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Docklands has a friend at court

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands has a friend at the top following the appointment on June 21 of Melbourne City Councillor Peter Clarke as chairman of the new Urban Renewal Authority (URA) board.

The new authority replaces VicUrban as Docklands' master developer and Cr Clarke has been effectively charged with the job of reshaping it into a new entity.

Cr Clarke (who has now resigned from the council and will cease to be a councillor on July 7) chaired the Docklands Co-ordination Committee in the previous council from July 2007 until December 2008 when he stepped up to chair the current council's planning committee.

As such, he has locked horns with VicUrban over Docklands issues many times in the past and laughed when *Docklands News* suggested that his appointment would make some people nervous.

"Suffice to say they have all been very complimentary," he said.

"I've heard excuses over the years and I'm not about to sit in the chair and hear them again," Cr Clarke said.

Cr Clarke's appointment has been criticised as a political appointment due to his strong Liberal Party connections, but he points to a wide range of experiences in planning, building and architecture.

As a city councillor, he has expressed frustration with excessive bureaucracy and process.

"I'm all about outcomes rather than process," he said. "And as far as Docklands is concerned I know what most of the issues are."

"I'm not anticipating sitting in this chair and finding in the years to come that we didn't make good progress." "The Minister (for Planning, Matthew Guy) has indicated to me that he wants deliverables and outcomes and he doesn't want to wait."

"At this stage he's saying to me, 'well give me a program and let's talk about how we're going to fund it'."

"It's not about creating property for the sake of creating property. It's about creating communities with all the infrastructure required to support those communities."

Cr Clarke will potentially struggle to delegate tasks to a CEO and senior staff as he likes to be involved and "hands on".

"That's not to say that the board can't set the agenda, put strict timelines around deliverables and hold the staff to account," he said.

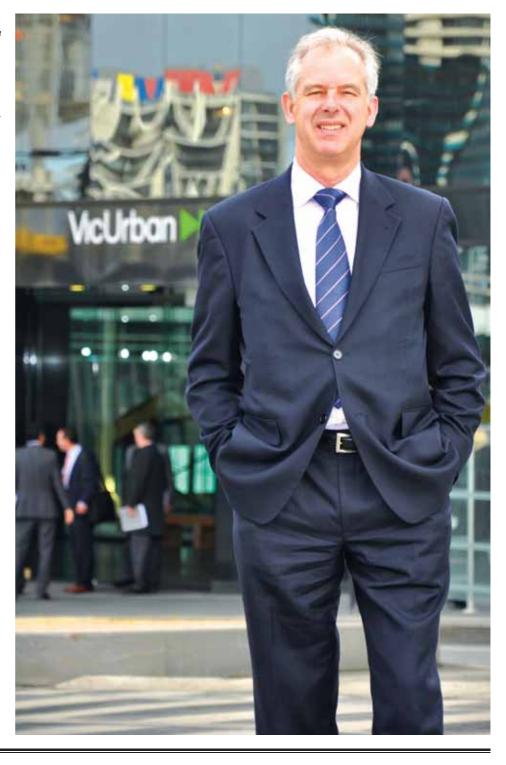
Another potential difficulty lies in the question of planning powers for Docklands. As a councillor with the City of Melbourne, he was arguing for more involvement. Effectively now on the other side of the fence, it will be interesting to see how he balances this issue.

"I don't see why we haven't got one integrated capital city planning authority," he said.

Legislation to enable the new Urban Renewal Authority is not likely to be implemented before September. Until that time, VicUrban will remain.

Cr Clarke indicated that the search for a CEO would be an immediate priority.

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He will then concentrate on who would be on the new URA board.

Cr Clarke indicated that he considered the current VicUrban Board unbalanced with an over-emphasis on legal skills at the expense of practical planning and property experience.

"Clearly good governance is needed, but we need people with a creative bent in property," he said. "And we don't want people who can just put up commercial towers. We want people who are quite entrepreneurial about the unique flavour of what they want to achieve."

The new Urban Renewal Authority is likely to differ from VicUrban in at least two areas: More emphasis on housing diversity and affordability; and, while still concerned with sustainability, it will be less interested in pushing the boundaries.

He said the future emphasis in Docklands would be about integrating it with E-Gate in the north and the future Fisherman's Bend urban redevelopment in the south-west.

"And I'm not sure we've got the uses right yet. Docklands needs educational institutions and a broader arts community," he said.

He said the local economy needed a sound retail strategy and opportunities needed to be leveraged from Docklands' media and sporting strengths.



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Emerald Events (L to R): Kathryn Hayes, Ruby Williams, Emily Mornane, Stephanie Bacon, Rhiva-li and Meaghan Ric

Docklands as an Emerald city

Docklands was treated to a two-hour "eco-market" on June 3, courtesy of a group of final year William Angliss diploma of events management students.

Calling themselves Emerald Events, the students made all the arrangements and conducted the market in the NAB forecourt on Harbour Esplanade to coincide with World Environment Day.

A highlight was a fresh food cooking demonstration by Kane Lillywhite and Lee Chan from the TV series *My Kitchen Rules*.

Stallholders included Jerry's Vegi Burgers, Destination Docklands, Melbourne City Sports, ReWine, Personal Jewellery and Art Objects.

Democracy anyone?



The Docklands Co-ordination Committee is looking for ways it can reinvent itself to make it relevant to the community it is supposed to serve.

The committee comprises the most senior City of Melbourne and VicUrban representatives and publicly meets every three months.

The community is welcome but rarely attends and the participants have been recently questioning the value of the forum.

In theory, it should be a place where the City and VicUrban publicly discuss Docklands' future to give the community a window into the thinking behind their joint decision-making.

But in practice, the committee has never debated or even discussed policy issues. Committee members politely and always unanimously accept reports prepared by council and VicUrban officers.

Council and VicUrban staff typically comprise close to $100\,\mathrm{per}$ cent of the audience.

Sometimes a committee member will agree to hear a report from the officer who wrote the report. The officer summarises what is already in the written report and a couple of questions might be asked by committee members – which stretches the meeting a little more beyond the five minutes the entire process would have otherwise taken.

The public gets an opportunity to ask questions when the official business has been dealt with. But, with no one there, this rarely happens too.

People don't go because they don't know about it. And, even if they did go, it is a fairly pointless exercise (unless you are a local newspaper reporter and this is the only time that you get to question these people).

Significant amounts of staff salaries are consumed by the exercise and everyone wishes they were somewhere else doing something useful.

The committee members go through the motions, not because they want to, but because they have to.

The structure and process was legislated as part of the 2007 agreement between the City of Melbourne and the State Government to share responsibility for Docklands.

At the Docklands Co-ordination Committee on June 23, the City of Melbourne's CEO Kathy Alexander said discussions were taking place to try to find a better model. The history of this committee has been one of gradual detachment from what it is supposed to be doing.

The committee now meets less frequently. The agendas have been getting thinner and the specific information on what is actually being done is being watered down.

But we shouldn't blame VicUrban and the council for losing the art of community inclusion. It's our fault, because we have let it happen. It's our fault for not turning up and demanding to be told what is going on.

If we let them get away with telling us nothing about what is happening behind closed doors, then they will tell us nothing.

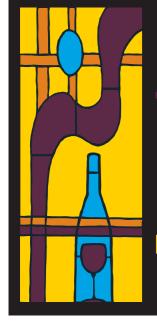
Docklanders should be attuned to this current trend and should be very vigilant. With the so-called "D2" consultation that looks like taking two years before generating an outcome, we have a right to be suspicious.

Our political masters have made an industry out of consulting, meeting and reporting. And when that's done, rather than get their hands dirty and produce an outcome, they prefer to consult, meet and report all over again.

If the powers-that-be change the rules of local engagement, we must insist on a model that allows us real involvement and extracts the maximum amount of accountability from our "democratic" institutions.



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David Allt-Graham outlines the progress at NewQuay.



A giant beach-ball is blown between The Quays and H1 where it becomes a pedestrian entrance and wind-break.

New residents arrive

Docklands is getting a shot in the arm this month with the arrival of new residents at NewQuay West.

The first of MAB Corporation's luxury waterfront townhouses are being occupied in July and, at the other end of the precinct, the rest of The Quays apartments are due to go on sale.

Speaking at the June 17 Docklands News Networking Lunch, project director David Allt-Graham said new residents would this month move into the Marina residences, Quay Park townhouses and Mariner apartments.

The focus of the purely-residential western end of NewQuay is much-needed parkland. Mr Allt-Graham said MAB had spent \$20 million on infrastructure in NewQuay West and the parkland would be owned and maintained in the future by the City of Melbourne.

At the eastern end of NewQuay, Mr Allt-Graham unveiled some surprisingly innovative and refreshing architecture.

In what would appear to be a celebration of pure whimsy, MAB is jamming a giant beachball in the entrance to an arcade between Harbour One and The Quays apartment developments. But the five-metre sculpture is also practical and will act as a windbreak to shelter a glamorous pedestrian arcade.

Mr Allt-Graham praised architects McBride Charles Ryan (MCR) for adding "personality" to the street-level design and praised the beach-ball idea as a "gem of a sculpture".

In its explanation of the concept, the architects said: "The image of the 'beachball' was propelled by the thought that wind blowing towards the water will carry objects with it – such as a beachball. Here this functions as a cork to block the path of the wind and houses a revolving door that is sized to accommodate a wheelchair bound person and their carer."

Mr Allt-Graham said a new street, Marmion Place, would be different from other Docklands streets in that it would be a cul-de-sac.

"It will be a nice place to linger and enjoy," he said.

Mr Allt-Graham revealed some striking stained-glass potential designs for the roof of the pedestrian arcade through the centre of The Quays, which he described as a "unique space". He also showed images of a breathtaking "grotto-esque" swimming pool within another arcade.

He also pointed out MAB was not adding "a huge amount" of extra retail to the precinct, but that "retail backfill" would be possible in the future.

MAB plans to join Palmyra Way through to Aquatania Way to allow alternative access from the Conder.

Mr Allt-Graham said MAB intended to centralise and consolidate its approach to serviced apartments in NewQuay with purpose-built stock. He said the entire podium of The Quays would be 100 serviced apartments and a further 30 apartments would be housed in the adjacent H1 development.

He said MAB's Grand Mecure operation would be moved from its current location in St Mangos Lane to The Quays.

Serviced apartment reprieve

Owner's corporations at the Nolan and Conder towers in NewQuay have failed in a poll to ban serviced apartments from their buildings.

The OCs failed to attract enough "yes" votes to a support a motion to ban stays of less than a month.

And at Watergate in Batman's Hill, the City of Melbourne has granted more time to serviced apartment owners it has challenged to show cause why they should not have their apartments upgraded to hotel standards.

A council spokesperson said the deadline for responses had now been extended to July 25.

Nolan owners' corporation chairperson Michele Anderson was coy on actual specific numbers from the poll.

She said her committee authorised the following statement: "Insufficient valid votes were received to achieve the required 50 per cent in favour or 25 per cent against, meaning that the proposed rule change does not go ahead. 35 per cent of owners did not vote and a number of the votes received were invalid."

At Conder, the figures are understood to be 17.4 per cent of lot liability in the affirmative, with the no vote attracting 15.8 per cent. The other two thirds either did not vote or cast informal votes.

Conder owners' corporation chairperson Walter Stragan declined to say whether the OC would take the matter further.



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Margaret is on a mission

Docklands Rotary Club member Margaret Hamilton's most recent charity visit to Fiji looked like being her last due to excessive government bureaucracy and import duties.

But out of adversity has come a wonderful new opportunity which looks like breathing new life into the club's ongoing project to provide donations to needy Fijians.

Mrs Hamilton and her husband Bill have organised several container loads of second-hand goods over recent years and, in the past, these have always been accepted by the Fijian authorities free of import duties.

