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Council goes for broke on serviced apartments

By Shane Scanlan

In a move which will likely change the face of Docklands, the City of Melbourne wants to change the Building Code of Australia (BCA) so it can wipe out the practice of using resident apartments as serviced apartments.

The council's Future Melbourne committee on August 2 unanimously supported a bid from its building department to request changes to definitions within the building code to make policing the practice more certain.

In his report to the committee, council building officer Warren Knight said serviced apartments in residential buildings caused numerous problems including fire safety, health, service levels, amenity and financial burden on other owners.

He said the use of apartment buildings for short-stay commercial accommodation was not specifically addressed in either the BCA or the planning scheme.

"As a result many apartment buildings are being built as traditional owner/occupier accommodation and then later being used partly or wholly as pseudo hotels," he said.

Mr Knight told the committee his position

was supported by the fire brigade, the building surveying profession and building owner's corporations.

But Docklands serviced apartment operators warn that hospitality businesses in NewQuay will collapse without the financial support that visitors using short-term rentals bring.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the definitions, the council recently tackled 30 owners at the Watergate tower in Batman's Hill demanding that they apply for "hotel" permits if they wanted to avoid legal action.

It is yet to turn its attention to NewQuay where an estimated 300 apartments (or one third of the total) are being used as serviced apartments, with the largest operator being MAB Corporation's Grand Mercure Docklands Apartments.

Six of the 30 Watergate owners have agreed to return to long-term rentals, with the majority opting to contest the matter using expert building surveyor consultants.

By requesting changes from the Australian Building Codes Board, the council is showing its clear intention of wiping out short-term rentals in residential apartments.

But it is also signalling that it is unsure of its legal position under the current regulations.

Mr Knight told the committee that prosecutions were currently uncertain.

And in a recent letter to a Watergate owner, the council deferred to the Collins English Dictionary to define "dwelling".

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Docklands lights up

Docklands lit up every Friday night last month, with thousands of visitors attracted to view the spectacle.

The best viewing point in Victoria Harbour was aboard MV Mandalay which offered

special cruises to coincide with the event.

Mandalay skipper and local chamber of commerce president Keith Rankin praised the City of Melbourne for the initiative and for its support of Docklands.



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"In looking at what is defined as residence it means where a person resides, abode or home. The definition of reside is to live permanently," the council wrote.

The council also wants an amendment to the 2009 Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations to require short-term rental owners to register their apartment.

Serviced apartment operators met in Docklands last month in response to the council's demands of the Watergate owners to potentially form an association which could mount a co-ordinated and centralised response to threat to their businesses.

But it was assumed that the threat was confined to Watergate and no association was formed. At the same time, *Docklands News*, was contacted by a CBD owner's corporation seeking contact details of Docklands OCs with a view to forming alliances against serviced apartments.

The council has granted a time extension to Watergate serviced apartment owners until August 22 but says it intends to prosecute them if they don't apply for a hotel permit.

"If the building order is not complied with legal action may be taken if the apartment still has not changed to long-term use or if a permit for the change of use to a hotel has not been issued," a spokesperson said.

The committee's recommendation needs to be endorsed at the next council meeting on August 30.

By Amelia Loucas

There are wild rabbits in Docklands. A colony of feral rabbits has dug itself in along Moonee Ponds Creek under the Bolte Bridge.

Docklands Studios CEO Rod Allan believes that rabbits have been living here for the past two to three years, if not longer.

But Mr Allan says the number of rabbits has greatly increased recently.

"Apparently they breed like rabbits," he joked. "The most we've seen at any one time would be about a dozen. Occasionally we see them running across the parking lot, in the middle of a meeting."

"We think they're aspiring to be in the film industry. They're attracted to the glamour of it all," Mr Allan said.

Superficially harmless, the rabbits burrow in the grass areas of the studios and they have spread their area of operation to Quay Park at NewQuay West.

The studio staff have no real problem with the rabbits. In fact, they find them



entertaining. There are even jokes about rabbit-watching-time by the windows. However, it may be an entirely different case for other industries.

Primary Industries Department spokesperson Michael Rosier, said: "There is no specific reason for the rabbits wanting to live in Docklands. Basically they're highly

invasive animals, which is why they're labelled Australia's most serious pests, and will establish themselves anywhere they can."

He also warns of the rapid spread we will see in the near future.

"There is a hierarchy in the way in which the rabbits operate. Dominant males will mate with the dominant females and the non-dominant rabbits will leave the warren and establish their own herd. Once this is done they will become very territorial," he said.

"During the recent years there has been an increase in rainfall and the survival of young rabbits has greatly increased. Under the Catchment and Land Protection Act of 1994 there is a legal responsibility for the land owners, public or private, to eradicate the pests," Mr Rosier said.

Rabbits do have a nasty habit of disrupting entire eco-systems and stripping land of all vegetation. Though the current population of these creatures is too low to cause any real harm, it will grow.

In the Docklands' case the Crown owns the infested land, which means the State Government is responsible for managing the pests, preventing their spread and, as far as possible, eradicating them. But, so far, the Government has done nothing.

Docklander Daniel's hidden face



Artist Peter Bloomfield with Daniel Kowalski and his portrait. Photography: Samantha Moody.

Docklander Daniel Kowalski is one of the Hidden Faces of the Archibald Exhibition at the Hilton South Wharf.

Olympic medallist Daniel works in Docklands for the Australian Swimmers Association and curator Jacqueline Taylor says his portrait by Peter Bloomfield has drawn a lot of attention.

Now in its 10th year, the "Hidden Faces" is an alternative to the Archibald Prize exhibition and is exclusively for Victorian artists.

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27 NewQuay traders lodge claim with VCAT

Twenty seven disaffected NewQuay traders last month lodged a multi-million dollar claim against MAB Corporation with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (VCAT).

The claim, lodged on July 26, seeks a refund of precinct fees overpaid since 2006 as well as damages and costs.

The traders are also demanding an independent audit of the matter and that MAB enter into prescribed dispute resolution processes.

The traders allege breaches of MAB's obligations (via Metro Real Estate) relating to audit reports, marketing plans, lack of transparency, security costs and budget approval processes.

The traders claim that Metro spent significant amounts of the levies benefiting its own business interests and also charged them for services not performed.

Among other claims, the traders say Metro:

- Claimed for precinct advertising when, in fact, it had advertised sales of its own properties;
- Claimed for cleaning toilets that had been closed and inaccessible for years;
- Claimed costs of an alarm system for its own office and display suite;
- Claimed administrative fees for office staff that were not attributable to the precinct;
- Claimed security costs for areas outside the agreed area;
- Claimed landscaping costs for areas not covered by the agreements; and

- Claimed for cleaning which did not happen.

The traders say Metro failed to activate dispute resolution mechanisms when requested, responding instead by taking Terry Choe to the Melbourne Magistrates Court.

The traders party to the action are Terry Pak Choe, Swee Ooi, Lee Moussi, Eric Duong, Ali Sal, Toung Tran, Kim Moui Tran, Hai V Nguyen, Dung Tran, Binh Pham, Henry Liu, Nevio Belia, Jun Liu, Lee Vitiello, Renzo Mammolito, Rajesh Mehta, Anie Zanzanian, Kenneth Cheong, Vince Muscatello, Zhong Hian Yie, Jun Xin Liang, Victor Hu, Theresa Ma, Joseph Moussa, Charlie Tu, Frank Chan and Harish Koli.

The lawyer representing the traders, Frank Guastalegname told *Docklands News* his clients were seeking a directions hearing at VCAT on August 24.

He said the simplest way to describe the claim was that Metro was not entitled to certain payments and the traders wanted the money refunded.

A MAB spokesperson said it was not appropriate to comment on the case via the media.

He said MAB's response would be delivered via VCAT.

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Jaxon is a super puppy

Super puppy Jaxon was in Docklands on July 16 taking his first steps to becoming an assistance dog who will make a huge difference to the life of a disabled person.

The 12-week old Labrador is embarking on 18 months initial training with Lynn James-Siddle before heading for six months intensive "finishing school" in Sydney.

If he makes the grade, Jaxon will spend his life opening doors, pushing buttons at pedestrian lights and generally improving the quality of life of a disabled person.

Trainer Kristen Papay said assistance dogs were not as well recognised as seeing-eye dogs but fulfilled an equally worthwhile role.

She said Assistance Dogs Australia trained Labradors and golden retrievers to an extremely high level. A volunteer herself, Kristen will visit Lynn once a week to advise on best way to get the most out of Jaxon over the next 18 months.

And Lynn knows about dogs. She and her husband Robert own PETstock South Melbourne and run their own puppy classes.

