchen. I'm not worried the hot water system has only one temperature – boiling – and I'm not phased by the salmon, apple green and mustard paint the original owner seemed to favour.

Because I know I'll fix it all. This is the project I have been longing for. This is what I've wanted to do but been too nervous to try. I've tried waiting for the right person to do it with, procrastinated about how much you need to do it, used the fact I work in the city as an excuse not to do it – and in the end, the right place turned up and none of that mattered. I just can't believe I didn't do it earlier.

So if you've had something on your list for a long time, why not just do it? It might be much more rewarding than you thought it would be, and maybe not as frightening as you thought it could be. Then again, I haven't started the renovations.

Till next month!

Abby x

DOCKLANDS LOVE

How did you meet?

We used to work together at a company called Sales Force back in 1996 and became good friends, but it wasn't until 1999 that we became more than friends.

The proposal?

Cam proposed in December of 2006 - it was a unique proposal at the Moonee Ponds train station where we first met after a training day for work. When we first met Cam thought he was cool trying to chat me up, but little did he know his fly was undone and he didn't stand a chance (well back then anyway!). So he lured me back there under false pretences and, with his fly undone, proposed on platform 2.

Most memorable part of the wedding?

Bride: All of it - I loved getting married to my best friend and sharing our special day with our family and friends. It was also great to have our daughter Mazie (3) be our flower girl and I loved walking down the aisle with my dad.

Groom: Driving the XF S Jag from Doncaster with my best men. On second thought, the smiles on my parents faces when I was

Groom: Cameron McLanchlan, 35

Bride: Emma Lindsey, 37

Married: Saturday, January 8, 2011, St Augustine's Church, Melbourne.

Reception: Waterfront Venues "Waterfront Room", Docklands.

delivering my speech ... no scratch both of those ... it was definitely the vision of Emma walking down the aisle of the church - that was the happiest moment for me in what was a wonderful day.

How was the reception?

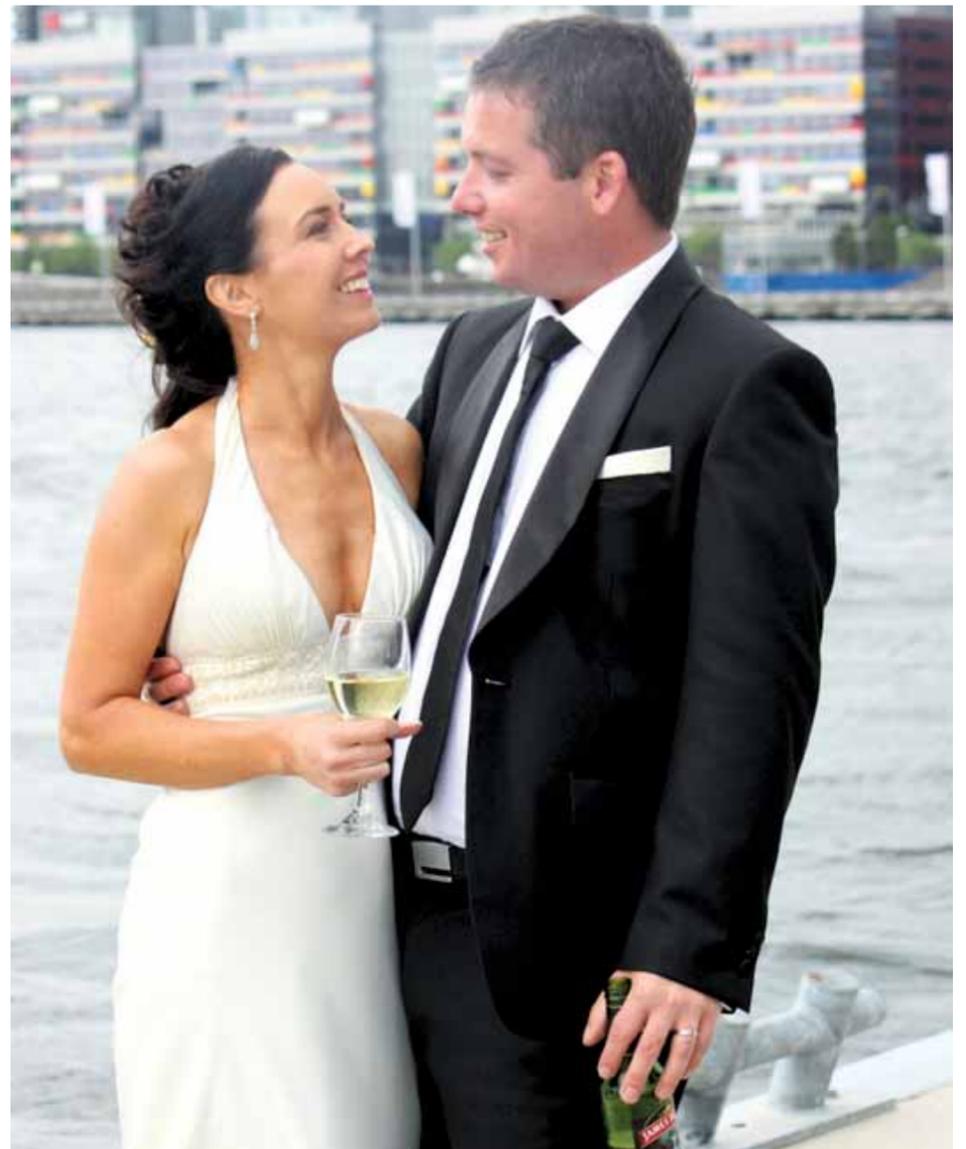
The venue was beautiful and all our family and friends made it a great night. A lot of people have commented on how wonderful the night was, how happy everyone looked and the fun that they had.