So the couple were surprised in May when authorities demanded AU\$1400 in customs duties to land their latest 40-foot container of donated items including electrical goods, computers, books, clothing and material for curtains.

"We spent seven working days going from department to department talking with people trying to get something done about it," Margaret said. "It looked like being the end of the project because it had already cost the club so much money to ship the goods."

In desperation, the Hamiltons went to the local press and tried to enlist the support of the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

"And then I met the most wonderful woman, the Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation," Margaret said.

"Dr Jiko Luveni has offered to pay for the freight of future containers. And even better, she will take care of the distribution at the Fiji end so we can rest assured that all the donations get to the people in most need."

Margaret said she was almost at her wit's end before meeting Dr Luveni.

"Bill and I were completely over it. We were ready to pack it all in," she said.



"It's just amazing how this opportunity has come out of extreme adversity."

Dr Luveni has now asked Mrs Hamilton for three containers a year so all of a sudden, the project will not cost the club any of its limited cash reserves and has been accelerated to a new level of activity.

Margaret is now spending a lot more time at Rotary's Donations in Kind (DIK) warehouse in West Footscray where a staggering amount of new and second-hand goods materials are assembled by volunteers for shipment to needy projects all around the world.

The Hamiltons have a grandson whose father is an indigenous Fijian and have previously concentrated their efforts supplying village schools in the Fijian highlands. But now the project can extend its reach to the entire nation.

Dr Luveni wrote to Mrs Hamilton on May 19

to formally make the offer of assistance.

She acknowledged the 60 tonnes of donated items that Margaret and the Rotary Club of Docklands has been donated and distributed primarily to schools and hospitals in the Nadarivatu region of Fiji.

"We are indebted to your love of Fiji," Dr Luveni wrote. "The time, resources and effort that you are contributing to the various projects here are greatly appreciated."

Mrs Hamilton is interested in donations of sewing machines and sewing aids, curtain and dress fabric, sewing patterns of all types and sizes, clothing and shoes, children's books, stationery, large TVs, DVD and video players, (plus children's discs and tapes), garden tools, bed linen and table cloths, sporting equipment and board games.

Mrs Hamilton can be contacted on **0433 155 233** or email **whhOOO@bigpond.com.**

Traders press on with claim

Despite missing a deadline to lodge their claim, 23 disaffected New Quay traders say they are proceeding with their VCAT case against MAB Corporation.

On June 27 lawyer Frank Guastalegname said he had only just been engaged by the group, but he intended to seek permission to lodge their claim.

The traders had been given until June 1 to present their claim against MAB. The traders allege that MAB is charging excessive precinct management fees and has not been transparent with them about where the money has been spent.

MAB denies this and says it welcomes the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal action as an opportunity to clear

Mr Guastalegname said he attended a meeting of 22 traders and they had agreed to pool their resources to fund the action. Subsequently, another had joined the action, he said.

Mr Guastalegname said he would need more time to get across the detail of the claim before speaking in any detail.

However, he said it was obvious that traders who owned their premises would have a different claim to traders who rented their premises.

Mr Guastalegname said he hoped to be able to present material to a directions hearing which had been set down for July 13.

On April 13, VCAT granted 20 traders permission to proceed to the next stage in their case against Metro Real Estate Services. It set the June 1 deadline and gave MAB until July 6 to respond in anticipation of a directions hearing on July 13.



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Could this be the City of Docklands?

Former Local Government Board chair Leonie Hemingway thinks Docklands should form its own municipality.

The woman who oversaw Victoria's mass council amalgamations during the Kennett era in the 1990s said she always believed the precinct should have its own local council.

"Having its own municipality was its one big shot at defining itself – giving it a soul and a heart," she said.

"You might have had to start small and would need government support to help you along. But you'd create something that people owned and were proud of instead of just using it for every hot thing that comes along."

"The wheel is a perfect example. That's not something that forms community. They would have been better with a library," she said.

But former mayor of Essendon and current president of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, disagrees.

"Whilst understanding Leonie's concerns for the area, Docklands current population of some 7000 residents and 20,000 workers is hardly sufficient to justify a separate council, not even with the projected doubling within 10 years and even with the high commercial content," Mr Gardner said.

Ms Hemingway (who used her married name, Leonie Burke, when she was chairman of the Local Government Board) said in the early days it was widely assumed that Docklands would be its own municipality.

"If they'd started a little council it would have been very viable because of the rates paid by the businesses there. In time, the community would have started demanding kindergartens and libraries and other community facilities."

"They put up a wheel when they don't have a kindergarten? It's appalling. They give a football ground instead of a school? Where do they expect the children to go to school?"

"Docklands was a stimulus package in the first place. It was a stimulus package to get things going because the state was broke. And that's fine."



"But the Government is so used to the corporates paying for everything that they don't want to put their hand in their pocket. They took the attitude that they could have it all for nothing. And that is possible, but it doesn't produce a great city."

"Why aren't they demanding that the developers put a kindergarten in the bottom of their next building? And if they don't want to do it, don't give them the land."

"In the CBD, kids have got a park to play in. In Docklands there's a park but it hasn't got a playground, it's got a cow in it! I find it so frustrating. Put the cow in by all means, but give them a playground."

"I think it's a great place with enormous potential. But I think people now have to say 'enough'. We don't want this anymore."

"Docklands' problem is that it has no political clout and it's been used as a fun park for the Government. We've got the ice rink, the wheel, the studios, the footy ground – it's all fun park stuff."

"They didn't put the facilities in at the start because they looked on it as a money raiser. They never thought of putting money in. They only thought of taking money out.

And communities aren't formed by pulling money out."

"And I'm not critical of the City of Melbourne. I don't think it's been fair to them. I think they've been bled."

"This is the very time to give hope. There is hope for it to be its own municipality," Ms Hemingway said.

Mr Gardner said Docklands was clearly overgoverned and the solution was for the State Government to withdraw.

"VicUrban continues to dominate with emphasis still placed on commercial development with little town planning or provision of infrastructure apart from public transport," he said.

"Regrettably the horse has already bolted with nearly every square inch of land sold off. Meanwhile, we continue to fight a rearguard action for things like a permanent community centre, library, sports centre, public parks and now a school."

"VicUrban has done its development job and the council has far more resources

and interest in providing services and infrastructure, including planning. The council is currently frustrated at having insufficient power to act and the sooner it is able to, the better."



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Second blessing for art gallery

The Dalai Lama has a thing going on with South Wharf's Red Desert Dreamings Gallery of aboriginal art.

The Tibetan spiritual leader first discovered the gallery on the Hilton's level 4 when he was in town for the Parliament of World Religions Conference in late 2009.

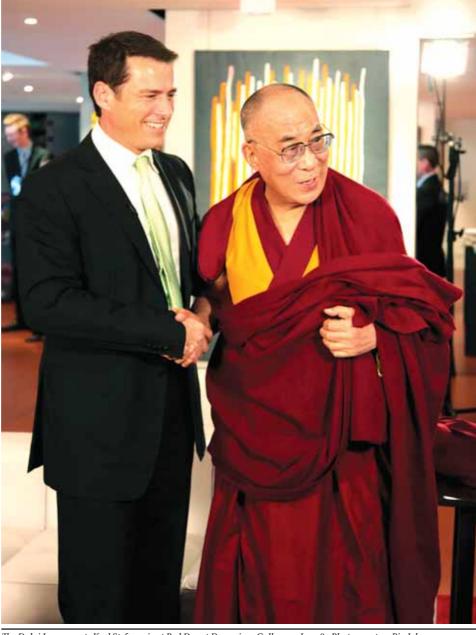
And when he came back to Melbourne last month he insisted on using the gallery for his various media interviews on June 9.

"He apparently felt some connection with the space, which is a wonderful blessing for us," said gallery owner Kevin Winward.

"As His Holiness walked into the gallery to meet Karl Stefanovic of the Channel 9's Today program, he gently brushed his hand over several painted canvases resting on a table - quite a special and emotive gesture that in our minds was a sign of the link between cultures and sharing of many beliefs," Mr Winward said.

"A second interview with Dave Hughes of Channel 10's 7 PM Report followed. His Holiness enjoyed the interview so much, he requested that it be included on his website."

"Laughter and joy were a major component of both interviews, and a little of the deep wisdom that His Holiness imparted found its way into the brief footage that went to air."



The Dalai Lama meets Karl Stefanovic at Red Desert Dreamings Gallery on June 9. Photo courtesy Pia Johnson.

Community takes control of garden

Urban Reforestation has facilitated a "growing committee" and is passing responsibility for its Victoria Harbour garden to the Docklands community.

According to spokesperson Gabriela Ramos, the committee comprises enthusiastic Docklanders, an RMIT Centre for Design member and representatives from the Melbourne City School and Gowrie Victoria.

Urban Reforestation's garden at Water Plaza is on the move to a temporary site at the northern end of Merchant St. A permanent site has been allocated and implementation planning is underway.

"For the last couple of years we've seen the garden thrive and the Docklands community come together in the space," she said.

"The ultimate goal of the committee is to cultivate a sustainable community. People are up for the challenge of taking actions that will benefit them in the short term and will also make a difference for our future."

If you are interested to join the committee and garden activities contact the group's community engagement manager Corinne via corinne@urbanreforestation.com.



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The South Wharf show starts

The first spark in the new lives of South Wharf's historic wharf sheds was ignited last month with the opening of Showtime Events Centre in Shed 11.

In a glamorous "trade" night opening on June 20, manager Eamon Walmsley demonstrated the multi-faceted nature of the venue with a fashion parade, wedding display, corporate event display and the very popular burlesque dancer "Strawberry Siren" (pictured right).

Mr Walmsley spoke of his expectation that South Wharf would become Melbourne's prime location for wining and dining.

The flexible venue space is one of five interrelated businesses which are among 23 food and beverage tenants of Plenary Group.

The row of historic sheds are a significant lure to bring shoppers to the South Wharf DFO complex.

A Plenary Group spokesperson was reluctant to reveal the extent of the tenancies but said he expected all venues to be operational in time for the spring carnival.

Wharf shed tenants had been left in limbo for more than a year - caught up in a dispute which was finally resolved when over-extended previous part-owner Austexx sold its interests in the wider South Wharf development to Colonial First State.



Postcard from Docklands

Docklands' delights will be shared with the rest of Australia on July 17 when it will feature on Channel 9's Postcards show.

The special episode is an initiative of Destination Docklands. Its executive officer Michelle Kemp explained that the show had a dual purpose.

"The main reason we are doing it is obviously to attract extra visitors to Docklands," she said. "But the other reason is to show viewers how easy it is to get to Docklands."

There will also be an opportunity to win a prize. The show will follow a theme of different ways to arrive in Docklands - by boat, by tram, by bicycle, by car and on foot.

Attractions to be featured include: Harbour Town, the Icehouse, Blacklight Mini Golf, NewQuay and Central Pier.

Open House

Docklands buildings will be open for a fourth time this year as the free Melbourne Open House returns on July 30 and 31.

The program is the largest yet with 75 sites open, however the number of participating Docklands buildings is down on last year.

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This 17th floor open plan apartment is modern, spacious and comfortable. With 2 generously sized bedrooms, a walk in wardrobe plus a study, 2 well sized bathrooms and an undercover car park, this apartment is sure to please. With uninterrupted panoramic views over the entire CBD skyline, this impressive residence provides sensational open plan entertaining spilling onto a fabulous city view enclosed balcony with glorious north eastern sun Facilities include a large outdoor swimming pool

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Cinderella is going to the ball



Docklands is going to the ball and will live happily ever after. Like Cinderella, her beauty will be appreciated, revered and pursued.

Her natural parent, VicUrban has largely given up this special-needs child into the care of foster parent, the City of Melbourne.

The council did not breed this extraordinary child and harbours some resentment towards her.