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Broadband network at home in Docklands

NBN Co has started operating from its new national headquarter in Digital Harbour, Docklands.

Last month about 200 staff moved into the Innovation Building where NBN Co will occupy some 4000 sq m across four floors.

When fully operational mid-next year, the company responsible for the national broadband rollout will employ 425 people at Docklands.

Docklands is the site of its national operations centre including its service activation centre, network and services operations centre (NSOC) and national test facility.

Modifications are still being made to the building but NBN Co says these should be completed this month.

CEO Mike Quigley said the company was happy to be in Docklands.

“We are very pleased with how the new facility has taken shape so quickly, and the benefits it has delivered to our business. We look forward to building our presence in the Docklands area,” he told *Docklands News*.

“This facility will be the centrepiece of our network and the key interface with our customers, the retail service providers, who will be using our network to provide high-speed services to their business and residential customers across Australia.”

From Docklands, NBN Co will monitor and manage the National Broadband Network and facilities, order service connections and fault repairs, and allow telecommunications companies using the network to test their services before rollout.



Works are almost complete on the new NBN Co HQ.

The NSOC is now operational, managing the National Broadband Network 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The test facility is also fully operational and has been since the end of June. It has been used to successfully evaluate technology used in greenfields or new estate developments, as well as to ensure the interoperability of networks and technical systems of the various service providers who will offer services to consumers over the network.

It's back to work for Lina

After seven months at home, Docklands mum Lina D'Ambrosio is back at work selling real estate with City Residential.

Daughter Amalie is off to Little Assets, which is close to the office at North Wharf.

And, as much as Lina loves being a mum, she's itching to get back to work.

“I'm a people person and I've missed the contact that you get in this job,” she said.

Lina and partner real estate agent Glenn Donnelly are well known to Docklanders.

It was a very different Amalie than when

Docklands News last called on the Yarra's Edge family after her birth last December.

This time she was full of beans and good humour.

Lina was full of praise for the playgroups conducted at the Docklands Hub for new mums. She said the staff were always helpful and the service was fantastic for new mums – both in professional support sense and as a social outlet of meeting others.

While Lina is going into a sales role, she will be keeping a close eye on the property management division of the company.



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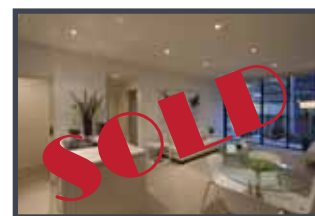
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Denis Setches and Allison Belcher at the Athenaeum Library.

Docklands library decision delayed

The City of Melbourne has delayed by six months making a decision about Docklands' library and community centre.

The council and VicUrban have \$9 million for the project and earlier this year explored some options.

But they found they did not have enough money for what they wanted and went to Docklands' various developers to explore collaborative options.

The expression of interest (EoI) period closed on March 25 and the council said it expected to make a decision by the end of May.

It is understood that the council prefers Lend Lease's bid which incorporates a library and community centre into a civic facility it is proposing for Bourke Square – at the intersection of Bourke and Collins streets.

Two other bidders that *Docklands News* has spoken to are yet to hear from the council on the status of their bids.

It is understood that the council is negotiating with Lend Lease on the specific details of its proposal.

"There are a number of commercial sensitivities in relation to EoI process and negotiations. These details are commercial in confidence and cannot be made publicly available at this time," a council spokesperson said.

"It is anticipated that a public announcement will be made in relation to Docklands library and community centre in October/November 2011."

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner said the community needed to be consulted about all aspects of the development.

"Our first concern is that we're kept in the dark about what they're considering. There's no community consultation despite the fact that these are community facilities," Mr Gardner said.

"Council say the negotiations are confidential and commercially sensitive. Well, we say they're community sensitive! We'd at least like consultation as to proposed location, size, access etc."

"Our second concern is that with developer involvement the likelihood is that these facilities will be shoe-horned in like everything else. It is essential that adequate size, space, access and parking be provided similar to what we've already said regarding the proposed school."

"We already know that developers use up every square inch of land whilst leaving little open space and that they do as they like with little or no control from authorities, to say nothing of lack of proper traffic planning."

"The new community centre should be big enough to cater for future population growth, unlike the lack of foresight shown with the existing ridiculously small Hub centre which also has no off-street parking and extremely limited street parking."

So it's the DIY library

With no sign of the long-promised Docklands Library on the horizon, a group of Docklanders have started their own.

The Dock 5 owners corporation has started things off with up to 1000 books from the Athenaeum Library in Collins St.

Owners corporation chairman Denis Setches said the library idea stemmed from a survey of residents late last year.

"We put up a whole lot of ideas and the library idea scored very well," he said.

As Denis was already a member of the Athenaeum Library, he progressed the idea there. And he didn't have to look far to do this either.

Athenaeum Library manager Allison Belcher is also a Dock 5 resident having downsized from a family home in West Melbourne about 18 months ago.

Ms Belcher considered the CBD, St Kilda Rd and Southbank before settling on Docklands.

"It's just so central in Docklands," she said. "We are only across the road from a post office, bank, dry cleaner, pharmacy and supermarket."

While based on an initial rotating contribution from the Athenaeum, the Dock 5 library will be supplemented by residents' own contributions.

"While the Athenaeum books will be signed in and out, the rest of it will work like a book and magazine exchange," Mr Setches said.

The Athenaeum Library is Melbourne's oldest and is renowned for its crime fiction collection. But a mix of general fiction, crime fiction and non-fiction underpins the Dock 5 book cache.

Ms Belcher hopes the initiative will lead to similar arrangements with other buildings.

"The Athenaeum Library has looked for ways to connect with residents in the Docklands area," she said. "Our library offers a warm and historic atmosphere."

New councillor is 'Docklands-aware'

Melbourne's newest city councillor Jackie Watts says she is aware of and sympathetic with Docklands' special concerns and needs as an emerging community.

The Carlton resident and community activist replaces Peter Clarke who resigned after being appointed chairman of VicUrban and the Urban Renewal Authority.

Ms Watts was on former Cr Clarke's team at the last election three years ago and won

the seat last month when the votes from that election were recounted.

As convenor of the Combined Residents and Business Associations (CoRBA), Ms Watts has been critical of council electoral structures and lack of transparency.

Ironically, at her first council meeting on July 26, only three out of 12 items from committees and management were open to the public.

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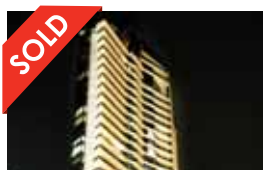
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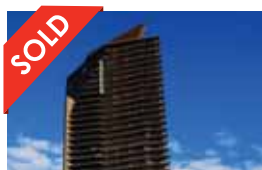
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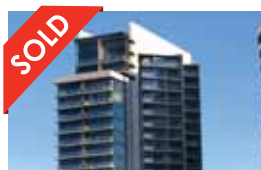
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AutoHorizon founder Brian Tanti with his currently-bare-chassis creation FR-1.



Sporting flavour for lunch

The upcoming Docklands News Networking Lunch will have a sporting flavour – appropriate to its time and place.

To be held at Etihad Stadium's Medallion Club Lounge during the footy finals period on Friday, September 16, diners will be addressed by AFL 300-gamer Rohan Smith. The lunch will also hear from the new Melbourne Renegades Twenty20 Big Bash league cricket team which will be based at Docklands.

Bookings have been strong during July, so email lunch@docklandsnews.com.au or call **8689 7979** to reserve your place.

The lunch is held quarterly to make and strengthen business relationships throughout Docklands. It costs \$60 and starts at 12 noon.

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Docklands' car breathes fire

Docklands' car has roared into life but still needs funding for completion.

The FR-1 concept car being constructed by the AutoHorizon Foundation recently blasted around Avalon airport under the encouraging and watchful eye of TopGear magazine.

Unfortunately, its gearbox blew up but not before putting in an extremely exhilarating performance propelled by its 6.2 litre V8.

Foundation founder and former Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Brian Tanti was philosophical about the set back and suspects that the Ferrari gearbox sourced from the UK was faulty when purchased.

Mr Tanti said the session was all about proving the viability of the vehicle's light-weight carbon fibre chassis which has been developed using an innovative process which could have productive flow-on effects for Australian industry.

He said the Docklands team had developed a break-through technique of low-temperature

curing carbon fibre which significantly reduces the cost of production.

The car represents the first Australian designed and built automotive passenger vehicle structure to be made from carbon fibre.

"Manufacturing with conventional carbon fibre is regarded as too expensive to be considered commercially viable for the general mass production of passenger vehicles," Mr Tanti said.