What made you choose Docklands for your reception?

We wanted to be near the water and close to the city. We also wanted to be close to home and Docklands is just over the Westgate, so it was perfect.

Honeymoon?

After the wedding we spent two nights at the new Hilton in South Wharf and then we spent six nights in Fiji doing absolutely nothing! We chose Fiji because it was close to home and it was our first time away from Mazie. We have a family honeymoon planned for Penang in July for two weeks so we are really looking forward to that too.



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Great spirit at networking lunch

Docklands business people got into the festive spirit at our sixth Docklands News Networking Lunch on December 17.

Though numbers were slightly down due to conflicting Christmas lunches, more than 60 people attended the relaxed lunch at Platform 28 in Bourke St, with the last guest leaving at 4.30pm.

Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan said the event was going from strength to strength.

"There seemed to be more urgency from the people who attended," Mr Scanlan said.

"We actually had a quicker response than ever before and seats filled up very quickly in the first few weeks after sending out the invite on email."



Participants get to know each other at the December 2011, Docklands News Networking Lunch.

Mr Scanlan said the event seemed to be gaining momentum with each lunch and the feedback continued to be positive.

"We are definitely achieving what we set out to achieve, and that is to create connections so people can do business together," he said.

Mr Scanlan said the vibe on the day was positive, with everyone happily making new contacts and he couldn't wait to throw an even more successful lunch in March when the event takes to the water for the first time.

For more information turn to page 4.



Julia De Oliveira-Polido and Zsuzsa Zalatna.



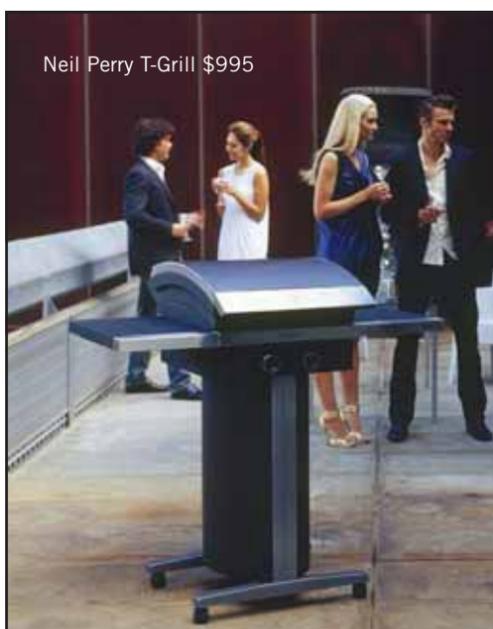
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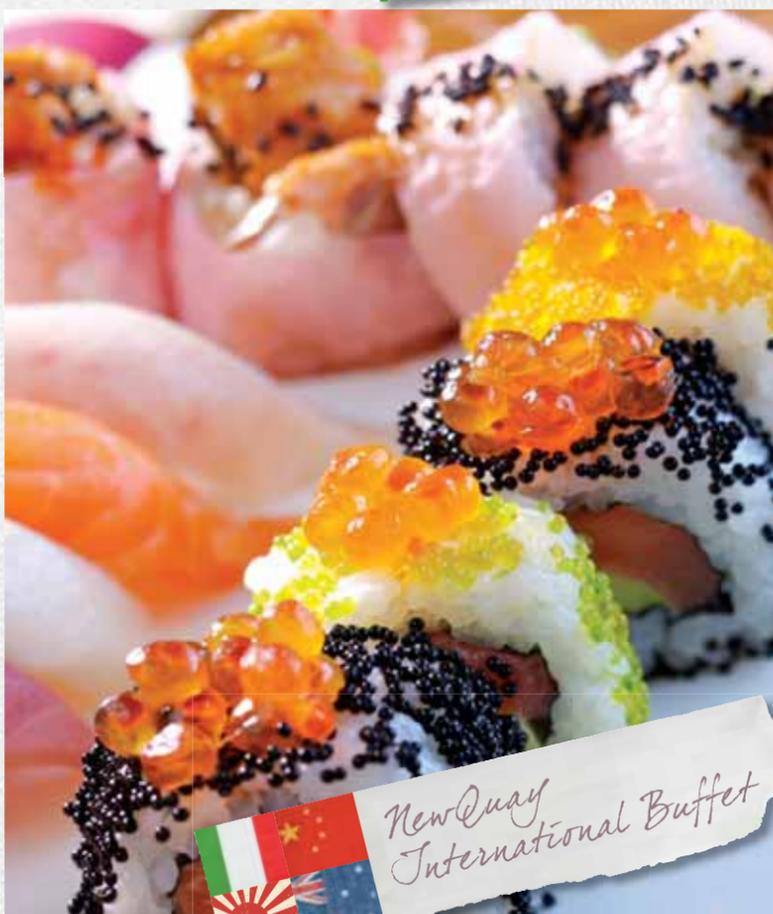
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Stephanie

Venus in Pisces
Yarra's Edge
18/01/1993

Julian

Mars in Cancer
Ballarat
03/01/1993

Julian:

Stephanie embodies many of the qualities and attributes to which Julian aspires, and consequently Stephanie is very interesting and attractive to Julian.

You enjoy living together and sharing in cooking, home maintenance, and you feel like family with each other. You share a light-hearted, outgoing, friendly relationship.

One of the purposes of your relationship is to learn how to honestly discuss conflict and how to assert and communicate your personal desires.

Possible conflicts:

Julian may feel that Stephanie lives in an unreal world, ignores the facts at hand and leaves Julian to take care of day-to-day life. Stephanie can also be unpredictable and changeable. Stephanie brings out Julian's independent or eccentric side. Personal freedom, independence and individuality take priority over emotional closeness, togetherness or mutual dependency.