It superficially tolerates her special needs, but wants her to grow up quickly and integrate with the rest of the family – North Melbourne, Flemington, Kensington, Carlton, East Melbourne, South Yarra, Southbank and (especially) the CBD.

As a parent, the City of Melbourne feels it is wrong to lavish favours on only one of its children. And this argument is fine if Docklands was able to mix it up with the other kids in the backyard.

But right now, it needs assistance.

It needs help in three specific areas:

- Community infrastructure;
- Marketing to attract tourists; and
- Wayfinding to guide the visitors to a positive experience.

The community infrastructure issues are well understood. But the plight of hospitality-based small businesses is less appreciated.

Without dwelling on it, let's all agree that Docklands businesses which rely on visitors are in trouble. The businesses which feed

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the daily-commuting-corporates aside, they are in trouble because the visitors have stopped coming.

And why have they stopped coming? Largely because of high-level policy decisions which are designed to discourage the use of private cars. Again, this is fine as a parenting principle but don't blame a small child for getting sick if you stop feeding her.

The foster-parent City of Melbourne decision-makers need to appreciate and accept that Cinderella Docklands needs help to get to the ball with her step-sisters.

Docklands currently relies on a tourismbased local economy. With more than 600 businesses in our **DocklandsDirectory**. **com.au** database, that's about one business for every 10 residents.

Extra residents are coming. Have a look at our story on NewQuay on page 3 for evidence that help is at hand. And it was reassuring to hear MAB NewQuay project director David Allt-Graham say at our recent networking lunch that MAB was going easy on retail in the new developments.

E-Gate will provide a critical mass, but this future bonanza won't help the struggle of the here-and-now.

For the medium-term future, Docklands' economic health is tied to tourism numbers. If the foster-parent is sympathetic it will redouble its Docklands-specific marketing efforts to help get Cinderella to the ball.

After that, she will be able to play with the other kids.



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Bright sparks warm us up

Docklands workers couldn't resist the rural charm of these 12-year-olds from the bush who visited on June 17 to sell oranges.

These kids and eight other class-mates from Nangiloc-Colignan sold more than 500 bags of oranges in two and half hours.

Prior to their Docklands visit, they had raised \$3000 to encourage other schools to apply for a share of this year's \$5-million NAB Schools First Awards funding.

Last year their school won a \$50,000 local impact award for its partnership with the Murray Valley Citrus Board.

The school's community partnership is aimed at improving local children's appreciation of

the primary industry that sustains much of the Mildura area's livelihood.

Inspired by what they had learned as a result of the partnership, the students were determined to establish a state-wide orange drive in an effort to boost local citrus sales and do their bit to sustain the industry.

NAB Schools First is a partnership between NAB, the Foundation for Young Australians and Australian Council for Educational Research.

School holiday activities

By Courtney West

If you're looking for the perfect place for a whole family outing these school holidays, then look no further than Waterfront City.

With the Medibank Icehouse offering free demonstrations from professional skaters, theme parks open for children and blockbuster ice hockey matches on at the Icehouse, Waterfront City has really opened up to the public and invited them in.

The Icehouse is open from 9am every day and is offering free daily demonstrations from some of Australia's top figure skaters and speed skaters. As night falls, the

Icehouse becomes illuminated in what is called "Skate 'n' Glow" evening sessions. Tickets for children aged three to five cost \$8, six to 14-year-olds cost \$14.50 and concessions cost \$17. Skate hire costs \$4.

An animal farm will be operating from July 4 to 15. It will be free of charge and is perfect for kids of all ages.

The Wonderland Fun Park is open from 11am and has rides such as the dodgem cars and bungee-jumping trampolines. The park's "Circus Spectacular" will be conducted three times a day.



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It's 'Groundhog Day' on the esplanade

The excavators and gigantic mechanised jack hammers were back in Harbour Esplanade last month as much of the pavement works were redone, having been rejected as sub-standard by VicUrban and the City of Melbourne.

The eastern-side pavement resembled a patch-work quilt as the contractor attempted to fix areas which became small lakes after rain and raise the height of services pits to prevent them behaving as storm water drains.

Outside the Customs House, the bluestone crossovers had to be relocated as they had been positioned to direct drivers exiting garages into oncoming traffic.

Trees are yet to be installed in front of the LifeLab building because of concerns raised "after the event" by water and electrical utilities about their proximity to underground services.

This is despite planting pits being installed, irrigation being connected to them and the surrounding pavement completed. Before the current works started, a row of mature gum trees were removed from this site.

VicUrban's Docklands general manager Simon Wilson said: "Works to the affected (LifeLab) area are taking place with City West



Water and CitiPower. These works need to be completed prior to the installation of the remaining trees, which are expected to be installed by the end of August."

VicUrban insists that the various Harbour Esplanade rectification works are minor and that stage one of the redevelopment has, for all intents and purposes, been completed.

Mr Wilson acknowledges that the installation of the fourth row of Norfolk Island pines on the western side of the road has several weeks to go. But he said this aspect was actually brought forward from stage two because the project was so far ahead of schedule and came in under budget.

Mr Wilson said the separate cyclist and pedestrian footpaths on the harbour side of the esplanade will be completed. Signs and line markings, to ensure the separation is clear, will be installed in early July.

"As part of the redevelopment, cyclists are being provided with a dedicated lane next to the north bound carriageway, while the separate pedestrian footpath will remain in its existing place, closest to the water's edge."

Mr Wilson told the Docklands Co-ordination Committee on June 23 that it would be several months before VicUrban and the City of Melbourne would have anything meaningful to present to the public on future stages of Harbour Esplanade.

He said VicUrban and the council were working on a master plan and a supporting business case to deliver the plan.

All first-stage works are expected to be complete by August.

Docklanders support deals

Only a month after being launched, Docklanders are enthusiastically embracing their very own deals card, Docklander Deals.

Destination Docklands executive officer Michelle Kemp said more than 1000 docklanders had already signed up for the card.

"We are aiming for 5000 in the first year, so we are very pleased with the uptake to date," she said.

And the story is even better on the other side of the operation, with 45 businesses joining the scheme and offering deals to cardholders.

Ms Kemp said Destination Docklands was already almost half way to its target of 100 business members in the first year.

"If your favourite business isn't on board yet, then encourage them to subscribe," she said. "And suggest to them that, if they don't, you might find another favourite business!"

To apply for a card or to join as a business, go to www.docklanderdeals.com.au



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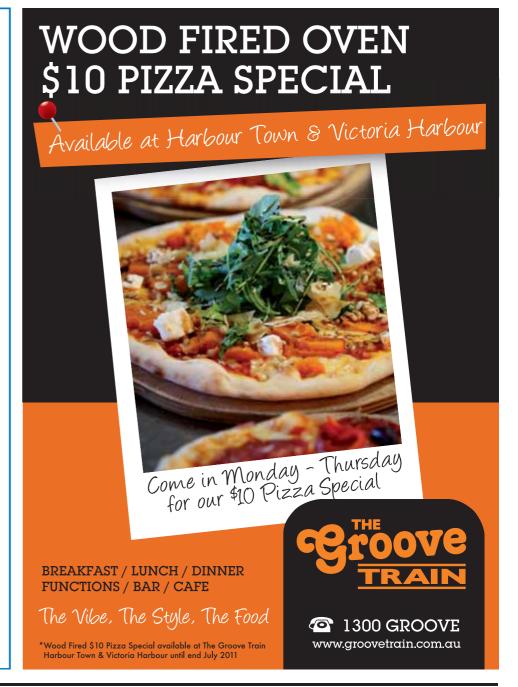
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'Criminal' fans light up Docklands

By Chan Khai Ling

The Australia-Serbia friendly soccer match at Docklands' Etihad Stadium on June 7 was a rousing affair both on and off the pitch.

Some 15 flares were set off both inside and outside the stadium by members of the 28,000 strong crowd as the teams played to a hard-fought 0-0 draw.

One particular flare that landed near Socceroos goalkeeper Adam Federici halted the game for a few minutes before play resumed.

There was early indication of trouble brewing as boisterous fans started setting off flares and smashing bottles along busy Bourke St even before the match began.

As the night wore on, four people were served with penalty notices for igniting the flares, seven evicted from the stadium for poor behaviour, one arrested for drunkenness and another was placed in custody for re-entry after eviction.

Victorian police were unamused by the rowdy behaviour, with Inspector Mick Beattie calling the incidents "trashy culture" and saying the offenders had "no sense of social responsibility".

"This sort of behaviour is criminal and endangers the safety of the supporters. It's extremely good luck that no one was hurt," Mr Beattie said.

Mr Beattie indicated the offenders were practised at evading arrest as they changed their clothes and had bandanas and balaclavas over their faces to avoid being identified.

Flares were not the only things that police had to contend with, as laser pointers and posters declaring support for an accused Serbian mass murderer also appeared during the match.

When asked how the offenders had managed to smuggle the flares and posters into the stadium, Mr Beattie said the flares could easily be concealed under clothing and nothing short of pat-down searching would make them easier to find.

"It's a difficult call to make. The question is – is the Australian sporting public ready to accept physical contact in the searches?" Mr Beattie said.

He said Victoria Police was working closely with the Football Federation of Australia and various other interest groups on the subject of crowd management, but admitted it was a work in progress.

"We don't have answers at this stage," he said.

Now is the time to buy an office in Docklands

According to industry experts, now is the time to be buying commercial real estate in Docklands.

Melbourne is the darling of the national commercial real estate market and Docklands is the stand-out performer in Melbourne.

Earlier this year the Property Council of Australia identified Docklands as having the lowest vacancy rate in Melbourne with only 2.1 per cent available for rental.

Last month BIS Shrapnel senior project manager Maria Lee told *Docklands News* her organisation saw a "very positive" short-term outlook for Docklands.

She said supply had been briefly halted by the global financial crisis which meant that in the 2011 calendar year less than 40,000 square metres would be coming on stream in the CBD and Docklands.

"This is virtually nothing," Ms Lee said.

She said that, as most new stock was precommitted, a vacancy rate of less than 4 per cent was predicted until at least June 2013.

She said net effective rentals were expected to increase 14 per cent this year and continue in double digits percentage

increases for the next few years.

Ms Lee said that, while now was a good time to buy, there would be a corresponding time to sell when supply overtook demand in the second half of the decade.

Most of current development in Docklands is residential or large-scale commercial. In the smaller strata-office area, the only opportunity on the horizon is the Lifestyle Working complex at 838 Collins St.

Stable group developer Ed Horton said:
"Melbourne is seeing a distinct shift in
commercial development towards the
Docklands and in particular, the Victoria
Harbour precinct which is now regarded as a
legitimate extension of the CBD."

"The level of pre-commitment in recent times has seen projects get underway, however there is not a lot of surplus space available to accommodate the increasing demand in the market."

"The Lifestyle Working Collins Street project will contribute to the diversity of Victoria

Harbour's vibrant commercial offering by attracting small to medium business enterprises," Mr Horton said.

The Victorian executive director of the Property Council, Jennifer Cunich said: "The manner in which the Docklands and adjacent Spencer precinct continues to hold strong shows the master planned community is developing nicely half way into its 25 year plan."

"The Docklands precinct demonstrates that good planning and vision can result in developing successful master-planned communities with a mix of residential, retail and commercial space."

"With 10 years to go until the Docklands vision is complete, this new wave of campus style developments with a focus on sustainability shows the Docklands' vision is becoming a reality."

Some 105,344 square metres of office accommodation was taken up in Docklands last year, mostly in large floor-plate developments.

Exercise is just a walk in the park

By Chan Khai Ling

Medibank Community Fund launched a Medibank Walking Day in Docklands on June 9 to celebrate its partnership with Heart Foundation Walking.

About 50 Medibank employees and members of walking groups from the National Heart Foundation took a 30-minute stroll from the Medibank head office on Collins St down to the Icehouse.