Weighing in at around only 500 kg, the FR-1 vehicle's environmental efficiency stems from its power to weight ratio. The very same equation makes it a rocket on wheels.

FR stands for fund-raiser, as the vehicle will eventually be auctioned for charity. The AutoHorizon Foundation is a non-for-profit organisation based at Docklands' Automotive Centre of Excellence in Batman's Hill Drive.

It aims to promote and showcase Australia's automotive design, engineering and manufacturing technology talent and to encourage local students to consider a career in these industries.

Mr Tanti speaks of the car in its current bare-chassis condition as a mobile research and development laboratory. The foundation has partnered with several automotive, aerospace and other high-tech industries to build the car.

The vehicle's body is currently being hand-built using traditional coach-building techniques.

"We are also keeping alive some time-honoured trades in this digital age," Mr Tanti said.

More funding is needed to complete the car before Docklanders can expect to see it on local roads.

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VG result for VC

Docklands resident Rob Kenna was wearing a big grin last month when he sold his father's Victoria Cross for more than \$1 million.

Rob and his family made headlines following the auction on July 28 which saw Ted Kenna's World War II medals go under the hammer for \$1,002,000 plus a buyers premium of \$167,328 – an Australian record.

Before his death two years ago, Rob says his dad instructed the family to realise the value of the medals. Rob is one of four so the proceeds will be shared equally between the estates of the siblings.

Rob told *Docklands News* that the auction raised mixed emotions on the day. During

the highly-charged media event, he recalled how his father would have shunned the limelight.

Ted Kenna won his VC during an attack on a Japanese machine gun position near Wewak in New Guinea in 1945.

Standing in a hail of bullets, he fired his Bren gun until he emptied it of ammunition and then grabbed a rifle and killed the Japanese gunner with the first round. He was seriously wounded attempting the same drill three weeks later.

'Ridiculous' vacancy claim

Local real estate agents have described as ridiculous, a report last month which claimed nearly one quarter of Docklands apartments were empty.

Housing campaign group Earthsharing Australia believes that landlords are deliberately leaving apartments empty to reduce supply and force up rental prices.

Spokesperson Karl Fitzgerald told *Docklands News* that landlords typically left 10 per cent of their property portfolios empty to drive capital growth rather than collect rent.

Earthsharing says it relies on City West Water records to identify empty properties when compiling its Speculative Vacancy Report. Dwellings using less than 50 litres a day for six consecutive months were deemed vacant.

When told by *Docklands News* that Docklands apartment towers typically shared a single City West Water meter, Mr Fitzgerald said this fact could potentially

indicate an even higher vacancy rate.

"That would make our figure even more conservative," Mr Fitzgerald said.

The report claims a 23.32 per cent vacancy rate, against an official vacancy rate of 3.62 per cent. Earthsharing's report underpins a soon-to-be-released documentary *Real Estate 4 Ransom*.

The group describes itself as "Georgist" which, according to Wikipedia is a philosophy "based on the some of the writings of the economist, Henry George (1839-1897) and certain others, and is usually associated with the idea of a tax on the value of land."

Docklands real estate agents say Mr Fitzgerald's claims couldn't be further off the mark. They say some owners choose to use their properties as a "city pad" but the only real vacancies occur during the brief time between when one tenant moves out and another is found.

Local agencies put the vacancy rate at between 2 and 2.4 per cent.

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This apartment is situated in the podium level of the Mirvac Yarra's Edge development. With a large open plan living room boasting views of the Yarra's Edge marina, a gourmet kitchen with large island stone bench top and stainless steel appliances, you would be hard pressed to find anything as good in a two bedroom apartment. For those of you who like to entertain, the apartment has a large balcony spanning its whole length with plenty of room for afternoon drinks or BBQ.

Docklands 405 / 84 River Esplanade
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This luxuriously appointed Mirvac Yarra's Edge Tower 4 apartment is an enviable residence and a must see for those who only expect the best. Featuring a gourmet kitchen with large island stone bench top, stainless steel appliances and generous storage space, if you love to work in the kitchen while entertaining then this apartment is a must see. If you adore views of the water, then look no further. This apartment stunningly captures over 180 degree vistas of the CBD, Southwharf Marina, Yarra River and Port Philip bay

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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 and BBQ area

Docklands 1707 / 8 McCrae Street
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 1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$670,000
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This luxurious & spacious brand new two bedroom apartment located on the top floor in the newly completed Atlantis building comes fully furnished and presents the latest in inner city living. The unit features a modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances and ample cupboard space that opens to a dining/living area which leads to a balcony with spectacular bay and Dockland views. Coming fully furnished as part of the purchase price, this apartment is great for an investment or perfect for someone just starting out in Melbourne.

Docklands 3602 / 288 Spencer St
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Private Sale \$580,000
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Centrally located and dominating in presence this distinguished building offers majestic stair case, float about in the luxurious heated pool and spa and saunter about in the palatial gardens. Enjoy the grand life with an apartment that is approx 100-sqm in size with an open plan living, dining room boasting soaring windows and large separate kitchen. Located on level 2 you have this rare opportunity to purchase in this outstanding building and fully capitalize on both the opulence and investment on offer. This apartment is available to owner occupiers and investors.

Docklands 210 / 53 Spencer Street
GRAND HERITAGE AT ITS FINEST
 2 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$740,000
Inspect By appointment



Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 6th floor, light filled apartment with a large terrace, sits directly in front of The Melbourne Exhibition Centre & Polly Woodside. Consisting of 3 bedrooms (the master with private ensuite), a modern and stylish Miele kitchen, which is perfect for entertaining family and friends, also with fully equipped gymnasium, steam and sauna rooms, spa and swimming pool. Close to public transport, along with the city, and all the exciting Docklands precinct has to offer. The property also comes with two secure car parks.

Docklands 607 / 60 Siddeley Street
IDEAL FLINDERS WHARF ADDRESS
 3 bed 2 bath 2 car
Private sale \$1.05 m
Inspect By appointment



If you adore views of the water, then look no further. This apartment stunningly captures full length views of the CBD, Southwharf Marina and Yarra River as well as combining one generously sized bedroom with a master bedroom featuring walk-in-robos and en-suite with twin vanities. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and storage cage.

Docklands 1202/80 Lorimer Street
LOOK NO FURTHER
 2 bed 2 bath 2 car
Private sale \$890,000
Inspect By appointment



Perfectly located on the north bank of the Yarra River is this impressive 11th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 3 bedrooms (the master with walk through robe and private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The lounge opens onto a large balcony overlooking the Yarra River and the bay and is perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the city for a night of fun.

Docklands 1116/60 Siddeley Street
WATERFRONT LIVING
 3 bed 2 bath 1 car
Private sale \$890,000
Inspect By appointment



This amazing apartment with private and unique outdoor space set right the Rivers edge with sensational views will put everything else at second place! Spoil yourself in the middle of the city with a 'suburb size' back yard! Relax in the spacious living/dining area. Cook up a feast in the modern and functional kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash backs and granite bench tops. Enjoy two good size bedrooms, both with BIR separated by a large and stylish bathroom. Combine an additional toilet and separate laundry facilities.

Docklands 402 / 60 Siddeley Street
MASSIVE ENTERTAINERS TERRACE!
 2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$620,000
Inspect By appointment



This spectacular and luxurious 2 bedroom apartment awaits the discerning buyer. Located on the 15th level, this apartment includes modern and stylish kitchen fittings, stainless steel appliances and stone bench tops. The living area is generous and boasts great views over the CBD, bay and Yarra. Two good size bedrooms with BIRs and two bathrooms complete the functional layout.

Docklands 1507/18 Waterview St
WATERGATE SPECTACULAR
 2 bed 2 bath 1 CAR
Private sale \$680,000
Inspect By appointment



Welcome to some of the best views in Melbourne. This apartment located in the Village Docklands building stunningly captures views of the CBD, Yarra River, Port Philip Bay, and beautiful night time Crown Casino fire shows. With a large central living area providing more than ample space for modern inner city living and massive wrap around balcony perfect for entertaining, you would be hard pressed to find a more appealing apartment in Melbourne.

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Victoria Harbour changes underway

Victoria Harbour's Water Plaza area underwent some significant changes last month with Urban Reforestation's garden being moved and remedial works being carried out on historic wharf pylons.

The garden has been moved to a temporary site at the end of Merchant St until a permanent site becomes available nearby on the corner of Geographe Street and Keera Way.

The old Water Plaza site is to be landscaped in a similar fashion to the rest of the Harbour Promenade.

The public has been invited to a series of events starting on August 10 to plan the new garden, which will be four times the size of the original.