Stephanie:

Julian directly or indirectly makes Stephanie reconsider many basic assumptions about life. A fresh perspective on issues of religious faith and ethics is often discovered and Stephanie may be able to break free from secret feelings of guilt or inadequacy.

Much of this change is likely to occur simply via the very different perspectives and attitudes that Julian has on certain issues.

Possible conflicts:

Julian becomes almost paternalistic in this relationship, always being concerned about Stephanie's well-being. He is also inclined to offer lots of critical advice, at times, interfering too much with Stephanie's plans and goals.

Outcome of relationship:

Part of the purpose of the two of you coming together is to clear up unresolved controversy, rivalry and left-overs from competitive relationships in your past.

This is the source of many of the seemingly irrational arguments and irritations between you. It is stimulating a lot of old feelings. In some way, this person in your present may remind you of a sibling, parent, or significant rival who dominated or hurt you (or vice versa).

Despite the conflicts, the two of you idolise one another and your relationship. There is a fairy tale quality, a feeling of magic and enchantment, of uniting with your soul mate that permeates your bond.

Featured terminology

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

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



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Welcome to the New Year. We hope you had a good break and we look forward to continuing with activities.

The New Year's Eve activities and celebrations including the fireworks were a great success and took place with minimum trouble, aided by adequate police and security presence. The DCA's Christmas Party at the Harbour Kitchen on December 7 was a great success, aided by fine weather.

Our first event for the year was a presentation to the DCA on February 1 by the Melbourne Football Club detailing their proposal for usage of the area known as Western Park which abuts the Bolte Bridge at the end of Docklands Drive.

The MFC, in conjunction with Victorian Netball, propose to develop the area with a training oval, indoor courts and facilities. The proposal includes availability for community use.

Their proposal is of course only one option for use of the area. VicUrban has advertised three options on its website comprising, firstly a peaceful park, secondly a recreation area including outdoor courts and a playground, and thirdly a formal sports complex such as proposed by the MFC. The DCA will convey members' option preference to VicUrban in due course.

We will continue to press the City of Melbourne to notify and consult with us in advance with respect to proposed promotional and sporting events so that we can ensure that residential interests are catered for. Problems don't often arise but we need that involvement.

We have been pressing the council on this for many months without getting any definitive response. We have pointed out that the amenity of the rapidly growing residential population of Docklands can no longer be treated as secondary to development and commercial interests.

The new residential developments in NewQuay and NewQuay West are propelling the population in that precinct alone to some

2500 in the near future. Developments in Victoria Harbour and other parts are causing similar growth.

As previously mentioned, we are also requesting that there be greater consultation and provision of information by VicUrban and developers to affected residents on specific building projects.

This is so adjoining residents can know in advance things like size of the building, traffic effects, parking effects and time frame. Until now residents have been "kept in the dark" on specifics until the last minute and then given minimal information. Greater respect needs to be shown to the effect on residents.

We have been given a gratifying break from the works on the Esplanade over the holidays but obviously there's more to come. It looks awfully barren at present and the sooner the replacement trees are planted the better. Concerns with vehicle traffic flow or lack of it are increasing not just due to the redevelopment but to the general layout and grid. With continuing development and lack of space, the congestion increases. The

DCA will play its part in pushing for review.

On the community activities front, we will continue to keep members regularly informed of activities and events organised by various groups. The Boat Show is coming up in February.

If any reader wishes to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward with respect to activities or issues to take up on their behalf they are welcome to do so by contacting us on docklands.community.association@gmail.com

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect, you are welcome to call me on 0412 097 706.

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Best wishes for 2011

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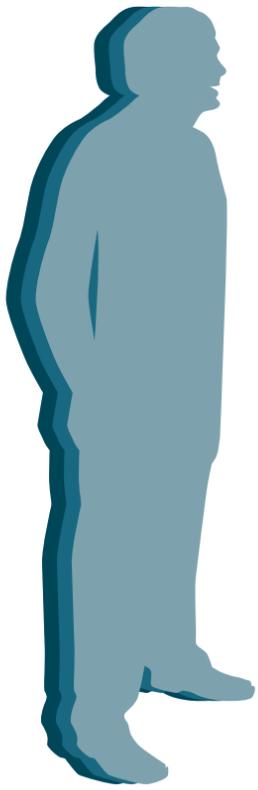
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DOCKLANDER

Profile by
Karen Holder and Lily Scott

Ab's working at being Superman

It's hard not to be charmed by Ab Gadi as he sits with a sleepy puppy in his lap.

The Somalian-born army private and entrepreneur has lived in the Docklands for two years and loves it.

At first it was quite lonely being the only tenant in the Merchant Building, but now he lives amongst some of his closest friends. A fact that is obvious from the number of people saying hello while we talk.

In his life 29-year-old Ab Gadi has experienced a lot. From civil war in Somalia as a child due to political unrest, break-dancing on the streets of Chicago, completing high school in Melbourne, moving to Sydney to pursue his love of dancing and acting and returning to Melbourne to reach his life long goal of serving his country in the army.

Having spent time in East Timor, he is now currently training recruits here. Ab also runs a successful event management company, which puts on weekly nights at some of the hottest venues in Melbourne.

He's come a long way from idolising Superman and learning to speak English by watching cartoons in the USA as a child. His favourites happened to be He-Man, Tom and Jerry and The Smurfs. Although it seems that Superman may still have an influence on him as his ring-tone on his phone is the Superman theme song.

When it comes to influences though, it is quite clear that his family is the greatest influence. His dream of joining the army was inspired by his family members who served in the Somalian defence force.

Coming from a family of business owners also instilled in him the work ethic that has brought him success in business.

"Work smart, party hard" is his motto. It certainly seems to be working for Ab Gadi.