Weather conditions were perfect for the leisurely walk – the sunny, cool morning a welcome change from the wet and freezing weather that had plagued Melbourne earlier in that week.

Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games medallists for walking, Jared and Claire Tallent, led the badge-wearing, pinwheel-toting group down Collins St, then along Harbour Esplanade and NewQuay before ending the jaunt within the Icehouse.

Rita Marigliani, head of the Medibank Community Fund, said the event was the



first of its kind for Medibank and was aimed at encouraging people to exercise more.

"It's really hard to get people away from their desks. Walking is the easiest way to engage in regular physical activity, plus it's cheap and easy and people of all levels of fitness can join in," she said.

Shauna Jones, national manager of Active Living for the National Heart Foundation said the national recommendation for physical activity was 30 minutes of exercise at least five days a week. "The whole idea is to get people out and be more active. We're trying to promote a healthy lifestyle," she said.

While there are currently no registered Heart Foundation Walking groups in Docklands, Ms Jones hopes to be able to establish walking groups here in the future.

"It's about getting people in their community to get out and walk together, getting to know their neighbourhood. It's a great form of social support, and all you need is a pair of shoes – and a coat!" she said.







Nicola St John, Kate Rogers, Luke Norden, David Napier and Michael Trigg









Business connections made and strengthened

Some 66 diners enjoyed the ambience and hospitality of the South Wharf Hilton for the June Docklands News Networking Lunch.

New business connections were made and plenty of old networks were strengthened during the three-hour lunch on June 17.

NewQuay project director David Allt-Graham gave a detailed account of current projects at both ends of the precinct.

With residents moving into waterfront homes at NewQuay West this month and the second Quays tower due to come on stream for sales, NewQuay is driving badly-needed residential population growth to Docklands.

We report on page 3 of this edition a more detailed account of Mr Allt-Graham's presentation.

The next networking lunch will be held on Friday, September 16 at Etihad Stadium's Medallion Club Lounge.

Given that Melbourne will be in the grip of

footy finals fever by then, this lunch will be one you won't want to miss.

To secure your place, email lunch@ docklandsnews.com.au or call our office on **8689 7979**. As usual, the cost is \$60 per head.

The menu is:

On arrival - Antipasto platters.

Main - Select any main course from Etihad's business lunch menu.

Dessert - Chef's selection of miniature desserts.

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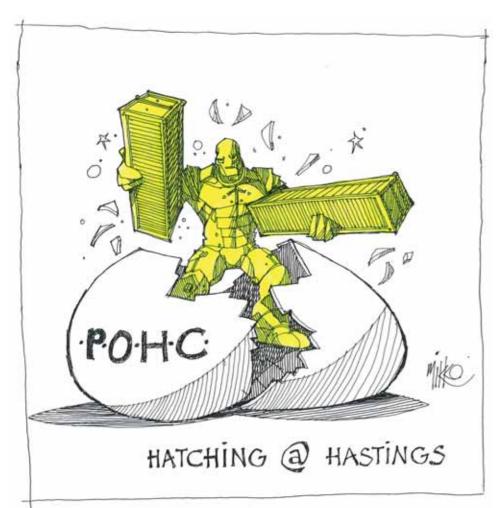
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DODO encouraged by Hastings decision

Defend Our Docklands Or ... (DODO) convenor Michael Lindell believes that the State Government's decision to fast-track the Port of Hastings is good for Docklands.

DODO has been campaigning against a Port of Melbourne Corporation proposal to build a low rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge to connect its Webb Dock facility to its freight handling centre at Dynon.

The bridge plan is part of a plan to develop Webb Dock in future decades. But Mr Lindell says the early development of Hastings may mean this does not happen.

"What's even more significant is the Government has severed the Port of Melbourne's control over Hastings," he said.

"Being freed from Port of Melbourne control gives Hastings the ability to compete with

Melbourne in the market place."

"You've got to give credit to Minister Napthine for following through on his election promise," Mr Lindell said.

In announcing his decision on May 31, Port Minister Denis Napthine said: "Hastings is already an operating port and is well-placed to be Victoria's second container port, with its existing deep water access and extensive supply of port-zoned land.

"The new port will also provide logistics benefits by delivering freight with good access to major customers in Melbourne's south-east," Dr Napthine said.

Metlink to deliver our tourism info

Docklands is not getting its own face-to-face visitor services booth, with the City of Melbourne opting instead to use existing "customer service" provided by Metlink and Skybus at Southern Cross Station.

The council investigated a number of options, including a stand-alone visitor service at the station, similar to the popular booth in the Bourke St Mall.

In a report to councillors, Tourism Melbourne manager Jenny Ford said: "Whilst a stand-alone visitor service would enhance the visitor experience, customer service is currently provided at Southern Cross Station by Metlink and Skybus."

"Optimising these existing services via strategic partnerships is recommended."

"Metlink and SkyBus already provide visitorrelated, face-to-face services at Southern Cross Station, It makes sense, therefore, that rather than moving to establish a stand-alone operation, instead the City of Melbourne first explore options for working with these companies and SCS management to deliver the next iteration of face-to-face visitor information service within the station precinct."

Ms Ford said the council was interested in locating visitor information services at major visitor traffic "nodes" like Federation Square and the Bourke St Mall, rather than at "end points" like Carlton or Docklands.

"Our research also demonstrates the benefits the services deliver to the city's precincts and attractions by encouraging greater numbers of visitors to travel to places like Queen Victoria Market and Docklands," she said.

"Better integration between the evolving Docklands precinct and the city centre is needed. Important pedestrian and public transport links between Docklands and the CBD are located within the western gateway."

Ms Ford said council-sponsored tourism information activities were clearly benefiting Docklands.

"The 2010 Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle (MCTS) research shows 25 per cent of surveyed passengers were influenced by our service to visit Harbour Town," she said.

"Similarly, a comparison of the 2008 and 2009 visitor surveys commissioned by the branch shows an increase in the proportion and number of visitors services users who had visited or planned to visit Docklands from 21 per cent (437,000 visitors) of all users surveyed in 2008 to 30 per cent (589,000) in

The report to council also said:

- Awareness of Docklands and MECC was high compared to South Wharf and North
- There were fairly low levels of visitation or planned visitation to nearby areas around Southern Cross Station; and
- Some 45 per cent said they would be interested in visiting Docklands and South Wharf if information was available. 50 per cent said that information about nearby areas would have no impact on their interest in visiting these places.

Destination Docklands chairperson Kyle Johnston declined to comment on the decision.



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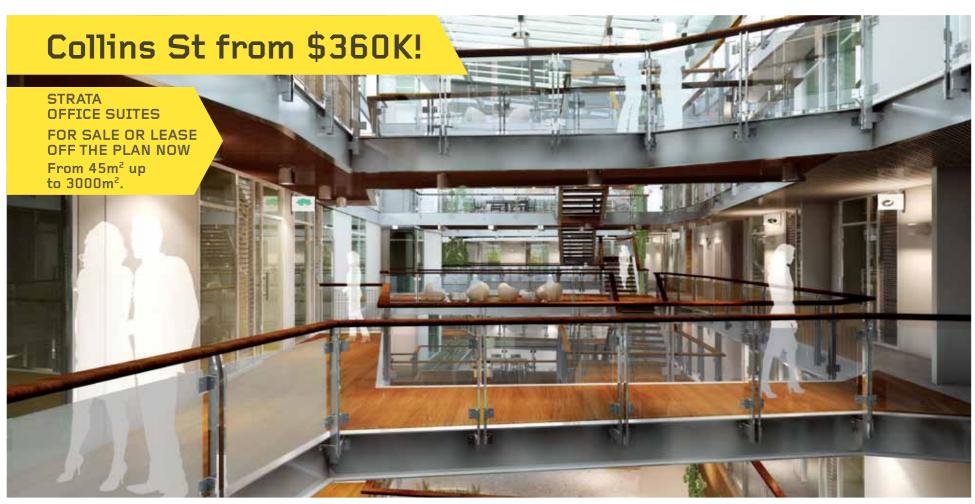
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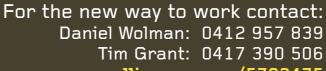
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Docklands trivia

When it comes to Docklands, it appears that no one knows more about it than Sally Hewitt and her team who blitzed the field at the Docklands Chamber of Commerce's trivia night on June 21.

"Sally's Team" (pictured right) beat six other teams and had amassed 35 points to win by four at the event hosted by the chamber to celebrate the end of the financial year.

Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan

compiled the questions and conducted the quiz at Platform 28.

We present the questions here so you can test your knowledge of your local area. Answers can be found on page 35.



Docklands Trivia questions

People

- 1. The Docklands Chamber of Commerce's first Annual General Meeting was held on October 5, 2004. Who was elected its first president?
- Brian Tanti;
- Linda Patching; or
- Paul O'Halloran.
- 2. Which artist designed the Webb Bridge?
- Vashti Gonda;
- Robert Owen; or
- John Kelly.
- 3. In October 2007, a Docklands religious leader had briefly more internet coverage than the Pope. Who was he and what was the event that captured the world media's attention?
- 4. Who was elected president of the **Docklands Community Association** in 2008?
- Roger Gardner;
- Michele Anderson; or
- Peter Henderson?
- 5. Who was the inaugural president of the Docklands Rotary Club?
- Ann Ellis:
- Antoinette Saunders; or
- Mark Nutter?
- 6. Who succeeded Michael Hynes in 2009 as VicUrban's general manager for Docklands?
- Pru Sanderson;
- David Young; or
- Simon Wilson.

A. What is my name?

B. What is my name?







Places

- 1. How many Green Stars environmental ranking did the Goods Shed North, the building we are in now, achieve when it was refurbished?
- 4;
- 5; or
- 6.
- 2. The Westgate Bridge has more than twice the clearance of the Bolte Bridge.

True of false?

- 3. How long did the Southern Star Observation Wheel operate before closing after cracks were noticed in its supporting struts in January 2008?
- 18 days;
- 28 days; or
- 40 days.
- 4. The Port of Melbourne Corporation has proposed a rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge to carry containers from Webb Dock to its Dynon facility. What is the clearance of this bridge?
- -8 metres;
- 28 metres; or
- 58 metres
- 5. The Docklands Yacht Club has its home in:
- Shed 2;
- Shed 4; or
- Shed 14?
- 6. Apart from the City Circle Tram (35) name the other six tram routes which service Docklands?

A. What's my name?



C. What's my name?



B. What's my name?





Events

- 1. In round 14, 2009, Geelong and St Kilda set a record attendance at Etihad Stadium for an AFL game. How many fans were there?
- 43,567;
- 54,444; or
- -61,879.
- 2. The first employees at the ANZ Centre were ready for their first day's work on:
- November 17, 2008;
- September 28, 2009; or
- February 1, 2010.
- 3. The artwork Blowhole was opened on November 13 in which year?
- 2005;
- 2006; or
- -2007.
- 4. VicUrban and the City of Melbourne invited Docklanders to a "second decade of Docklands" consultation at the Digital Harbour Theatrette on what date:
- December 7, 2009;
- May 3, 2010; or
- May 11, 2011.
- 5. The municipal function was handed back to the City of Melbourne in July of which year?
- 2007:
- 2008; or
- 2009
- 6. When did Costco open?
- December 22, 2008;
- August 7, 2009; or
- January 4, 2010.

A. What event is this?



B. What event is this?



General Knowledge

- 1. What is the name of the vessel which has just been recovered from the bottom of the harbour at Central Pier?
- Lady Chelmsford;
- Lady Chatterley; or
- Lady Rankin?
- 2. When the Docklan ds News was first published in 2003, how many apartments were there in Docklands?
- 800
- 1000; or
- 1200.
- 3. In 2005, VicUrban launched a community intranet in Docklands. What was it called?
- Onboard;
- iPort; or
- Docklander?
- 4. What was the first name of Southern Cross Station?
- Batman's Hill Station;
- Spencer Street Station; or
- Colonial Station.
- 5. When VicUrban bought the Victoria Point sales display suite and turned it into The Hub community centre, how much did it pay for the building?
- \$250,000; or
- \$400,000.
- 6. What is the name of the foot-bridge which connects North and South
- Seafarers Bridge;
- Convention Bridge; or
- Little Grimes Bridge.