Divers spent several days last month securing the base of the series of pylons which will soon be transformed into an artwork by Ari Purhonen. Stainless steel wind vanes are soon to be added to the tops of the piles, which are currently being protected by temporary plastic caps.

The spinning wind vanes will draw attention to themselves by generating sounds and well as moving in unison, shimmering like a shoal of fish.

Urban Reforestation is holding a working bee from 9am on Friday, August 12 at the temporary garden site.

A spokesperson said: "Docklands residents and business people are welcome to join in. Feel free to bring a plant to contribute to the garden. Make it colourful and cheerful."

Consultations on the permanent garden start in earnest on August 10 with a design session at The Hub community centre between 7pm and 8pm. Design results will be presented back to the community at another session at the same location and time on August 24.

A working group to produce the garden has been formed with representatives of VicUrban, the City of Melbourne, Urban Reforestation, Lend Lease, and community garden specialists, Cultivating Community. The permanent garden is expected to open before the end of the year.

To attend the design consultations, contact Karen Cowden on karen.cowden@vicurban.vic.gov.au or 8317 3677.

If you cannot make the meetings but would like to have input into the design a survey can be accessed via the Victoria Harbour Talks website (www.victoriaharbourtalks.com.au). Survey participants will go into the draw for one of three delicious seasonal fresh food boxes from CERES Fair Food.



Artist Andrew Wilson (left) and organiser Paul Bonello with one of Andrew's photos.

Home-grown art will surprise

The idea that art and banking are at opposite ends of the human spectrum has been debunked by the actions of staff at ANZ's headquarters in Docklands.

Now entering its fourth year, Kaleidoscope is a charity art show and auction which showcases the artistic talent of ANZ staff.

Some 300 people are expected to attend the public auction at the ANZ Centre at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, August 30, and the Docklands community is welcome.

Organiser and auctioneer Paul Bonello said 120 staff from around the world had so far expressed an interest in participating. And, with 48,000 staff, ANZ has a big enough internal audience to make the event a success.

But Mr Bonello said ANZ believed it was important to involve the local community.

"And it shows that people who work in the bank have a life outside ANZ," he said.

Kaleidoscope started four years ago at 100 Queen St as an initiative of the bank's risk section, where Mr Bonello works.

Support for the concept from the most senior levels within the bank have seen the concept grow to, not only the rest of the bank's departments in Melbourne, but also internationally.

ANZ Board member and chief risk officer Chris Page was one of the many senior executives to encourage the concept.

Mr Bonello said staff artists from seven countries had responded to a call to participate in this year's show.

While 80 - 90 per cent of the exhibition is expected to be either paintings or photographs, there will also be tapestry, jewelry and sculpture on offer.

Mr Bonello expects to raise up to \$20,000 this year which will be distributed to charity via the ANZ's Staff Foundation.

Computer hardware analyst (at work) and photographer (the rest of the time) Andrew Wilson has been exhibiting and selling his works since the beginning. He says it takes a certain amount of courage to expose yourself to your work colleagues and reveal your artistic spirit.

"But last year our HR general manager Susie Babani bought one of my pieces so that was a real buzz," Mr Wilson said.

The art will be on display at the ANZ Centre foyer from Monday, August 29.

Get out on the water

Docklanders have been invited out onto Victoria Harbour in August by two local aquatic clubs.

On offer for beginners are opportunities to try sailing as well as dragon boating.

The Rotary Club of Docklands and Docklands Yacht Club have joined forces to encourage residents and visitors to get on the water with a "Try Sailing Day" to coincide with the Chocolate Rush Festival on August 14.

And the Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne (CYSM) Sea Dragons dragon boat team is recruiting new paddlers for the 2011/12 season at open days on August 6 and 30.

All events will be held from Shed 2, North Wharf Rd - near the old harbour master's tower (Bolte Bridge end of Victoria Harbour).

The Try Sailing Day will run from 11am until 4pm on August 14 and will cost \$10 per person registration fee, which includes supply of life jackets and boats.

The Docklands Yacht Club says sailing is not an expensive sport and the small yachts being provided can be sailed with minimal or no experience. No special clothing is required but flat shoes advisable.

Safety boats will be operating during the program and sausage sizzle and drinks will also be available.

"Once you have experienced being on the water, there will be more opportunities to join us again in future months," club spokesman Coral Allen said.

The Sea Dragons are holding a number of open days in coming months.

Spokesperson Jen Powell said: "We are a friendly team that values diversity and teamwork, and we also like to win! If you enjoy teamwork, want to get into shape and find an outlet for your competitive streak, come along to one of our open days. We think you might even get hooked!"

"It is the perfect opportunity to come and meet the team, meet the coach, have a paddle and enjoy some morning tea and a cuppa afterwards," she said.

"We are looking forward to a great summer of paddling and would love for you to join us. The paddling season is just around the corner with the first friendly competition in October. There are a number of other races throughout summer in the lead up to the Australian Championships that will be held in Melbourne in April 2012."

The dragon boat events will be held at 10am on August 6 and 11, September 3 and 17 as well as October 1. Just bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, old clothes (t-shirt or thermal top, shorts, bike shorts or leggings), a change of warm and dry clothes, and your enthusiasm.

For more information about the sailing, call Ray 0429 868 304 or Mark 0418 322 299

For more information about dragon boating, call Erika 0431 306 287 or Ting 0433 063 136 or email cysm.seadragons@gmail.com



Sculptor Mark Stoner, Lend Lease Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Sshwab and Hassett managing director Rob Backhouse enjoy the artwork in Docklands' fading light.

Bottle shop objections

A liquor licensing panel will hear objections to an application for a bottle shop on Harbour Esplanade under the Conder building.

Residents were surprised by the application by the Waho Group, considering that a bottle shop had only just recently opened across the road in the LifeLab building.

A liquor licensing spokesperson said: "An independent panel gives the applicant and the objectors the opportunity to present their case at a public hearing. A report will be prepared and provided for the director in the coming months to consider when making his decision."

"As a result, it is not appropriate for the director to comment on the application before a decision is made."

Dogs' day out

Docklands' dogs are having a day out next month.

Docklands News, the City of Melbourne and Lend Lease are hosting the day at Victoria Green, Victoria Harbour on Sunday, September 25 from 10am until 12 noon.

Suggested activities include a doggie fashion parade, dog wash, pet grooming, pet showbags, free veterinary advice and much more!

But come along and join the organising committee to have a say in how the day unfolds. Karen Woo at Lend Lease is awaiting your call on 9643 0014 or email to vicharbourfeedback@lendlease.com.

The organising committee meets for the first time on Monday, August 22 at 7 pm (until 8pm) at Level 2, 825 Bourke St. It will then meet fortnightly until the event. Refreshments will be provided.

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The rivers are running

Victoria's Harbour's public art 'The Rivers Runs Through It' was officially unveiled last month.

Mark Stoner's vast artwork at Collins Landing on the western end of the ANZ Centre received critical acclaim at the event on July 20.

Hassell architects managing director Rob Backhouse described the work as "unparalleled".

"It is so immersive and grand in its attempt to create a whole experience for people to engage in," he said.

Mr Backhouse spoke of the journey to create the ANZ Centre which started in 2005. "This is the full stop," she said. "It's the last thing to be completed."

Public art consultant Sue Clark described it as "majestic". She said this was because it was both magic and magnificent.

Mr Stoner was commissioned in December 2008 by Lend Lease and VicUrban to develop an integrated urban artwork.

He is a lecturer at the Department of Sculpture and Spatial Practice at VCA and has exhibited nationally over the last 20 years. Stoner's works have also featured in 12 state and regional galleries as well as the National Gallery of Australia.

Commenting on *The Rivers Runs Through It*, Mr Stoner said it responded to the site and borrows from the flow and timelessness of the Yarra River.

"The site is a confluence of physical forces, the water flowing downstream and wind blowing upstream from the west. It is a collision of water, wind and sun," Mr Stoner said.

Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Schwab said Mr Stoner's installation represented a significant milestone in the evolution of the Victoria Harbour public realm.

"Stoner's artwork truly captures the essence of Victoria Harbour and its relationship to the natural environment. Its wonderfully organic formations are a showcase of how public art can contribute to the evolution of a city's built form," she said.

"Set between Melbourne's premier street, Collins St and the bank of the Yarra, Stoner's installation will be a celebration of Melbourne's rich cultural heritage," Ms Schwab said.

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A wealth of goodwill for mission

By Bethany Williams

A partnership between Docklands' Mission to Seafarers Victoria and Bendigo Wealth will see a new lease on life for the mission's heritage-listed building at 717 Flinders St.

Through the partnership, and the mission's existing agreement with the World Trade Centre (WTC), restoration work will begin this month starting with the Norla Dome.