Which Ab do we have here? Photo: David Simmonds.



I ♥ THE NIGHT LIFE

Platform 28 measures up

By Alison Kinkade

With the warmer weather and longer days here, it's time to head out on the town – and where better to start than in one of Docklands' newest venues, Platform 28.

Located on Bourke St, opposite Etihad Stadium, my colleagues and I decided to venture out to the new venue one balmy Friday afternoon and enjoy a few drinks.

Upon entering the venue at 4pm we were surprised to find the venue already packed out with people who were well into the swing of the weekend, although after enjoying a few drinks over the next few hours we soon realised why!

With its relaxed feeling and social atmosphere, Platform 28 makes it easy for you to forget all about the worries of the working week and get down to the important business – having fun.

Having settled down on one of the comfortable lounge-style seats, we made a quick run to the bar to see what was on offer.

Not only were we impressed to find some very helpful and good-looking staff at the bar, we were also impressed by the beverage list which was varied enough to quench even

the most particular of drinkers on that 32 degree day.

With a glass of Sauvignon Blanc or Asahi beer in hand we quickly rushed outside at the sight of a table becoming available.

It is outside that the bar embraces the Australian summer and continues to impress with a gracefully-placed tree reaching up to an opening in the roof, as well as glass surrounds shielding the clientele from the inevitable winter winds.

Effortlessly blending its past life as a railway goods shed with its new revived life as a restaurant/bar, Platform 28 offers a rustic charm which is not present in so many other venues.

Though quite a large venue, it still has the feeling of cosiness with little seating nooks placed throughout the venue.

With sophistication and a comfortable ambience, the venue is likely to become a haunt for both the corporate and casual

crowd alike – just make sure you get there and check it out before the AFL season starts and the rest of Melbourne discovers our Docklands gem.

So whether you're heading home from work and feel like stopping in for some drinks with your colleagues or are looking for somewhere to catch up with friends, check out Platform 28.

Oh, and if you do decide to check out Platform 28, here are a few tips:

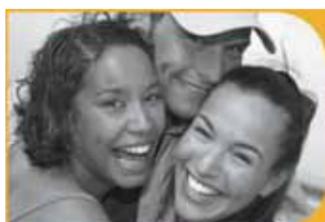
1. If you know you will be getting there after 4pm then make sure you call ahead and reserve a table;
2. There are dress restrictions so err on the side of caution – even if it is hot and you do want to wear a pair of shorts – just don't;
3. If you get hungry don't bother leaving – they have an amazing menu; and
4. Have fun.



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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Monica Gaynor

LOCATION

Harbour Town

WEARS

Frilled white top, cotton-denim, button-down skirt, black suede gladiator thongs and brown leather handbag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

It's casual, laid-back and comfortable.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

I'm shopping for a dress for my 18th, which is on February 11, and I often come to Harbour Town so I know it has some great stuff.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Pakenham.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Being able to wear comfy clothes. I hate wearing layers, scarfs and boots. Its probably because I'm originally from Queensland so I'm more use to the summer weather.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Something nice and girly and not too tight or too short.

Beth Blazevic

LOCATION

Harbour Town

WEARS

White bow in hair, floral and cotton-denim dress, patent-black flats and cotton bag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

My outfit is an impulse buy that I just had to have. I saw the dress and thought that's just so adorable.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

Just having a shop for some clothes. I love Harbour Town and often come here to get a bargain.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Narre Warren.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Probably short skirts.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

I think confidence. As long as you can pull it off you will look great.

Maree Miotto

LOCATION

Harbour Town

WEARS

Silk coral dress, gladiator chocolate brown thongs and sling-over brown bag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

I would say it's fun and fashionable.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

I'm shopping for a dress for my 21st. It isn't for a while, but I want to get in early.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Narre Warren.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Definitely the beach.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Knowing what looks good on you and knowing what looks good together.

Asia Cup is coming to Docklands

Australia may have lost the bid for the 2022 Soccer World Cup, but as somewhat of a consolation prize has won the bid to host the 2015 Asia Cup...and where better to hold the opening ceremony than Docklands?

The Asia Cup will kick off in January 2015 with the opening ceremony and first match featuring the Socceroos to be held at Etihad Stadium.

At least a further five matches, of the 32-game event, will be hosted in Melbourne and shared between Etihad Stadium and AAMI Park.

Australia won the bid on January 5 when the Asian Football Confederation in Doha gave the uncontested bid its stamp of approval.

The tournament, which has the potential to inject about \$20 million into the local economy, will feature the 16 top Asian teams and matches will be played in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Sydney is likely to host the final match in its 80,000-capacity Olympic Stadium.

Docklands Dash returns

On the back of last year's inaugural event, Melbourne City Sports will host its second Docklands Dash next month.

The fun-run, which is once again being held as part of the Super Sunset Series, will be a stand-alone 4km event around the precinct, and will be held on March 23.

The series, now in its 10th year, is a series of community fun runs ranging from 4km-8km routes that take in some of Melbourne's most iconic locations.

Melbourne City Sports is encouraging people of all abilities to get involved and either walk or run in one of their events.

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Meet the sister

You've met Boubouki. Now meet his little sister Louloudi.

Louloudi, affectionately known as Lulu, is the gorgeous new pet of Docklands Chamber of Commerce vice-president, Elena Tsapatolis.

Purchased by Elena at the end of last year, Lulu felt instantly at home in Docklands – mainly because she was already a resident of Victoria Point before moving in with Elena in NewQuay.

A beautiful Maltese cross Pomeranian, Elena found Lulu when her friend alerted her to an advertisement on the website Gumtree.

"My friend called me up because she knew I wanted a female dog and was worried that Lulu would go to the 'puppy mill' because she wasn't spayed," Elena said.