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Vale Lady Chelmsford

What was once an elegant Sydney Harbour ferry has been smashed to pieces and disposed of via several large industrial bins.

The historic Lady Chelmsford has been demolished with her remains brought up from the waters of Victoria Harbour mostly via huge mechanical jaws.

Despite having a couple of years to prepare and being "mostly over it", former owner Keith Rankin said it was "gut wrenching" to see the boat being broken up.

He said the insurer should have raised the vessel intact within a fortnight of her sinking in February 2008 and argued about the legalities later.

As previously reported in the DocklandsNews, Nautilus Marine had denied liability. However the Financial Ombudsman ruled in favour of Mr Rankin and Nautilus has been responsible for raising the vessel and the associated costs.

Mr Rankin said it pained him to see the Alma Doepel and steam tug Wattle being restored locally when Lady Chelmsford had equally historic maritime value.

And, as it turned out, the structural integrity of the craft was remarkable even after so long beneath the surface.



"It's just such a terrible waste," Mr Rankin said.

Constructed in 1910 by Rock Davis in New South Wales, the Lady Chelmsford operated in Sydney until 1971 when it was deemed to no longer be economically viable and was sold to interests in South Australia.

Her stint in Port Adelaide as a showboat lasted until 1985 when she was sold again and moved to Melbourne. She was one of only two existing "Lady" class ferries still afloat and was in her final stages of restoration.

Last month Nautilus Marine, under

supervision from the Department of Transport, began recovering the Lady Chelmsford from the bottom of Victoria Harbour.

The boat was demolished, rather than raised, mainly due to concerns over its structural integrity and because it was the cheaper option.

Mr Rankin said this made commercial sense at it would have cost more than \$1 million to restore the Lady Chelmsford to survey.

It was hard to miss the large crane barge at bringing up pieces of the old ferry, sparking interest from passers by and locals.

Big morning tea

Workers from VicTrack at 1010 building took part in the Biggest Morning Tea in May to raise money for cancer research.

The staff helped raise \$418.85 for Cancer Council Victoria, while indulging in an assortment of morning tea goodies on Friday, May 27.

There were cupcakes, muffins, brownies, sponge cake, biscuits and many more sweet delicacies as well as plenty of tea for

The Cancer Council was hoping to raise \$11 million from this year's Biggest Morning Tea, \$1 million more than last year's event.

A VicTrack spokesperson said: "As one in every two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85, every dollar helps in supporting those affected by cancer, and their families, and also finding a cure."





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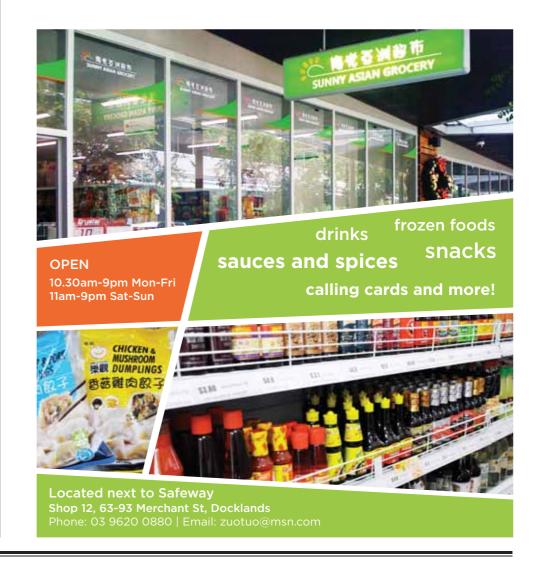


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CUISINE UNDERCOVER

Bistro Vite

Look, the day was nothing short of horrible. Rain was sleeting in sideways off the water and the few trees Docklands does have seemed perilously close to uprooting and flying back from whence they came.

It was not a day to be outside and, some might argue (3AW's talk-back callers in particular), it was definitely not a day to be in Docklands.

I did not want to leave the house. I did not want to leave my car. Yet somehow I found myself in the midst of this cosy and warm experience, reminiscent of times once spent in Paris - and perhaps a bit of Boston, because it was the sort of place I'd like to go time and time again, and have everyone know my name. (My fake name of course. Can't blow my cover.)

I'm talking about Bistro Vite - whose owner has made the VERY brave decision to move the long-time Southbank resident further down the river to Yarra's Edge. You have to wonder if he'd previously spent much time in Yarra's Edge because, (and no doubt God loves it for the same reason), it's very nice and quiet.

Locals will no doubt argue that the few places it does have at the base of those monolithic towers have more warmth and sense of "community" than the whole of Docklands combined - and they could be right.

Bistro Vite certainly fits right in. Serving European and local cuisine – its also offering something Yarra's Edge didn't really have - a proper restaurant, with quality but reasonably priced European dishes, that's just casual and cosy enough to also be inviting for a quick (or lazy) coffee.

The menu is succinct, with a number of appealing options. I had to have two entrees, so torn was I between the crab and prawn ravioli in seafood bisque, and the doublebaked mushroom and cheddar soufflé with

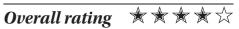
baby herb salad and walnut and thyme oil. I was disappointed by neither.

The former comprised three plump parcels of firm-to-bite ravioli encasing subtle, meaty seafood not quite floating in a puddle of buttery rich bisque. The latter, a moist, eggybut-light soufflé, turned out on the plate so as its perfectly baked top could be served as a crunchy, almost crisp, base. A glass of Barwick chardonnay recommended by the house accompanied perfectly.

My friend's calamari tossed in a chilli and lemon dressing also satisfied - the occasional chewy piece helped by the crisp tempura batter and light dousing of chilli and citrus. Her main of steak tartare, with salad and pomme frites was generous and divine (she confessed when pregnant, it was the meal she'd craved but couldn't have every damn day. Raw meat and eggs - who could ask for more?). A waiter's request as to how heavily to spice the mixture when ordering was also appreciated.

Unfortunately, we got a bit too caught up in the lazy lunch atmosphere and by the time we remembered we were not in fact on holidays but instead, due back for meetings at work - we were out of time for dessert. Oh well - guess we'll have to head back there soon, where I'd happily become part of the furniture.

P.S. A footnote on Yarra's Edge. It may seem a bitch to walk to, particularly in winter, but it really is ridiculously easy to get to by car. Being able to jump off CityLink at Lorimer St makes it a breeze to get to from many a suburb without tackling the usual city grind. And there's lots of free street parking. In case you didn't know!



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AFL Footy Match Predictions by Sarang Dhawan, Numerologist

Essendon V Geelong

The Essendon captain will play well but the numbers very much favour the captain of the Geelong team to win the match as he is born on February 27 which matches very well with the date of match. So, all in all, I predict a Geelong victory.

July 3

Collingwood V Hawthorn

I feel it will be a very close contest. The Collingwood captain will be playing on his birthay, but don't under estimate Hawthorn in their yellow and brown outfits. Their captain is born on June 15, which also augurs well. I predict Hawthorn has a slight edge to win in the end.

July 9

Essendon V Richmond

Everyone is expecting Essendon to win and crush the opposition but this won't happen on the 9th as I feel the numbers are much more in favour of the Richmond caption who is born on May 18 and wears number 9. The numbers say a Richmond victory.

Inly 10

Port Adelaide V St Kilda

This will be a nice match but will be a St Kilda victory as its captain is a No 8 in numerology and July 10 goes well with the number 8. But St Kilda adds up to 9 which is not good so they will need to fight well to win the match.

July 16

Carlton V Collingwood

I think Carlton will win - the team in blue. Further to this, they share the same colour as that of previous year's champions Geelong, need I say more?

July 16

St Kilda V West Coast Eagles

It's a Saints victory in this match but they will be given a good fight in the match by West Coast Eagles.

July 22

St Kilda V Adelaide

I predict Adelaide will win this match as it's a weak day for the captain of the St Kilda

This column is continued online at www.docklandsnews.com.au



Progressive Rotarians

About 40 Docklanders experienced a great night out on June 9 and raised nearly \$2000 for charity in the process.

The Rotary Club of Docklands' progressive dinner took in four local venues and culminated with a spirited charity auction conducted by auctioneering maestro Dennis Ginn.

The group met for drinks at The Woolshed Pub, went to Bopha Devi for entrée, continued on to Renzo's for mains and finished the night at Medici for desserts and coffee.

Docklands Rotary president Ann Ellis

thanked the local businesses who donated raffle and auction items.

"The main purpose of the night was social, so it was an unexpected bonus to raise so much money for our local and international projects," Ms Ellis said.



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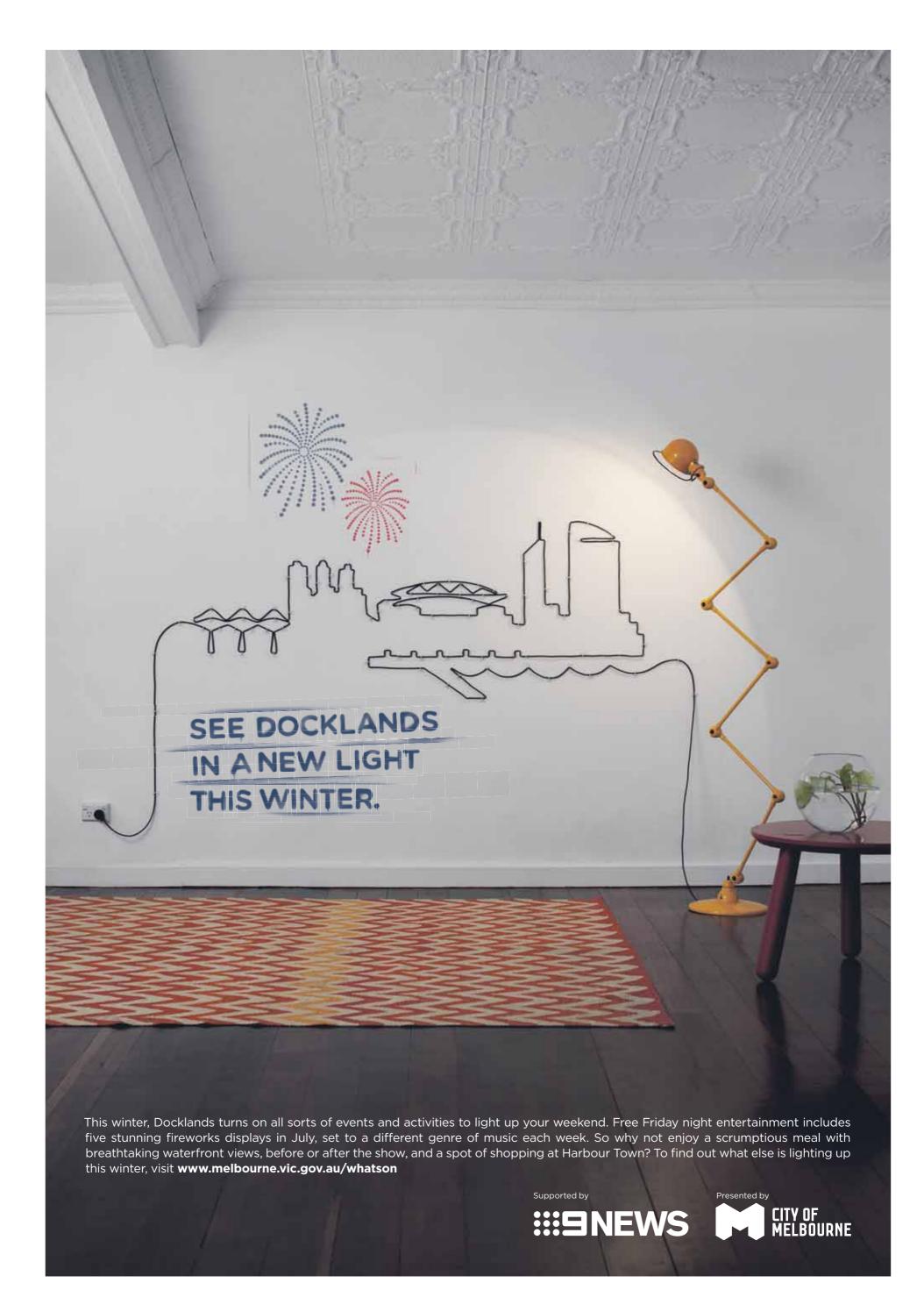
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More tram services mooted

By Chan Khai Ling

Commuters travelling to Docklands may soon have more transport options under Yarra Trams' proposed plan to redirect some CBD services towards Melbourne's west.