Bendigo Wealth is a new Docklands-based company, which is the result of the amalgamation of the Bendigo and Adelaide Banks' various wealth management services.

"The bank itself is committed to putting money back into the community and sponsoring things that really add value," Bendigo Wealth executive John Billington said. "We really want to embed ourselves in the culture and heritage of the Docklands area."

Mission to Seafarers Victoria CEO Andrea Fleming couldn't be happier with the new relationship. "For us it's a really important partnership," she said.

The restoration plans have been warmly received by the organisation, especially considering that not so long ago it was at risk of being displaced. The 100-year lease on 717 Flinders St expired in 2007. Over the next two years there was interest from government departments which wanted to use the space for other purposes.

Ms Fleming said it was the mission's partnership with the WTC that

communicated to the Government that the Mission to Seafarers Victoria had support in terms of building maintenance and management.

"We're starting to feel more confident. We're working towards a sustainable future for the organisation and the relationship with Bendigo Wealth gives us the confidence that what we're doing is right," Ms Fleming said.

Mr Billington said that Bendigo Wealth had "big plans" for its new partnership with the Mission to Seafarers. "We are serious about developing this into a long-term relationship," he said.

Alliances with companies like WTC and Bendigo Wealth are part of the mission's Pledge Partner Program. This involves companies promising a certain amount of funding over at least three years. "The program gives us a budgeted revenue so that we know what we've got coming in each year," Ms Fleming said.

It also provides sponsorship for the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition, which takes place each October. This event aims to promote excellence in maritime art and raises money to assist in the provision of services to seafarers in Victorian ports.

Bendigo Wealth will also be sponsoring the Bendigo Wealth Emerging Artist Award at this year's exhibition.

Ms Fleming said that it was important for companies to involve themselves in their local area. "I really believe as you sow into your community you really reap the rewards," she said.

The restoration work on the Mission to Seafarers' building at 717 Flinders street is likely to be completed in 2014.

(Right) Mission CEO Andrea Fleming and John Billington outside the Norla Dome at the heritage listed Mission to Seafarers building in Flinders St.



Just Leadership

It was a full house at NAB headquarters in Docklands on July 14 for the second Just Leadership Just Imagine Breakfast.

The event by Jesuit Social Services, in collaboration with NAB, featured a panel of three speakers who inspired the audience to make a contribution towards a more compassionate world.

Panellists NAB deputy group CEO Michael Ullmer, social entrepreneur Elliot Costello, and activist and entertainer Paul Stewart candidly told of their life experiences which have led them towards making a positive difference.

(Left) It was a full house for the Just Leadership Breakfast on July 14.

MR SOLD SAYS...

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APARTMENT rents inched up over the June quarter across Australia while rents for houses fell, data shows.

Asking rents on units rose a marginal 0.3 per cent over the quarter, while rents on houses fell 0.2 per cent,

It also appeared that landlords might have taken a conservative attitude to rental increases in the second quarter of the year as concerns over household costs of living, notably utility costs, continued to linger

The quarter produced rising gross rental yields of 5.06 per cent for unit investors and 4.46 per cent for those with detached houses.



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In celebration of a new community

There is a new sound coming to Docklands, a single chime of a bell each day marking the twilight transitional point between day and night.

The sound will emanate from a 150kg bronze bell suspended in a seven-metre tower currently under construction on the corner of Bourke and Village streets in Batman's Hill.

Known as *Civil Twilight End*, the work by artists Kate Daw and Stewart Russell is the latest addition to Docklands' extraordinary collection of public art.

The tower is being constructed from bricks reclaimed during the Equiset project which transformed the historic Goods Shed North into the Five Star Green Star headquarters of VicUrban and the Victorian Building Commission.

Curator Simon Maidment explained that the bell would ring once a day in the tone of B at the point at which the sun dropped six degrees below the horizon.

"This time is typically known as the magic hour," he said. "Marking this moment symbolises the shift in the use of the Docklands precinct from one purely of industry and work to a more convivial space in recent times."

But jovial Irish proprietor of the adjacent Platform 28 pub Mark O'Reilly puts a less artistic relevance on the marking of time.

"It's obviously designed to tell Docklanders when it's beer o'clock," Mr O'Reilly joked.

Mr Maidment said a computer-controlled brass hammer would strike the bell at exactly the right time each day.

Mr Maidment said the bell was created by master craftsman Anton Hasell and its significance was multi-faceted. He said the obvious connection was with ships' bells - a reference to Docklands' maritime heritage.

But he also said bells were traditionally significant with communities which measured their belonging by their ability to hear village or church bells.

He said the artwork celebrated the emergence of a new and vibrant community in Docklands. In this sense, he said, the artwork was nostalgic.

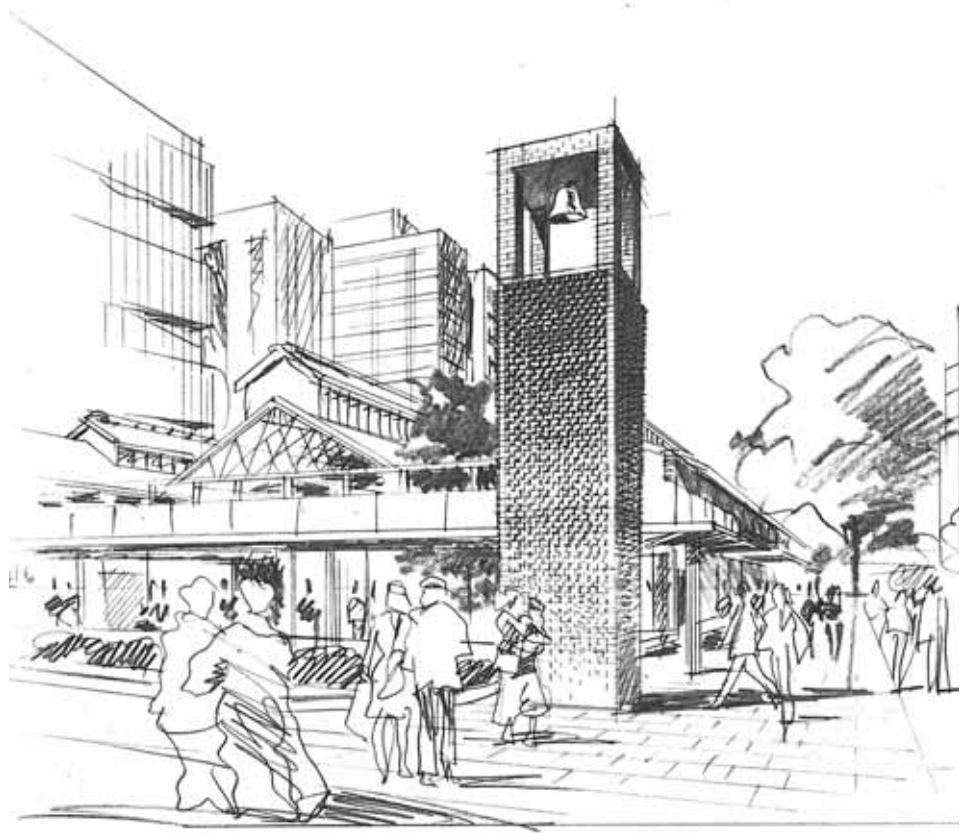


Image courtesy Lovell Chen Architects.



NewQuay 'invaded' by buses

NewQuay residents were surprised by an invasion of buses during the recent school holidays.

Hundreds of buses were mustered on the vacant MAB land at the end of Docklands Drive as part of the State Government's Regional Rail Link project.

Rail services on the Bendigo, Ballarat and Sydenham lines were suspended and replaced by buses during the school holidays

to allow dedicated works to take place.

Docklands Residents Association president Roger Gardner complained that no consultation had taken place with residents.

"This only serves to add to the congested traffic problems including construction and commercial vehicles," Mr Gardner said.

VicUrban says it agreed to the Department of Transport's request and it was likely to agree again if the land was still vacant the next time such as request was made.



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Design puts Docklands on the map

By Bethany Williams

Docklands' significant architectural sites are the subject of a new bicycle route map.

Architecture firm Elenberg Fraser have mapped a bicycle route around Docklands, which visits 18 architectural sites in the area.

The bicycle route starts and ends at Southern Cross station on Spencer St. This site was seen as the natural starting point for the Docklands area.

Other sites visited along the route include NewQuay Promenade, Webb Bridge and the Mission to Seafarers building.

Graduate Elenberg Fraser architect Jansen Aui, who worked on the mapping project, said the bicycle route was a way of introducing people to the "eclectic quality of design" in the area that not many are aware of.