Falling instantly in love with the three-year-old dog whose previous owners were moving overseas to Indonesia, Elena decided to call her Louloudi, which means flower in Greek.

"Boubouki means flower bud, so now I have a flower bud and a flower, but I mainly call

her Lulu for short or Elle because she's so skinny with long beautiful legs," Elena said.

Lulu's stunning looks don't just end at her legs, as she has amazing eyelashes which would make most girls jealous.

"She's definitely a girly girl. She likes to be groomed and she's very pretty," she said.

With a playful personality and ears that hang out like curtains, Lulu is sure to continue to impress the residents and visitors around Docklands.

"I often get told that she looks like a gremlin because of her long ears, but pixie is much nicer."

Boubouki and Lulu get along famously and, with only three months in age difference between them, they both love to play together and go on their three daily walks.

"They love being together and they look out for each other," Elena said.



Letters to the Editor



Send your letters to news@docklandsnews.com.au

Well done Cobien!

The removal of these trees has been an outrage. I have really struggled with what is going on here. Finding out who is responsible for the surrounding area of Yarra's Edge is like a thick fog ... just a dim, blurry haze. And with a simple question asked of either VicUrban or City of Melbourne about progress, it's like pass the parcel at a three-year-old's birthday party.

Given the amount of revenue generated since inception and ongoing revenue from Yarra's Edge, wouldn't it be nice to see a quality indigenous or at least a native landscaping job take place with due thought, care and input from the residents?

We're not asking to put a man on the moon again – just something we all can be proud of, and be pleasant for everyone to look at and utilise.

I have re-vegetated several coastal properties and this is not a hard site. And with the type of figures bandied around here, works could be easily undertaken.

I'm sure some of us would be more than willing to assist where possible. Hey, just ask. It's our front garden too!

Matthew Bewley



For consultation contact numerologist Sarang Dhawan on sarangdhawan@yahoo.com

Cricket World Cup predictions

Match 1 on February 19 India V Bangladesh

Well it's the opening match of the World Cup and the Indian players are in terrific form and hence are the favourites to win the World Cup 2011. However, according to the numbers, the match won't be easy against Bangladesh and I feel a tough fight will be given to the Indian team. There is every chance that Bangladesh may get an edge. In short, the chances are Bangladesh 51 per cent and India 49 per cent.

Match 2 on February 20 New Zealand V Kenya

New Zealand has an edge in this match, although Kenya's bowlers will bowl well.

New Zealand adds to number eight and its outfit is also black. The effect of number eight is so very volatile, it needs a change if New Zealand is to win the World Cup, as it has never won it before.

Match 3 on February 20 Sri Lanka v Canada

Sri Lanka will win this match as Sri Lanka adds up to the number nine. Twenty equals two plus zero and two is again lucky for them so they will have an edge over Canada. Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakara will perform well in this match along with Mahela Jayawardene.

This column is continued on line at www.docklandsnews.com.au

MR SOLD SAYS...

HOUSE PRICES ON THE WAY UP

Australia has again led the way in property price increases, with investors and first home buyers the two demographics that are expected to push up prices into 2011, by an expected 5 percentage points.

Prices for residential properties stayed flat into December 2010, however a very tight rental market and normalising in the first home market are expected to lead to stronger growth in late 2011.



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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN FEBRUARY

With longer days and shorter nights, summer in Docklands becomes a spectacle of festivals and shows. This month indulge in an afternoon of culinary and cultural delights at the Japanese Summer Festival and the Turkish Festival. Car and boat lovers are also in for a treat as the 2011 Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show and Renault Car Show come to Docklands. And finally get in early, book your tickets now and embark on an adventure with Xanadu The Musical next month.



Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show

The 2011 Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show is the largest outdoor lifestyle event to take place in Victoria this summer! Sprawling from Docklands' NewQuay right down to the festive piazza at Waterfront City, the event has something for everyone with gourmet food, wine, fashion, travel/holiday information and luxury boats on the water. Check the website for more information.

When: February 4th-6th from 10am to 6pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Japanese Summer Festival

The Japanese Summer Festival, known as "Natsu-Matsuri" in Japan, is an annual festival held during summer all across the country where people flock to soak up the carnival atmosphere and take part in activities such as the "Bon Odori" dance performed by dancers in Yukatas. The festival at Docklands will feature a Bon Odori dance as well as many other special performances, including a professional Taiko Drumming group and musical performances by other professional performers and school children. Check the website for more information.

When: February 12th from 4pm to 8pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Renault Car Show

This year, the Renault Car Club of Vic (RCCV) is holding its annual display day at Docklands. A significant event for the club, there will be lots to do, amongst a family friendly carnival atmosphere. Since winning the 2010 Rob Roy Hillclimb Interclub Challenge, the RCCV has enjoyed a resurgence, particularly in Motorsport. Check the website for more information.

When: February 20th from 9am to 2pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



The Anatolian Cultures and Arts Festival

Come and enjoy the traditional Anatolian hospitality, music, food and culture. Anatolia is the homeland of not only the Turkish but also people from tens of different nations. This cultural diversity dates back thousands of years, which has created a unique cultural blend. As an indicator of international acceptance of this cultural wealth, Istanbul was selected as the cultural capital of Europe for 2010. The Anatolian Cultures and Arts Festival is organised to share this cultural wealth with Melbournians. Check the website for more information.

When: February 26th and 27th from 1.00pm to 10.30pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Xanadu The Musical

Next month Xanadu The Musical is coming to Docklands so book your tickets now, and get ready to pull out the leg warmers, neon and even your roller skates and get set to return to the 80's. This hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams despite the limitations others set for you comes to Australia after taking Broadway by storm and was nominated for the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical. Check the website for pricing information.