Presented during the Metropolitan Transport Forum, Yarra Trams said the plan was meant to spark discussion on two subjects - increasing the efficiency of tram services along the St Kilda Rd corridor and catering for the western end of the CBD.

While still purely in its concept stages, the proposed changes would reduce the number of tram services along the Swanston St - St Kilda Road corridor, which is Melbourne's busiest tram route, and redirect them to the western side of the city.

Certain routes would be diverted from St Kilda Rd to either Kings Way or along a new route that would run through South Melbourne.

Services that originated from Malvern would no longer travel to Melbourne University, but would run to Docklands instead.

Route 112, which covers Preston - St Kilda, would be split and Preston trams would also be redirected to Docklands.

If approved, the proposal would be an extension of Yarra Trams' earlier alterations to tram services, designed to keep up with the rapid growth of Docklands and the western areas of the CBD.

Some 125 trips were added to Routes 11 and 112 in 2008 to cope with the increased load along Collins St and, in 2009, Route 48 was switched from Flinders St to Collins St to service the tram extension to Victoria

Between 2009 and 2010 there has been a 119 per cent growth in passenger numbers on Route 48, reflecting the continued expansion of Docklands.

Since the addition of Route 31 in October 2010, a tram has run between Victoria Harbour, Docklands and the city along Collins St every five minutes between the hours of 11am and 2.30pm.



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GKEETINGS FROM THE CKLANDS COMMUN

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner is on holidays and won't be contributing a column this month.

But he took time out from cruising the Adriatic to Venice to pen the following brief message:

Greetings all.

Unfortunately I'm unable to put a column together this month due to travelling overseas.

Sorry to tell you that it's currently around 30 degree in the eastern Mediterranean.

Will be back early July.

Don't forget our social night at the Mission to Seafarers in late July.

Invitations will be out in a couple of weeks.

Hope things are going well.

Regards

Roger Gardner President DCA



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Good News for Docklanders!

Isn't Docklands just a great place to be?

A hidden gem some might say. Been over to Harbour Town lately? There are great shops there and plenty of great deals to be had. Do yourself a favour, jump on the Docklands Monorail and head on over!

Wait - the Docklands Monorail is not yet a reality. Look ... jump on a tram for the time being and keep focussed on that monorail. What a great attraction that would be for Docklands and what a great way to get about and see the great things Docklands has to offer. You reckon that wouldn't make life easier to see and feel the Docklands' experience?

Who has been to Yarra's Edge lately? Great restaurants and cafes with a great waterside feel. If that monorail was a reality you could jump on that and silently skim across the Yarra and, in no time at all, you would arrive at Yarra's Edge.

Never mind. Right now you can get there by taking a walk over the Webb Bridge footbridge near the ANZ building. What do you mean you didn't know it was there? I challenge you to go take a look!

Where is all the green space in Docklands? There is a good supply in Victoria Harbour nestled in between Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade. But great news! More green space is spreading in Docklands with MAB announcing the near completion of the Quay Park development. The park incorporates many water-sensitive urban design initiatives such as rain garden filtration and a 150,000-litre rain store located underground. It captures and reuses the rain water so it can be irrigated year-round. Time to head off to Waterfront City and on towards the Bolte Bridge. Discover for yourself the greening of Docklands.

On the far extremes of Docklands is South Wharf and the World Trade Centre - North Wharf. What a great place to stroll around on a nice day. Discover the attractions that are in that vicinity. There's shopping, dining, Polly Woodside, the Exhibition Centre and great walks with a great river outlook. Watch out for the new dining experience that will shortly open up next to Polly.

If you are adventurous, then grab yourself a bike helmet (\$5 for goodness sake at your local convenience store) and find out how you can use the City of Melbourne's fleet of blue bikes that are everywhere in Docklands. This has just got to be a good way to get around. Grab a couple of mates and go discover Docklands. You will be surprised.

July is a fantastic month to be in Docklands. Every Friday night in July from 7pm there are fabulous fireworks and sound spectaculars to warm your winter night. What more excuse do you need to visit Docklands? Why not make an evening of it and enjoy the experience.

The Docklands Sunday Market has a new winter location at the tent in Docklands Drive, opposite Harbour Town. It is open from 10am to 5pm so why not spend an hour or two and then head off for lunch or dinner?

July is Discover Docklands month - I have given you some handy hints so go out and explore - and let me know when you discover something I can report in August! - bill@docklandsnews.com.au

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A fanciful idea

What a fanciful idea, this type of train one can see in some of the shopping centres to carry children around and which are not that popular amongst shoppers.

To pull about 30 adults, the units need to be quite substantial. How are they propelled? Will there be a timetable to adhere to? What impact will all this have on customers walking along NewQuay Promenade?

Will the NewQuay surface that those trains travel on, be strong enough? What do the restaurant / bar operators think about this project?

We do have three tramlines operating an almost the same route. We have got a white elephant (wheel being worked on) for the last two years in our backyards.

Do we really need another one on our front doorsteps?

Let me come up with a much more useful idea, that would bring most if not all Docklanders closer together.

We can read and hear about the new Docklanders Deals card. "The card that gives". Why not extend this card into a "Travel Free throughout Docklands" card.

Travel free from Flinders St West to Waterfront City and back. This would mean, that residents from Flinders Wharf, V1 and The Grand as well as from Yarra's Edge could travel free into Waterfront City. Most trams travel almost empty through this area now.

This card could be applied for by Docklands residents, people that work in Docklands and possibly by visitors, who want to use such a facility.

The cost of such a project should become much more manageable than the purchase of two sets of transport, extra staff and costs for fuel and upkeep and housing.

Should Yarra Trams feel that they are missing out on any income, they would have to be compensated. This could be controlled by possibly having swipe contacts in the cards to use on the Myki swipe pads.

Food for thought.

Karl B

Puzzled by assertion

Reading the interview with Paul O'Halloran I was puzzled by his assertion that most problems are not associated with serviced apartments.

I have analysed the security reports for one of the other NewQuay apartment towers and the numbers for the first four months of 2011 show exactly the opposite. Serviced apartments account for 29 per cent of apartments in the building but are associated with 80 per cent of the security incidents.

Here is the breakdown of the percentages of apartments and the associated percentage of

Apartment type % of apartments % of incidents

Serviced 29 80 18 Rented 48 Owner occupied 2

The most serious incidents were associated only with serviced apartments. These incidents involved the attendance of police and ambulance crews and resulted in arrests for criminal damage and criminal harm.

Did Paul disclose during the interview that his wife works for one of the serviced apartment operators? Paul's wife seems to have joined the group of people working for serviced apartment operators who have moved out of the area.

There was one point on which I agree with Paul. Serviced apartments have become an extremely divisive issue in NewQuay.

It might be easier to manage the inherent conflicts arising from mixing short-stay serviced apartments with residential apartments if we all shared more facts and fewer unsubstantiated opinions.

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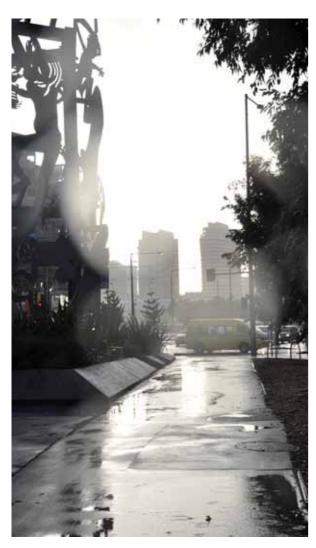
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The pedestrian and cycle promenade at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Northbank is being widened this month thanks to savings achieved in construction of the adjacent section outside the World Trade Centre.

City of Melbourne reports reveal that it undertook the work on behalf of the State Government and that the new section should be completed by October.

"The savings are being reallocated by the State Government to completion of Project 6," the report says.



Ahhh Docklands, rainy one minute, windy the next. Who would have it any other way?





Photographic proof that Jeff Kennett designed the Bolte Bridge as a massive set of goal posts.



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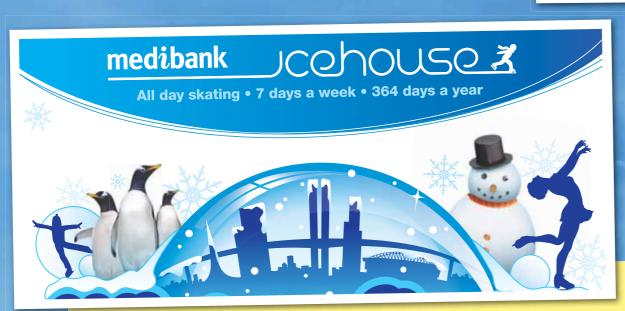
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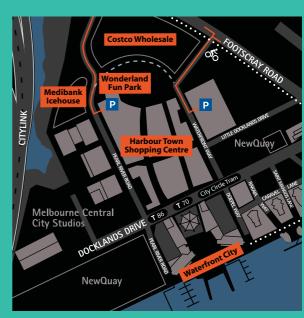
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Men and circumstances

Excerpt from a work-in-progress full-length novel manuscript by Marjatta Rogers.

 $I^{\prime}m$ already in the pub when $my\ mobile$ rings. "Sorry, I'm running late, I'll be there in 20 minutes" and the phone cuts off. I nearly spill my drink when I see my ex walking in, alone. His hair is gray at the temples, crow's feet around his eyes and the beginning of a stomach. He is still well dressed and immaculately groomed, still handsome but appears less cocky. He buys a drink and looks around; when he spots me he walks over to my table. "Can I sit down?" he asks. "Please do" I answer wondering how things have become so formal between us, after

all we were married for eight long years. After the formalities of "How are yous?" and "What have you been up tos?" he notices my ringless finger. "You haven't remarried?" "No."

"Lover?"

"Well, I'm seeing someone." That knowledge doesn't deter him because after a few more niceties he says "Let's forget the past and go out to dinner together." It sounds almost like an apology.

"I'm waiting for someone."

"Your lover?"

"Yes," and before he has time to ask inevitable "what does he do" question Adam bursts in out of breath. "Sorry I'm late, there was an emergency and on the way back the traffic was horrendous. I got off two stops early and ran." He sits next to me and gives a quick peck on my cheek. "Peter, this is Adam, Adam, my ex-husband Peter." I notice Adam's eyes narrow a fraction and his jaw muscle tightens slightly but he is full of boyish charm when he shakes Peter's hand. Peter manages to stretch his jaw into a tight smile. "I'll get us drinks," Adam says.

"What'll you have, Peter?"

"Not for me thanks," Peter answers. "I have to be off."

Once Adam is out of earshot Peter says

"How could you, he must be at least 10 years younger than you."

"18 years, actually."

"What are you thinking of?"

"What about your girls?"

"It's different with men, they stay young much longer." I look at Peter and I'm not convinced. "He is only after your money," he says after a short pause.