"The route will give people an idea of the diversity of design in Docklands," Mr Aui said.

By following the route on foot or by bike, it is hoped that locals and visitors will gain insight into the variety of design, which can be found in the area.

It is estimated that the route will take around half an hour to cycle and between 45 minutes to an hour to walk.

The map is part of a project called Mapping the 'Burbs, which featured in last month's State of Design festival. The project ties in with the festival theme "design that moves".

Mapping the 'Burbs is an initiative of the Victorian chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects.

Mapping the 'Burbs involved nine architectural firms located or with a connection to suburban or regional Victoria designing a cycling tour based around the significant pieces of architecture in their local area.

Other areas mapped in the project include Fitzroy, Kew, South Yarra/Prahan, St Kilda, Beaumaris, Hawthorn, Bendigo and Mornington.

The Docklands bicycle route can be found at www.architecture.com.au/emailnews/mapping-the-burbs/docs/map-burbs-docklands.pdf

For further information about Mapping the 'Burbs see www.mappingtheburbs.com

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Exo to start next month

Lend Lease expects to start work next month on its mostly-car park Exo building on the corner of Collins and Merchant streets.

Eight of the 12 storeys will house 642 car spaces, with 96 two and one-bedroom apartments being available on the other four floors.

Exo gets its name from a metallic outer skin, a perforated, virtual exoskeleton which shields the workings of the car park from view.

The \$107 million development is expected to be completed by mid-2013. The extension of Collins St is expected to be completed at the same time.

During construction, parking will be available on the "C5" site to the west of Seafarers Lane.

Exo will feature 64 two-bedroom apartments (each with a car space) and 32 one-bedroom apartments (without parking) as well as seven new shops. Lend Lease is aiming for 4 Star Green Star building accreditation.

There will be an open landscape courtyard on level eight, and the residential corridors will be open for natural ventilation and light.

Make-over for Collins St bridge

The Collins St bridge in Docklands is to get a new look following a design competition sponsored by VicUrban.

Announcing the winner of the competition on July 25, VicUrban's Docklands general manager Simon Wilson said *Chroma* by Edwards Moore Architects was selected for its elegance and simplicity, with clever use of light and colour.

Mr Wilson said one of the reasons for the Design for an Active City project was to protect pedestrians from the elements.

"The bridge will eventually melt into the street landscape and will look and feel like other parts of Collins St, with buildings on both sides, continuous tree plantings and activity from pedestrians and trams," he said.

"However, while development is still in progress, there are sections of the bridge that are very exposed to the elements which is affecting the pedestrian experience from Southern Cross Station into Docklands."

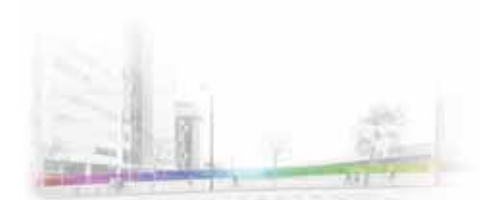
VicUrban will contribute \$25,000 towards construction of the piece. It partnered with the State of Design Festival to produce the project as part of the State of Design Festival 2011.

The installation is expected to be completed in October 2011, and will be in place for at least three months.

In their submission, the artists predicted that pedestrians would be tempted to "mingle with the dancing light and colours".

"Responding directly to the changes in light, shade and shadow to cast a seductive array of coloured light onto the pavement, and the pedestrians themselves. Step by step through this vibrant yet subtle rainbow gradation, pedestrians look out to the technicoloured landscape beyond: onto a coloured and emotional city. It is a dynamic interaction with a non-tangible aesthetic that is both poetic and emotive and constantly changing."

"It is a kaleidoscopic event: providing an opportunity for spontaneous delight in an otherwise rigorous routine, providing a moment of release and a touch of tenderness in this harsh industrial environment. Fuelling the imagination of the pedestrian and providing the catalyst for daydreaming and playfulness."



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'Dirtybuoys' cleans up in design contest

By Bethany Williams

"Dirtybuoys" won the Urban Realities design challenge at Docklands last month.

The team won \$20,000 for its design in the area in front of the Waterfront City Piazza.

The team created two walls, one of stacked clear plastic tubs and one of small sandwich bags pegged to a wire fence, filled with water from the harbour.

Melbourne Fringe CEO and member of the judging panel, Esther Anatolitis said the design was "sculptural, welcoming and curious".

She said that the design responded to every aspect of the site brief, was striking in form and also presented an analysis of the surrounding area, which attracted and engaged people.

The challenge involved 10 teams, made-up of 100 participants from around the world, designing and creating a public space in Docklands over 72 hours.

Over the three days of the competition, the teams could be seen running around Docklands in white space-like suits.

The event was the project of the Office of Urban Transformations research (OUTr), which exists within RMIT University.

The Urban Realities design challenge was run in conjunction with the State of Design



DirtyBuoys under construction half way through the 72 hours.

festival. Participants were required to respond to the festival theme "design that moves".

Teams comprised students and

professionals aged between 20 and 50, from disciplines including architecture, landscape architecture, art and design.

Competitors travelled from France, Germany,

Spain, South Korea, Greece, Denmark, Singapore, America, New Zealand and around Australia to take part in the event.

According to OUTr research fellow Kathryn English, this is the first time a competition like this has been held in Melbourne.

The event shares similarities with the range of renovation, construction and design reality shows currently airing on television.

Like these reality shows, the teams were given a budget of \$3000 to bring their ideas to life.

However, unlike television, the public was able to view the progress of each of the 10 sites in real-time.

Guided tours were provided for the public throughout the three days of construction. The tours visited each of the sites, allowing the public to see the development of the projects as they were realised.

According to Ms English, Docklands was chosen as it was an area of Melbourne that needed "activation".

"There needs to be a project in Docklands that can really relate to the public and get people down there," Ms English said.

"The design challenge offers alternate design solutions in a temporary manner, which might offer ideas for the future development of Docklands," she said.

Ms English said that OUTr was hoping to get post-event permits to allow some of the Urban Realities sites to remain in Docklands.

A local leg-up from Costco

Docklands businesses took advantage of Costco's pulling power on July 16 when the giant retailer allowed them to hawk their wares at its annual business fair.

In return for a \$200 donation to the Royal Children's Hospital traders could set up stalls to attract the 600 customers per hour who frequent Costco on a Saturday morning.

Among the stall holders was Destination Docklands, with executive officer Michelle Kemp busily recruiting customers to join the local loyalty card program, Docklander Deals.

Ms Kemp said the opportunity was well-appreciated by all the local businesses who took advantage of the offer.

(Right) Destination Docklands executive officer Michelle Kemp signs up a Costco customer for the Docklander Deals program.



Steady at the chamber

It's "steady as she goes" on the Docklands Chamber of Commerce with largely the same executive committee being returned for 2011/12.

President Keith Rankin and vice-president Elena Tsapatolis are still leading the team comprising Rick Deering (treasurer) and

committee members Stephen Clement, Bert Frigo, Sally Hewitt, Joh Maxwell and John McGaw.

(From left) Keith Rankin, Sally Hewitt, Stephen Clement, Elena Tsapatolis, Rick Deering, John McGaw, Bert Frigo and Ilona Way. Committee member Joh Maxwell was absent on business and Nandini Bose was (as usual) too busy holding the whole show together working.

Mr Rankin paid tribute to the contribution of retiring member Don Jones. He also thanked staff members Nandini Bose (secretary) and Ilona Way (executive officer).



Shane Crawford



Grant Hackett



Brodie Harper

Channel Nine gets behind Docklands

Channel Nine is throwing its considerable marketing reach behind its newly-adopted home and is already pitching in to help promote Docklands.

Nine has been working with the City of Melbourne on a winter marketing campaign to bring more visitors to Docklands, contributing valuable in-kind airtime.

The TV station worked with the council to produce a small promotional video which was played regularly during July on the big screens at Waterfront City and Federation Square.

Channel Nine broadcast its weather from Docklands one night and mentioned our

precinct during its weekend news bulletin.

A Nine spokesperson said the broadcaster wanted to do everything it could to support its new adopted home.

Destination Docklands has also been working with the network culminating with the airing of a 20-minute Docklands segment on the popular Sunday afternoon *Postcards* show on July 17.



Glen Moriarty

Destination Docklands executive officer Michelle Kemp said more than 200,000 viewers watched the segment, which was a great return on investment of two cents per viewer.

The show was designed to demonstrate just how accessible Docklands is with its various celebrity presenters arriving by boat, bicycle, tram, train and car.



Lauren Phillips

After the production, two *Postcards* presenters told *Docklands News* what they thought of our suburb.