When: Opens March 3rd for a strictly limited season of 10 weeks. Afternoon and evening shows available.

Venue: Docklands Drive, Docklands (across from Docklands Studios Melbourne)

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WHAT DO YOU GET FOR \$385K?

LifeLab in Digital Harbour continues its evolution to a truly mixed-use development with a current series of conversions of 28 units from office to residential.

Selling agent Paul Lachal asks the question: "What do you get in Docklands for \$385,000?"

In this case, the answer is a 40 sqm, one-bedroom apartment with a car space. Furthermore, the developer is guaranteeing an 8 per cent return for the first two years.

This is possible because Docklands Private Collection is able to rent the investment as a serviced apartment, returning \$160 per night. Occupancy is currently running at 90 per cent and, unlike other areas of Docklands, serviced apartments are not an issue at LifeLab.

Mr Lachal thinks that the investment would suit someone looking for a "bolt hole" Melbourne base, at an affordable price.

"Use it when you want. And when you are not using it, you just put it back into the pool for rent as a serviced apartment," he said.

"No other location than Docklands offers such proximity to the football, the city and all that it offers. There's only 28 of them and five have gone already. So, from an investor's point of view, they certainly offer the scarcity which ultimately increases their value," Mr Lachal said.

"When you look at where Docklands is currently and the huge amounts of development now occurring, it's a very compelling story."

"And they exist here and now. You can touch and feel these apartments and you don't have to be worried about how they will turn out off the plan."

LifeLab contains small businesses, small apartments and retail tenants. It's located next to a tram stop at 198 Harbour Esplanade. The City Circle, 70 and 86 trams stop there. It is only a short walk to Southern Cross Station.

Mr Lachal can be contacted on plachal@lachalproperty.com.au or 0418 368 091.



DARREN MOVES DOWNSTREAM

Having run Bistro Vito in Southgate for almost 20 years, Darren Quick decided to move downstream to Yarra's Edge and he is already becoming popular with the locals.

The charming, but modest restaurateur has already got quite a long list of regulars from the Docklands community, but he is also bringing people into Docklands.

Darren said that when he moved he thought he would lose his regulars because, unfortunately, the common perception was that Docklands was out of the way, but he has been pleasantly surprised.

"I really thought people would find a new restaurant, but they have been venturing down and not just once, but three or four times and they're now saying that they love Docklands and they didn't realise it was so close," Darren said.

Darren's good nature reflects not only in the loyalty of his Southgate customers, but also in the loyalty of his employees.

"My staff have been fantastic. All my kitchen staff and some of my wait staff have come from Southgate and most took up casual work in the city while I sorted out what I wanted to do so that they could come back and work for me," he said.

Darren decided to move to Docklands after 18 years in Southgate as he thought it was time for a change and was looking for a suburb with more community.

Darren said the first time he came to Docklands to look at his premises it was a cold and windy day, but he still spotted the potential and decided to go with his gut feeling.

"It's a great suburb. Everyone is friendly and know each other and it's beautiful. I had the most amazing view out of all the restaurants in Southgate, but this tops that view. I'm even considering moving here to live," he said.

Darren's warm heart and the restaurant's French influence also extends to the many dogs of Docklands, with all dogs big and small welcome to sit outside with their owners on the waterfront and sip from the provided doggy bowl, while their owners enjoy a nice meal or drink.

French and European influence is present in much of the food and décor, with all time classics such as crème brulee appearing on the menu, as well as an extremely impressive cheese list.

"I love my wine and cheeses and so I really tried to incorporate this into the menu and, with our chef having done most of his training in Europe, the food really has that strong influence," Darren said.

With mains starting from \$19.50, Darren hopes to provide a great meal that will have you continuously coming back for more.



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DOCKED IS DRIVEN BY PASSION

Dom Anthony has truckloads of energy and passion. And he's going to need it if his dream of introducing a grungy tapas bar to Docklands is to succeed.

Dom is transplanting Melbourne's laneway culture and feel to Docklands. And this is not easy to do, considering that the CBD has evolved over nearly 200 years and Docklands is brand, spanking new.

So the enterprising NewQuay resident has been antique shopping and has spent up big on interesting furnishings and bits and pieces.

"It's grunge. It's eclectic. It's history. It's sport," he said inside the space he is currently transforming in Docked. "It's the Vineyard or the Night Cat coming to Docklands."

But while Dom is aiming for a rustic aesthetic, his venue has million-dollar views, perched on the Stadium Concourse overlooking Victoria Harbour to the west.

"It will be very, very Docklands and we certainly don't want to change that," he said.

Dom had the dream three years ago and has been working on the project since signing the lease last October. He had hoped to be open by the new year but has suffered all manner of delays and setbacks. He now hopes to open next month.

"Initially I was crying but now I have to laugh," he said. "I've just had to grow another skin."

One of Dom's challenges will be letting people know where it is.

"I'm telling them to go to Gate 9 at Etihad and head on past the giant wine glass," he said. "It sounds weird, but I don't know a better way to describe the location."

Dom hopes that local residents will feel comfortable at Docked.

"It will be a place where you can go, sit down in a lovely old armchair and have a conversation without having to shout to be heard," he said. "It will be somewhere where an older crowd can mix."

He said he was also planning wine and coffee tastings, jazz and acoustic Latin music, comedy and dance classes.

"I'm planning a happy hour every afternoon between 5.00 and 6.00pm when I will be serving free finger food," he said.

Dom is passionate about community and loves what is happening here in Docklands.

"I'm a country boy but I feel right at home in Docklands," he said. "I love what is happening here and where Docklands is heading. And I love being part of it as a business owner and having a say in the direction it is taking."

He said he hoped all Docklanders would adopt Docked as a home outside their apartments.