"I haven't got any, you made sure of that." "I have no time to argue with you, just think what you're doing." Peter says finishing his drink.

"I'm thinking it all the time," I say smiling and wink at him. I watch his back manoeuvre towards the door, he is angry. Why, I don't know.

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Is this love or lust?

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

Pippa:

With Pippa's moon in Libra, she is very dignified and capable of holding her own in the royal family. She is able to easily build and maintain relationships. Unlike her sister Kate, Pippa is actually quite an interesting character with many sides to her personality. She can be gentle and unassuming, while being passionately radical and free thinking. She can be dramatic and theatrical one minute and cool and detached the next. Interestingly, she too has a conflict between her need to be in a committed relationship for life, and her insatiable need to be free and uninhibited by the demands of her partner.

Most definitely there would never be a dull moment when Harry and Pippa are together. Both enjoy the dance of love and flirting and yet both can be very loyal. On the surface, it seems she is exactly what Harry needs in a relationship. She most certainly can provide strength, security as well as adventure and passion.

Unfortunately, she too will hesitate to make a commitment through fear of being trapped with the one person all her life.

Prince Harry:

With Prince Harry's moon in Taurus he needs to be with someone who will not only appreciate his good taste but match it with enough added energy to fulfill his insatiable appetite for deep, warm, demonstrative communication.

Prince Harry, unlike William, enjoys a little friction in his love affairs. He likes to keep the goal posts moving and appreciates a challenge in the game of love.

It seems that he alternates between his love of romance and his love of action. He is conflicted in the sense that he is incredibly loyal and devoted in one way, yet restless, adventurous and experimental in another.

This struggle will ensure that he keeps commitment creatively at bay.

He both wants and fears the "the one true love". He doesn't believe he can be faithful to the one person for the rest of his life.

Possible conflicts:

Given that they both share the same North Node in Gemini and the same Sun sign in Virgo these two really like and understand each other very well. There is a wonderful rapport and easy banter that keep each other and others amused and entertained.

All this wonderful camaraderie can mean they end up feeling more like playful siblings than a romantic couple.

They both have the same issues around commitment, so will probably shy away from the notion of "happy ever after"

Outcome of relationship:

Given that they are now in-laws it is very likely that Harry and Pippa will develop a very strong mutual affection and admiration for each other. They will strengthen their bond over the years and will become very protective of each other. This will be most evident when they are in public as each has an uncanny ability to understand what the other needs and will have no hesitation in stepping up to provide it.

A deep love of life, adventure and new experiences will be a source of joy for both of them, however I would like to think that they have enough good sense and intuition to exercise caution in anything other than their role as supportive family to the future king of England.

Featured terminology

Mars - The planet of energy, sex drive and anger.

Venus - The planet that generally attracts love, money, creative activity.

Moon - This is our emotional responses to life.



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Good Karma for the Williams family

Docklands has its share of spoiled pooches but Karma of Yarra's Edge has raised the bar significantly.

The three-year-old cavoodle (a cross between King Charles cavalier and poodle) has a lifestyle that most humans can only dream of.

When Karma's family goes on holidays, she goes to Mornington Lodge where she has her own room known as the "Fluffy Suite" complete with couch and television.

"She's a real princess," said owner Janyne Williams. "We've brought her up more like a cat, so she's spoiled rotten."

Janyne then proceeded to give Karma a kiss and a cuddle ... "Who's the best bubby in the whole of Docklands?" she cooed.

Karma is obviously the most popular member of the Williams household - parents Mike and Janyne, daughter Bec and son Stephen - who live in Tower 4 at Yarra's Edge. Bec is a construction project co-ordinator on the ATO project in Collins St, Batman's Hill.

Karma was purchased three years ago as a tiny fluff ball at a time when Janyne was quite ill.

"We called her Karma because she has been a tonic for my health and has brought so much happiness to our family," Janyne said.

"She's been therapeutic for everyone and Karma is so protective of me. When Mike comes to bed, she won't let him in!"

"When we go out she sits and cries, so we leave the radio on in the apartment so she's got some company. She loves 3AW," Janyne said.

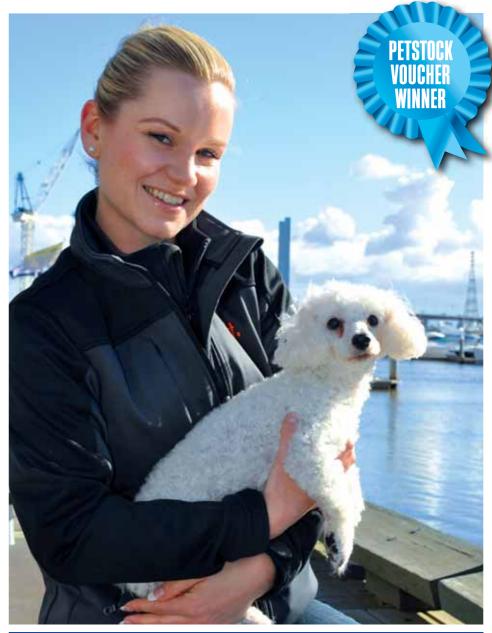
Janyne said she recently crocheted a quilt for her mother-in-law. "But Karma loved it so much, I gave it to her instead!" she said.

"She loves to get into the wool and her toys are strewn around the apartment."

"Her favourite toy was a little chicken drumstick which has now, thankfully, lost its squeak."

The Williams family moved from Dock 5 to Yarra's Edge last October and Janyne reports that Karma likes it better.

"She's happier here because she's got a little spot in the sun," she said.



Karma receives a \$25 gift voucher from Pet Stock South Melbourne



They say a single moment can change your life. Sometimes, your life can just be turned upside down, in what feels like the blink of an eye.

You wake up happily enough, with aboveaverage expectations for your day, but then at some unexpected moment your life goes on a path you could never imagine or predict - and it's changed forever.

Sometimes it's exciting and exhilarating, if not a little nerve-wracking, a roller-coaster of emotion that leaves you breathlessly anticipating the next turn of events – like the first splinter of realisation you have fallen completely in love – all your senses are heightened and you live life for each delicious moment.

But other times, the catalytic change of direction is breathtaking in its devastation.

My idyllic country life, my perfect plans for a lovingly-restored homestead, my intentions to preserve the history that has been housed by my walls for over 100 years, have all gone up in smoke. Literally.

On a cold and otherwise insignificant Saturday night, my house burnt down.

We were in it, asleep, but I got us out in time. In time to stand on the nature strip in our PJs and watch my windows explode, flames hungrily reach through the eaves seeking to destroy more and more – a cream house turn black in 15 minutes.

I don't remember hearing anything, the cracking timber, the shattering glass, the sirens of police, fire trucks and ambulance. But they were there. Our lives had changed, unexpectedly and forever.

But they had not changed in a way you might imagine. And not at the moment you might think.

You see, I'd never felt so lucky in my life.

At the hospital, I held my son in my arms and lay cheek to cheek, through the night. Our oxygen tubes tangled, our masks crunched together, but he slept in my arms.

And holding that warm, gently snoring child, I knew that nothing else mattered.

It didn't matter we had lost our house, or that we had only the sooty clothes we wore.

It didn't matter that we'd lost every material thing we had. We had each other, and I suddenly felt like I'd won lotto.

I was, and still am, elated and overwhelmed with my good fortune. From that moment I have, and will always have, a new appreciation for the simplicity of just being here, and from that moment we have made this new path an adventure, and we will find joy in every day.

I am humbled by the kindness of people we have hardly met, by our neighbours who gathered their own children's and grandchildren's clothes for us, by a country community that have held us in their hearts.

I have learnt it's not about having the latest fashions, gadgets or toys for they can all disappear in a moment – it's about having warmth, compassion, friends and family, a community with a heart because, no matter what the moment may bring, these cannot be taken away.

We all walk a tightrope in life and no matter how secure we think we have made things, they can change in a moment. Take care of the people you love, appreciate every blessed minute we have of this life and no matter what, polish the hell out of the silver lining of every cloud because sometimes, that's all you've got.

There's just one more thing I'm very grateful for ... that I picked AAMI for my insurance company. Please treat your insurance seriously, you don't realise how important it is until you need it.

Until next month, stay safe.

Abby x



DOCKLANDS FASHION

From secretary to sexetary

By Nicola St John

How to dress for the workplace.

Once upon a time, leopard-print stilletos were considered quite the risque fashion choice – unless of course, you were dancing around a pole.

However, contemporary fashion stakes have changed. Towering heels have become appropriate attire for the workplace, as it seems are see-through blouses and cocktail dresses, worn frequently on a Friday for the ease of transforming work-wear to party-wear.

Have our standards slipped, or are there no more rules to dressing for the workplace?

Mini skirts, lace sleeveless dresses and all manner of animal prints have seamlessly become demure. And at the other end of the work-wear spectrum, the *New York Times* recently published an article entitled "Is it OK to wear yoga pants to work?"

If this all sounds very old fashioned, that's the whole point. Whether you're a policeman, fireman or dressing for the office, there's a certain uniform. Just look at Zena the Warrior Princess, or even Julia Gillard.

Even if you're not heading for battle, looking more like you're ready for the set of *Madman* than a night out will make you feel like you're really heading somewhere.

The office clearly isn't as progressive as your nearest nightclub, and maybe there is a thing or two to be learned from the conservative dress standards of the 1950s.

1. Skirts must be mid-thigh or longer (including slits);

- 2. Tops must bare no midriff or plunge at the back;
- 3. No outfit is to show cleavage;
- 4. Sequins and sparkle are best left at the cocktail bar; and
- 5. Shoes must be closed-toe and consist of heels/platforms no higher than three inches.

As modern fashion rightly relaxes these standards, there is still the risk of taking things too far – to be cast as a frivolous female.

No matter what rung of the corporate ladder you are on, if you are more cleavage than corporate attire, more stiletto than sensible, people will notice your outfit, rather than your professionalism.

Think Julia Roberts as Erin Brokovich, or better yet, *Pretty Woman*.



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LOCATION

NewQuay Promenade

Rebel shoes, Nudie jeans, Vintage shirt, jacket and bag with RayBan sunglasses.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I love individual vintage pieces with a lot of character. Sometimes I'm in a 40s mood, sometimes the 80s. It's all about how you can pull it off!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Lunch at the lovely Mecca Bah, overlooking the water.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Kensington.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF **CLOTHING?**

My denim shirt that I'm wearing because it requires no ironing and looks great with everything from casual jeans, to workwear and a night dancing.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

I just love to throw things together, like Kate Moss. Something weather-appropriate. I hate seeing people wearing mini-skirts in the middle of winter.

Gracia Anggrini

LOCATION

Harbour Town

WEARS

Rubi shoes, dark-grey skirt, Factorie flower-print top, grey Valley Girl trenchcoat and Sportsgirl bag.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

A little bit chic but casual at the same time. Not too dressy.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work part-time at the shop Factorie.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Doncaster.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF

Lengthy jackets and coats. Especially my mossy-green-coloured coat that I have at home. That's my top favourite at the moment.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

A different combination of style and colors, keeping in mind they complement each other.

Rosanna Romano

LOCATION

Harbour Town

Hennes and Mauritz flats, black skinny jeans, loose-fitting grey Sportsgirl jumper and black-fringed scarf.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I like to dress fairly casually, but I incorporate the current trends into my look.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I'm a sales assistant at the shop Globalize.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I was born in Sweden, but I now live in Docklands.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF **CLOTHING?**

A nice leather jacket pairs well with almost any outfit.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

Having your own style. You can follow the current trends and incorporate your own style into it all in one. Personalise your look.

Getting the right

By Courtney West

Photographer Morganna Magee has discovered that the Mission to Seafarers in Flinders St is more than just a beautiful building.

angle on seafarers

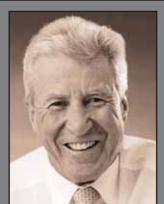
Last month the documentary photographer was photographing the heritage-listed structure as part of a private assignment and got talking to CEO Andrea Fleming.