Grant Hackett said: "The Docklands is a new and exciting part of Melbourne with many hidden treasures across the precinct. It's great for exploring the different shops and restaurants available and then it's only a short walk back into the city."

Brodie Harper said: "I don't know what I had more fun doing - ice skating or shopping. Last time I tried ice-skating I was only a kid and I admit I was a little nervous at first but I had so much fun. I also found some great bargains and new favourite shops at Harbour Town."

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CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Sotano Wine and Tapas

Classy food let down by unsophisticated service.

Mostly, I forget that I'm old. But when I walked into Sotano and caught sight of the bar staff, my first thought was "Oh my! They look so young!" And when you're using expressions like "Oh my!", I guess it's only a matter of time before you're playing gin rummy and talking through your gums.

Youth alone however, has never been a crime. Unsophisticated service however, really gets my goat.

After consulting the wine list, I opted for a 2008 Lillydale Estate Chardonnay. My request at the bar however was met with a blank stare, some casual, unhurried consulting with other members of the bar and then the indifferent news that this month, they were serving the Lucinda Estate Reserve. I knew the replacement drop was a goody so I didn't dwell on it.

My friend was drinking (or so she thought)

a Hawkes Bay Merlot. When requesting a refill - another look of confusion - as it turns out the entire wine list was last month's. All of which I may have been able to stomach - had it not been for the fact that no-one had pointed this out first time around - they'd just given her a different merlot. Maybe her fault for drinking merlot - but still!

When asking if there was a new wine list I could see - well let me just tell you - if I doubted my age before, the young girl's look left me in no doubt whatsoever that I was not only old, but I was a bother. Hmph. And there was no new list available.

I mean for a wine bar, on a Friday night, at a venue like The Hilton - just not acceptable.

Thankfully however, the wines themselves were very good, and when the food stepped in, the evening picked up considerably.

Sotano's has modelled itself on an authentic Catalan tapas bar, "with a touch of Australian flair". You can choose your own selection of cheeses, cured meats or tapas, but the "wooden boards" are recommended and for

good reason.

We went with the Siesta Board, which for \$48 contained a bit of everything - a firm-to-bite and smoky Jamon Serrano, some delightfully spicy and thinly-shaved Istrian salami and some amazing tapas.

The duck rilette was a stand-out, particularly with the aid of the quince paste to cut through the richness. The meat balls, slightly pink inside with a gamey flavour, worked surprisingly well with the rich cuttlefish sauce, and the picked green chillies helped balance out the plate.

The little tiny patatas, partly hollowed out with a filling of paprika-y, spicy, tomato sauce and a dollop of aioli, were divine.

I had to be convinced to try the bread and butter pudding for dessert - apparently a specialty. And now I'd like to convince you. Expecting something thick and stodgy - this pudding defied all logic - light, soft and cinnamony. It felt more like a gourmet cinnamon doughnut than the bread and butter puddings of old, and the vanilla bean

ice-cream was excellent. My only complaint was that I could have done with slightly bigger servings!

Sotano's fit-out is fantastic - big, roomy, yet with intimate spaces and a fabulous suspended cellar "hanging" from the ceiling. I'd go again, but I'd like to think the service will step up to appropriately match the venue before too much damage to its reputation is done.

PS. Not you Sarah, you were ok.

Overall rating ★★☆☆☆

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Good News for Docklanders!

What a fabulous July it has been in Docklands! The Good News Bill column enjoyed the most online visitations of any story on the Docklands News website. So a big thank you to all of you!

We have seen fireworks every Friday night in Victoria Harbour and, for those of you who have joined "Docklander Deals" – you will know that there are some great dining treats out there for you to explore. Have a look at the DocklanderDeals.com website, and if you are not already a member – join up – it's free!

Channel Nine's *Postcards* came to Docklands in July. Shane Crawford, Grant Hackett and Brodie Harper showcased all the great things there are to see and do. Shane Crawford visited some of the local restaurants including Woolshed, Berth, ManMo and Dock 31. Brodie Harper went to Harbour Town and visited the Medibank Icehouse to pick up some ice skating tips. She also was shown the ancient art of curling. Grant Hackett spent time at Yarra's Edge visiting

Bistro Vite. *Postcards* directed viewers to the DestinationDocklands.com.au to enter a competition to win some great Docklands experiences.

What about the Medibank Icehouse? Did you know they play ice hockey there? The August schedule is available on line. Go to: www.icehouse.com.au/home/ice-hockey/aihl-schedule. Medibank Icehouse is home to the Groove Train Mustangs and the Melbourne Ice. There are six dates in August if you want to go along and see a match. Have you thought about having a go at ice skating? Well you can, because the Icehouse is offering free ice skating lessons for a limited time only. They are run on Tuesday to Friday nights at 7pm and more frequently on weekends.

Over in Harbour Town the Wonderland Fun Park ran a Circus Spectacular – Bubble Storm Show for kids during school holidays. It has been "full house" down there! On show were circus stunts from Australia's top circus performers hula hooping, acrobatics, juggling and daring aerial delights.

August activities include Footy Fun Passes – just come in your favourite footy team's gear to qualify. It runs from 11am-2pm weekends. Keep an eye out for their charity Saturday events too!. Watch this space for what Wonderland Fun Park has planned for the future. They have some great things on the drawing board and you won't want to miss out. More in this column as details are firmed up.

Chocolate Rush Chocolate Festival is set to take place on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. Melbourne will be inundated by chocolate lovers from across Australia and the world as they converge on Docklands to learn more about their favourite pastime. Indulge your sweet tooth with activities that include a chocolate market, ChocFest Chocolate Film Competition, Australian Chocolate Championships, chocolate education and much more. All this at Shed 4, Victoria Harbour.

The great Cadel Evans wins the Tour de France! There will no doubt be a civic reception held in Melbourne to mark this historic occasion. It would be a tremendous boost for Docklands if we can convince the decision-makers to start and finish the Cadel Evans parade here. Imagine the number of people that would come to Docklands if this were to happen.

Local Docklands businesses need to start talking to the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, and both local and State Government. I am pleased to tell you that I have had a personal call from the Hon Ted Baillieu and the secretary to the State Tourism Minister, Louise Asher, acknowledging receipt of my emails. They say whilst there are no guarantees, the idea will be tabled along with a range of others. You have to ask for it, if you want it to happen.

I've had some great responses to the idea of a monorail for Docklands. Some people think it is a great idea to get around Docklands in a single loop, taking in the sights of the harbour and view of Docklands. Others say it is just plain ugly! Feel free to comment through my online column.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Jamii Lynn

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Purple flannel shirt, Grab jeans, black Vans and an Icon harmonica necklace.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Individual. Like a couple of years ago I was wearing a large flannel shirt as a dress and a few people were saying: "Oh my God she's a farmer!" And now flannel shirts are in, so I guess you could say trendsetter as well.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Frankston, but I've been living in Spain and England for the past couple of years.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

I usually wear cut up T-shirts. I buy them extra large, cut off the sleeves and then use the fabric to make a Y-back.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Personal style. Everyone has a different body-shape and lifestyle. You should wear what suits you.

Almira Nezig

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Black tights, red ankle boots and Zara skirt, black leather jacket and Christopher Chromess shirt, Maharani collection Marcasite sterling silver ring.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I would say adventurous, daring, fashionable and sophisticated. I quiet like the 1940s look of Audrey Hepburn in the movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work here at the men's clothing store Bell & Barnett.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm a local.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Definitely my Karen Millen classy dresses.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Knowing how to put it together. You also have to know how to wear it and pull it off.

Paul Kennett

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Black skinny leg jeans, shirt and leather jacket. Gold nail necklace and bronze Mine boots.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

It's kind of classy, but grungy at the same time. A bit of everything thrown together at once, kind of a *Grease* look.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at FB Salons.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Balwyn.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

I love my Mine boots.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Never use more than three colours, have a feature/statement piece. Accessories make the outfit. Even the slightest little accessory can make a difference.



Cycling chic

By Nicola St John

Fresh from watching the peleton in the Tour de France, it's only natural that cycling has become fashion's latest accessory.

But before you 'Yell for Cadel', there's more to cycling this season than a neon array of synthetics and razor-sharp calves. Forget helmet hair and chafing, designers are producing their own cycling couture, making it effortless to wear practical outfits while looking good.

The Sartorialist (aka Scoot Schuman) has devoted a whole section of his world-renowned fashion blog to lovely ladies pushing pedals. Levi's has designed a line of "cycling clothes" for the upcoming summer collections "The Commuter". And for those die-hard fashionistas, you could try and get your hands on the Chanel bike by Karl Lagerfeld. US\$13,595 will buy you a lot of detailed, quilted leather seat, jeweled pant clips and inscribed saddlebag.