"It's a hidden treasure, but it will be well and truly worth finding," he said.



A TASTE OF PAKISTAN

Having moved from Pakistan four-and-a-half-years ago ambitious, young entrepreneur Usman Ghani has decided to bring a taste of his homeland to Docklands.

The 22-year-old has recently opened up a Pakistan eatery, Zaiqa, in NewQuay and hopes that he may one day franchise the business.

Having studied a diploma of hospitality management, Usman decided to open the business with his friend Zaffy after his dream to open an eatery came up in a casual conversation.

"We were just sitting around one day and I said that I wanted to open up a restaurant and he thought it was a good idea and so we just went from there," Usman said.

Employing his best friend Waheed, also from Pakistan, as the head chef, the food haunt provides extremely authentic Pakistan food.

Usman said his love of food came from cooking with friends who taught each other what they knew and experimented with food.

His passion for food is clear to passers-by with the gorgeous aromatic smells filling the surrounding air and his welcoming smile for all who enter the shop.

Having opening up the shop only two months ago, Usman has already fallen in love with Docklands and its people.

"The suburb is beautiful. I believe it's the next CBD. It's right next to the city and growing faster and faster and the people here are really nice and friendly," he said.

Open seven days a week, the restaurant provides a buffet-style lunch and a restaurant-style dinner.

"We wanted to provide something that would be great for a quick lunch, but could also be good for a nice dinner and we've achieved this with very reasonable prices," he said.

With lunch starting from \$6.90 and all main meals under \$15, Zaiqa brings the taste of Pakistan to Docklands with a great price.



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DOCKLANDS FACES OF



MATT GRANTHAM, 30
Manager of Vibromania

Matt saw the opportunity to create a business over the coming years in Docklands and jumped at it. He said: "The development of the area is exciting." He also praised the convenience of Docklands, being so close to the city.



PRISCILLA MONEA, 31
Owner - Salon Matisse

Priscilla is loving working in the Docklands area. Her salon is becoming more popular, and the more people she meets, the more she believes everyone in Docklands is friendly and fun. She also likes the shopping in the area, as well as the picturesque views.



DAVID PAN, 24
Employed at Fish Bar

Given its location, it's no surprise that David is very complimentary of the views here in Docklands. He also says the food in the district is a standout, and is especially impressed by the range of restaurants all within walking distance of each other.



KEVIN ZUO, 25
Owner of Sunny Asian Grocery

Kevin loves the environment of Docklands. He thinks the modern buildings only add to the already stunning views around the precinct. He also is impressed by how friendly everyone is when they come into the store.



DEBBIE GRINDAL, 50
Co-owner Port Phillip Marine Services

Debbie has seen Docklands develop over the last 10 years, and boy, has it changed. She has seen such amazing growth and the facilities, particularly at Yarra's Edge where she is based, are world class - not to mention the view!



NICK GUO, 21
Feeling Fruity

The wonderful scenery that exists in Docklands amazes Nick. He also appreciates the parks and says they make for a great environment in the area. He said: "The people who come in are very friendly." Nick believes this makes working in the area a lot of fun.



DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

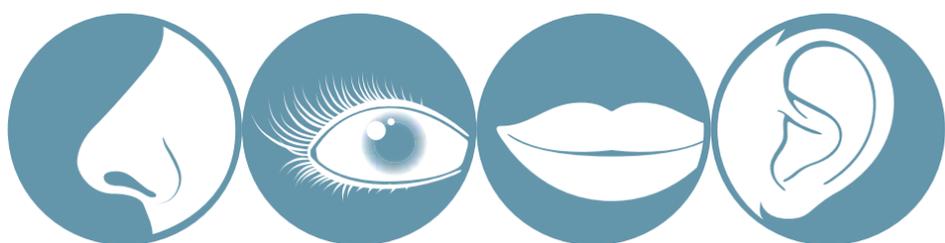
Illy on top again

The top five coffee establishments haven't changed over the New Year period, but first and second have again changed places.

Le Cirque in Harbour Town and illy cafe at the ANZ Centre in Victoria Harbour have been neck and neck for months now. When we checked in on January 29, illy had again taken a slight lead.

Some 519 people have now voted for their favourite coffee spot in Docklands at www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee. To view the current standings, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2d6vktj>

Other favourite places for coffee in Docklands are Gate 10 (Stadium concourse), Espresso Alto (Stadium concourse) and Mad Duck Café (Yarra's Edge).



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

AFL House mystery revealed

You've probably seen them outside ALF headquarters in Harbour Esplanade - 12 green mounds covered with fake grass.

But what are they? They look like graves. Surely they don't represent the death of Victorian football and 12 teams of the former VFL?

And what is the significance of the three white stripes across the top of each? And what about the sad attempt to grow a gum tree from each mound?

The skateboarders don't have any joy on the fake grass. The gum trees like it even

less. But the BMX riders seem to enjoy the challenge of jumping between them.

Is it a pagan altar of some type? A mini (very) Stonehenge? A site for Mayan ritual or blood sacrifice?

The answer is none of the above. The answer is that the mounds are supposed to represent footballs. What the?



DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



<p>MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL BOAT AND LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL February 4-6 <i>Waterfront City Piazza, Docklands</i> The 2011 Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show is the largest outdoor lifestyle event in Victoria. Be entertained with free interactive activities such as boat rides, live music, stage activities & more.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY FLOOD RELIEF FUNDRAISER Thursday, February 24, 7-10pm <i>Watermark Bar, Victoria Harbour Prom.</i> Cost: \$60 (includes standard beverages and canapés) Tickets online www.docklandsnews.com.au/floods Presenting an evening of entertainment, charity auctions and community spirit.</p>	<p>LOCAL COLOUR - TRAVELS IN THE OTHER AUSTRALIA February 4 - March 3 <i>Hilton Melbourne South Wharf</i> View a superb collection of photographs by one of the country's foremost photojournalists, Bill Bachman.</p>	<p>CHECK YOUR HEARING Every 2nd Thursday of every month <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on 8622 4822. Appointments are necessary.</p>
<p>MARCH FOR MELANOMA Sunday March 6, 3.30pm <i>Waterfront City, Docklands</i> Enjoy the afternoon on the waterfront by taking part in the 5km walk, which raises money to support research and Emily Tapp Melanoma Foundation's awareness campaign.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS ROTARY Every Tuesday, 6.00pm <i>Waterfront Venues, Waterfront City</i> First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Susan Rogan by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: 0415 119 558.</p>	 <p>The Rotary Club of Docklands Melbourne Australia</p>	<p>VARIETY SPLASH Thursday February 24 - Sunday February 27th Raising money for children with a range of special needs, the Variety Splash is a three-day boat rally on Port Phillip. The event will commence at Waterfront City with an evening 'Welcome' function on Thursday 24th February at Atlantic.</p>
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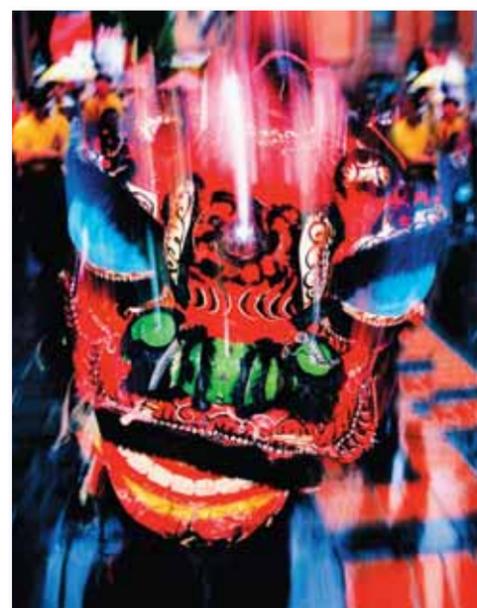


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Women's Ice team eyes the grand final

Docklands' Medibank Icehouse will host the Women's Hockey League grand final.

On Sunday, February 27, the president of Melbourne Ice, Andrew Lamrock, said its women's team has a good chance of taking the title.

Mr Lamrock said the Melbourne Ice Women's (MIW) had gone from strength to strength and every player had been constantly improving and, as a result, the team had a serious chance of securing the championship.

"There is absolutely no question that MIW are focused and determined to leave nothing on the ice and secure their first championship victory in front of the home crowd at the Medibank Icehouse," Mr Lamrock said.

Earlier in the year two wins against the Adelaide Assassins, which are the persistent favourites and league leaders, proved that MIW were strong contenders to take out the grand final.

"Not content with just winning, the MIW skated to 5-0 and 4-1 victories and gave the Assassins a real hockey lesson," he said.

Mr Lamrock said the recently-named Australian Women's team also included four MIW players, which was a testament to the constant development, improvement and dedication the team had.

The semi-finals of the Australian Women's Ice Hockey League will be played on February 26, with the grand final to follow on February 27.

The Melbourne Ice male team won last year's Goodall Cup.

Three wins in a row for King Nathan

Last year Nathan Outteridge came to Docklands and drove away in an Audi A4.

This year, he has upgraded to 12-months behind the wheel of an A1 after again beating all comers in the annual King of the Docklands yachting event.

The 24-year-old from Lake Macquarie in NSW had the rest of the SB3 sailors scratching their heads as he won his third consecutive title on January 21.

Outteridge combined well with new crew, Ian Brown, Olympic 470 bronze medallist and the boat's owner, and foredeck hand David Cheyne, the Irish SB3 class president who promised Outteridge a boat for the class' next world championship in return for a ride in the Audi King of the Docklands.

An exhausted Cheyne literally fell out of the boat onto the dock this afternoon announcing breathlessly: "I'm taking up rugby, it's easier".

Outteridge's mum Jasmine and dad Tony drove down from Wangi Wangi on the shores of Lake Macquarie to watch their son win his third consecutive title.

"Nathan works very hard at it," Jasmine said. "He's so dedicated, if he spends three days off the water he gets itchy. We are very proud of him."

Outteridge is aiming for the next SB3 world title, amongst other classes, but the big fish he's really looking to land is another chance to represent Australia in the 49er class at the 2012 Olympic Games.

Second place in the Audi King of the Docklands went to three-time European SB3 Champion Glenn Bourke who was hit by a gust in the middle of a late kite drop and clipped the turning mark, resulting in a re-round followed by a penalty turn. Bourke lost valuable seconds and possibly cost himself a shot at being crowned King for 2011.

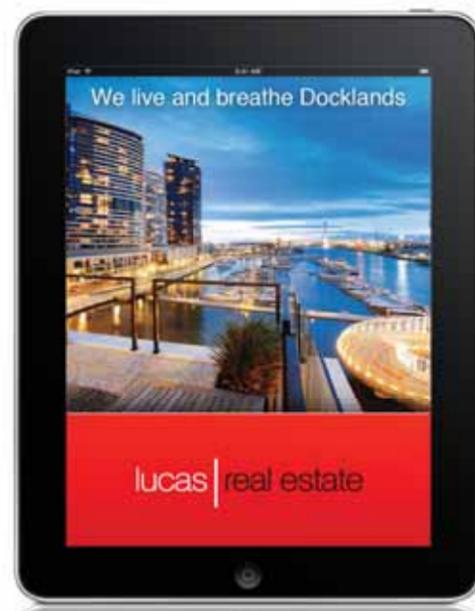
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