Morganna was surprised to learn of the great charity work conducted for seafarers and has now become a great supporter. So much so, that she conducted a exhibition of her work on National Seafarers Day on June 25 in an attempt to expose more people to its great work.

"I began discussing possible ideas with Andrea to get more people into the mission so they could see what the mission does and the idea for a exhibition came about," Ms Magee said.

Morganna has had work featured in more than six different exhibitions since 2007, been awarded many prestigious photography awards and has had work published in over 12 publications, including the Herald-Sun and The Big Issue.

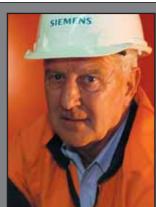
The exhibition at the mission dome marked her second solo exhibition.











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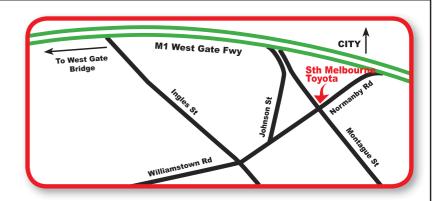




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Nine years in hospitality has given entrepreneur Yew Meng Lee the confidence to open his newest venture, Shinsei Sushi & Bubble Drink in Victoria Harbour.

Located under the NAB building, Yew Meng, along with fellow owners Peter Chan and James Wang, is offering variety on a scale rarely seen in one eatery.

"People get bored, they want to try something different, and our restaurant offers those differences," Yew Meng explained. "We also cater for different times of year, ice-cream in the summer and the hot food bar in winter."

Along with variety, Shinsei also specialises in (as the name suggests) Sushi and Bubble drink. "Our sushi is always fresh, and always popular," Yew Meng said. Again their extensive range is a feature, with 18 types of sushi available.

The bubble drink is actually bubble tea and is something very new for Docklands. There are over 20 flavours of tea, and the bubbles in the bottom of the drink are sure to intrigue many. Yew Meng knows these drinks are rare in Melbourne, but he is urging everyone to

Yew Meng and his partners took over the Shinsei Sushi & Bubble Drink site last August, but knowing they had such a prime location, they wanted everything in the store to be perfect before they opened. It made for a slow process, but when they did open in May 2011, they were sure the setting was right.

The setting is now perfect, and with very reasonable prices (bubble tea starts from \$3.50, Sushi from \$2.30 and hot food from \$8.00), Shinsei Sushi & Bubble drink is sure to become a favourite among the working crowd here in Docklands.

'Just Leadership' breakfast series

One hundred and sixty people attended the first breakfast in the 2011 Just Leadership: Just Imagine Breakfast Series at NAB Docklands on May 12.



An initiative of Jesuit Social Services, Just Leadership is designed to develop the leadership capacity of individuals, organisations and communities in ways that contribute to building a more just and compassionate society.

Jesuit Social Services is keen to build a community of "Just Leaders" across Docklands and develop a collaboration of corporations across the area keen to discover new ways to engage and inspire their staff in building a better world.

Jesuit Social Services says the breakfasts, presented in collaboration with NAB, are for people who:

- Are keen to "feed their better selves" and explore new frontiers in their relationships with self, organisation and
- Want to be part of a new conversation about social leadership and collaboration for a more just and compassionate future;
- Get energised by imagining that they have the capacity, whatever their role, to make a unique contribution to shaping a better

The next breakfast will be held at NAB Docklands at 7.15 am on July 14. Speakers are Michael Ullmer, deputy CEO NAB; Elliot Costello, founder Y-Gap and Kinfolk Café; and Paul Stewart, social activist and "Maverick of the Heart" who will explore the question "Does each of us have the capacity to make a unique contribution to building the world we want? How do we free it?"

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be booked online at www.trybooking.com/ PHY. For more information contact Pamela Webb - pamela.webb@jss.org.au.

Businesses want to help

Australian small business owners may be an untapped resource for Australian charities with almost 75 percent of Aussie small business owners wanting to be more involved with their local community.

According to the Bank of Queensland's Straight Talk Survey, a regular nation-wide survey that canvasses the views and experiences of small business owners, while a number of SMEs are donating their time and resources to lend a hand, almost three quarters indicated they want to be more involved.

Almost 50 per cent of businesses, who are active in their communities, sponsor a local charity or sporting team. The question

remains what can be done to make the process of charitable giving or volunteering easier for other SMEs who want to give back to their local communities but who are struggling with time constraints?

BOQ Docklands branch manager, Siew Wong Chan said small businesses should be encouraged to investigate affordable donation alternatives which suit their time challenges.

"While many small business owners are timepoor, there are a number of opportunities and avenues small businesses could investigate in order to play an active role within their communities," Mr Chan said.

"The recent natural disasters around the country have highlighted a few alternatives for businesses wanting to donate goods and services. For example, a gym opened its doors for free to flood workers, not only for a cleansing workout, but also for free showers to wash away the mud."

The benefits of businesses thinking outside the square when it comes to community donations leads back to the significant amount of marketing goodwill generated

by donating facilities or even a day to a particular charity or cause.

"There is a lot that can be done to benefit local communities and the benefits of building goodwill can be financial as well as emotional for small businesses," Mr Chan said.

"Other avenues for donations could be giving away old business computers or printers which are no longer used or have been upgraded. Donating a day is also a very effective way to contribute to the community."

"The challenge for both corporations and charitable organisations alike is to find a workable solution to help both the community and businesses."



Breathe

If you have ever ridden in an aeroplane, then I'm sure you have heard the following words: "In case of an emergency, first secure your own oxygen mask and then if you have children with you secure their masks."

As a father of three, I find this instruction to be somewhat counter-intuitive. I would expect the instruction to say: "In case of an emergency, first secure the oxygen mask to your child, before securing your own." But that's not what we are told.

Why? The point is simple – if you don't manage your own oxygen supply you may not have the capacity to help anyone else.

There is some profitable wisdom here for life.

Life is not just about what you can get, it's about what we can give. In fact, Jesus said that there was more happiness to be found in giving than receiving. Yet often in our desire to give we mustn't forget that Jesus also taught the importance of "breathing" along the way. Securing your own oxygen is a loving act that you can do for those who need you.

I am the number one hypocrite when it comes to this topic. I don't rest well. I prefer to move at a fast pace with minimal pauses. This is not good, and I don't think I am alone.

We live in a culture that is working faster, longer and harder than ever. Many of us are walking around tired and stressed. This not only impacts on our own enjoyment of life, it prevents others from receiving the gifts, service and love that we can offer.

We are reminded that the God of heaven and earth values rest. In fact the bible says that after creating the world (not a small task!) he took time out to rest and enjoy what he had made. As men and women who were made like God, it should come as no surprise that we too are made for rest.

These times are God's gifts to us that help us not only reflect on who he is and what we have, but also to refuel us for the road ahead.

Personally, I take time every Friday

afternoon and Saturday to disconnect from "work" and spend quality time with my wife and family. I will often take my children to the park or a play centre where we can run around like baboons. This reminds me not to take myself so seriously!

Friday night is date night with my wife, which is one way I can help keep the flame alive. Saturday is deliberately slow and Sunday is the day we go to church and celebrate with others the great things he has done.

The question is: "Are you getting oxygen?" Is your relaxation supplying you the vital rest you and your family need to both live a life of joy and satisfaction, but also empower you to love and serve others.

What do you do to breathe?

Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill – a church that meets on Sundays at 10am (Hoyts, Melbourne Central) and 6pm (Arrow, 488 Swanston St) – www.cityonahill.com.au





ALEX TRINH, 28

Alex enjoys working in Docklands because he gets the opportunity to meet a wide variety of people from all over the world. He thinks Docklands is a good shopping destination due to the fact that many outlets have good prices, and even goes for a walk around the shops at Harbour Town when he gets tired and needs to keep his smile fresh. Alex also likes the fact that most of the customers who frequent his store are very friendly.



ANU TANWAR, 32

Anu likes the fact that Docklands is located so close to the city and has everything in one place, which makes it easier for her to get things done. She enjoys meeting people from overseas when they frequent her salon, but also meets plenty of locals, whom she says are very friendly. In the evenings, Anu likes to walk around Docklands with her friends and go shopping or have a coffee together.



CHRISSIE KAKOLIRIS, 35

Being the mother of two young children, Chrissie likes that Docklands has many activities for children and is becoming more and more kidfriendly. She enjoys taking her children to eat out on the waterfront, going for walks or riding their bikes. Chrissie also enjoys the convenience of getting out and about in Docklands, as well as the easily accessible shopping areas.



MON SIWAKOTI, 22
Cleaner, Madonna's

Mon has only been working in Docklands for a few months but has already fallen in love with the docks and the waterfront. What she likes most about Docklands is the cleanliness and sheer ease of accessibility. At times when she needs a bit of peace and quiet, Mon's favourite thing to do is roaming in the nearby parks and gardens.



PADDY LEVY, 21
Cashier Down Under Cell

For Paddy, the greatest thing about Docklands is its relaxed, laid-back vibe. He says it has a small-town feel but with modern buildings and facilities, and likes the fact that there is more of a community in Docklands. Paddy thinks the pace of Docklands is not so frantic, and likes that the people here are friendly and more likely to stop for a chat.



CANDY YAN, 25 Shon assistant. Shuii Susi

Candy has only been in Docklands six months, but says it like being on holidays here. "It's so beautiful by the seaside," she said. "I like the feeling of being here. It's like a vacation."



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Bears came to play

After a big Melbourne derby the night before, where the Melbourne Ice made relatively light work of the Mustangs, it was a different story on June 26 when the Sydney Bears came to town.

Fresh from a physical game in Adelaide where they went down 6-3, the Bears came out with a point to prove in front of what in the beginning was a somewhat subdued crowd at the Icehouse.

The Ice dominated play for the majority of the first period but failed to capitalise on their chances.

If the crowd were quiet early they were stunned when Melbourne's Kevin Darcy was put in the box for a 2 and 10 for what was a crude check from behind.

As before, no further invite was needed for the Bears and with 1:45 remaining, the Bears again made the most of the power play and Kurtis Dulle turning on the lights with another well-taken goal.

The second period started scrappily from both sides with missed passes and loss of possession from both teams, then with nine minutes remaining in the period Matt Armstrong from the Ice seemingly pulled a goal back for the hosts with a laser beam of a shot that seemed to disturb the net and come back out, but none of the officials saw it that way and play was allowed to continue despite loud protests from the Ice bench. The protests from the Ice were silenced only 30 seconds later when Jason Baclig rounded the goalie and snuck the puck in after being put through by Jacques Pereault and Tommy Powell, making the score 2-1 to the Bears.

The third period started with the Ice on

a power play but it seemed like someone forgot to tell them with the puck only making brief appearances over the Ice blue line.

Eventually the Ice regained the momentum and poured the pressure on with wave after wave of attacks being repelled by the Bears and continued saves from Baerg in goal.

Stu Denman in the Ice goal was not to be outdone however and was forced to make two important one-on-one saves after mistakes from the Ice defence.

Yet another horrible check from behind, this time from the Bears, seemed to give the Ice a boost even with Ice captain Vinnie Hughes also going into the box making it four a side, and, with 1:53 on the clock Powell from the Ice tied the score.

The Bears soaked up more pressure and seemed to do enough to sneak a shootout, however in a remarkable finish Melbourne got the win they deserved after Baclig scored with only two seconds left on the clock giving the Ice a stunning 3-2 victory.

The crowd could hardly believe it and nearly melted the ice with noise.

It was a fitting result for the Ice who clearly dominated possession and shots on goal but one could feel for Baerg in the Bears goal who put in a super-human performance. At the end of the weekend the Bears went home winless and the Ice now sits atop the table and ready to defend the Goodall Cup.



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