Philip Lim's autumn/winter 2011 "look-book" *Girls on Bikes* features stylish girls cycling about effortlessly, exploring fleeting moments in urban cities. He mixes sport and luxe with beautiful tailored dresses and tuxedos in shades of soft rose, pistachio and grey.

It's time to leave the sports geeks in the dust of their mountain bike trail and move on to something more sophisticated.

If you'd rather leave cycling in killer-heels while holding an umbrella in one hand to the professionals, perhaps think about investing in some tr s chic and practical metallic or suede flats. Also keep your hands free and handlebars unencumbered with an across-the-body bag in this season's luxurious leathers in amber, coral and camel tones.

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Hello again to everybody. I trust you are all well. I am home from overseas but not happy about coming back to the cold weather.

Firstly, I must apologise for the postponement of the social night which had been planned for late July. The DCA committee made the decision because of the cold weather as it was felt that not enough people would attend. In any event, arrangements had not been finalised nor had notices been issued so no great harm was done apart from disappointing some people. The main function will be held in early December.

Following advice from DN editor Shane Scanlan that council has delayed approving construction of the proposed community centre and library, I supplied a response which is contained elsewhere in this edition.

Our concern is the complete lack of community consultation on what is a community facility. They are giving it over to a developer which raises a major concern in regard to proper location, size, access and parking. We don't want it shoe-horned in like everything else. The same applies to the proposed school.

We are writing to VicUrban and the council requesting greater attention to traffic planning in relation to new construction. Insufficient attention is adding to the congestion which is already in a bad way.

Trying to get people to use public transport is a totally inadequate solution. Many still of course drive in and out. Additional high-rise buildings coming on stream add to the number of vehicles using the confined road-space.

There is also the matter of access. In the case of NewQuay, for example, the cramming in of additional buildings is adding to poor vehicle road access and the effect on side road traffic appears to be disregarded.

In many cases, adjoining residents and

workers are ignored by developers. We are seeking to redress this too.

This also raises the question of how many high-rise buildings are allowed to be built in a given area and what space is left between them. The planning scheme doesn't appear to say. We will be following this up.

We keep members updated on the Harbour Esplanade works which continue slowly. The proposed Western Park development continues to languish in limbo.

Rumour has it that MAB Corporation plans to remove the big tent in Waterfront City and erect a high-rise building in its place. That would be another deplorable loss to development of one of the few remaining public spaces in Docklands. We call on VicUrban to object but we won't hold our breath.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep members informed of coming events via council listings and notices from The Hub which houses a host of activities for all ages. We hope that many of you take advantage of these leisure activities.

If any reader would like to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward regarding activities or issues, they are welcome to contact us on **docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com**. If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on **0412 097 706**. You can also keep up with things on our website **www.docklandscommunityassociation.com**.

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

“You should be careful of what you wish for”.

I remember these words being frequently said to me, as a youngster, and now increasingly as I grow up. (I point-blank refuse to say “older”, on the grounds that I’m already mildly freaking out about an upcoming birthday. A big birthday. I’m just ignoring it. It might go away.)

It never really made sense to me before. I mean you’re pretty clear when you want something, right? Obviously you’re wishing for something you really, really want, and if you really, really want it, it could never be wrong for you, right? Besides, it never seemed to me that you got what you wished for anyway, so you never really had a chance to experience this post-wish regret.

I wished fervently as a child – on every evening star, on every eyelash, and every tiny pink birthday candle – I wished for a pony. Perfect for me, in my backyard, in inner suburbia. Well it never arrived and, whilst we’ll never know for sure, I still think

I wouldn’t regret it. (I can feel my mother rolling her eyes – in a very *exaggerated* way!)

But I have had a chance to experience a little “post-wish anxiety” lately. My son, in our new “après house fire” rental property, wished he could have a puppy.

And you wouldn’t believe it but, that Sunday afternoon, a puppy walked up the driveway. It was instant love for my son. The pup had no collar, looked slightly mangle, was kind of orange and black (seriously) and looked like it could have been mastiff bred with something else illegal – or a hyena.

It’s puppy teeth tore through his jeans, drew blood from his little knee and promptly fell asleep in his arms.

You just know this one’s not going to end well.

Long story short, it was a true wanderer and escaped my son’s lovingly-set-up dog haven, to be free. Some things we wish for bring a little bit of joy and then a big bit of pain and

we wish they hadn’t shown up at all.

I too have found myself wishing for things lately – an emotionally available man to come into my life, for example. “Zing”, wish granted. But he was too, well, emotional and very, very, very ... nice (always the kiss of death for me). It became awkward.

Then I wished I could lose just a little bit of weight. “Zing”, wish granted – I got food poisoning. Definitely not what I meant. And then I just put the weight right back on.

You see? Sometimes when we really, really wish for something, we might get it, but it doesn’t necessarily mean we’re going to be better or happier for it.

Now, in my opinion, wishing for something is very different to having a “dream”. A dream is something you nurture. It’s well thought out. It’s reflective of our goals. It can motivate and nourish our soul to know what we dream of – where we’re trying to go, what

we’re trying to achieve. But simply wishing for random things you think are going to fulfil your life, well – be careful what you wish for.

Which reminds me of the other saying I heard a lot as a kid, and find myself repeating as an adult, “quit wishing for what you don’t have, and start appreciating what you do”.

So I am focusing on my wonderful peaceful single life, my fantastic businesses and the plans I have for them, my gorgeous (dog-less) son, and I’m going to quit “wishing” for my perfect man (or my ex for that matter) to turn up or any other crazy thing and just be open enough to try to trust that life is taking the path it’s meant to.

But I don’t see the harm in wishing I could win lotto. I really don’t.

Till next month!

Abby x



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

August 5

St Kilda V Fremantle

This match will be an interesting one as we are seeing some consistent performance from St Kilda. This is because the captain of the team Nick is running through a lucky period and his destiny is active. So expect to see brilliant performance from St Kilda on August 5 as they march towards victory against Fremantle.

August 6

Geelong V Gold Coast

I expect a good performance from the Gold Coast boys but the Geelong Cats adds up to the number 42 which is equal to six – the same as the day of the match – and hence the match will go to Geelong.

August 7

West Coast V Richmond

Well clearly everyone must be thinking West Coast to win easily but it won’t happen this way as the day is lucky for Richmond which adds up to the number 31 and goes well with seven which is the date of the match. Hence, I believe it’s a Richmond victory.

August 12

St Kilda V Collingwood

This is surely going to be very interesting match as the captain of the Collingwood team will perform very well as the date goes well with his date of birth. But all is not well for Collingwood as the date 12th gels well with the St Kilda captain Nick. I predict a close fighting game which St Kilda shall win in the end.

August 19

Carlton V Hawthorn

People will think that this match can tilt in either direction but, as Carlton adds up to the number seven (which gels well with August 19), I feel there is every chance that Carlton will win. Carlton is my favourite team to win AFL Premiership.

August 21

Sydney V St Kilda

What a golden time for St Kilda captain! This is another match St Kilda shall win as it gels well with the St Kilda captain and St Kilda adds to the number nine which goes well with the date of the match. So all in all, go Saints.



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Show dad how much you love him this Father's Day, Sunday 4th September, with a gift from Harbour Town Shopping Centre at Waterfront City, Docklands. There are unbelievable offers including a FREE game of golf for every dad on Father's Day at Glow Golf, FREE cufflinks (pictured) with every shirt purchase from Sterling & Viceroy, and so much more.

Venue: Harbour Town Shopping Centre

When: Now through to September 4th 2011



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Docklands Sunday Market

The Docklands Sunday Market offers a range of arts and crafts. You'll find paintings, jewellery and much more from the talented craftspeople of Melbourne.

When: Every Sunday 10am – 5pm

Venue: Undercover next to the Waterfront City Pavilion

Cost: FREE

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High energy snow play at Harbour Town

The Verlaque boys experienced snow for the first time last month when they came to Docklands.

The family recently moved to Sunbury from Western Australia and mother of four Eloise faced the school holiday period proactively by searching the internet for suitable activities.

When she saw Harbour Town's snow play activity she knew she was on a winner.

Docklands News spent only a few minutes with the high-octane team of Bailey 7, Eden 6, Shannon 4 and Christian 3, and just

watching was exhausting.

We salute you Eloise. And we're glad that Docklands could offer a great activity to extract some energy from the boisterous boys.

Olivia and Jason are the 'dudes'

Olivia Spurling and Jason Camerino won the 2011 Victorian *Cosmopolitan* model search and DOB in a Dude model search at Harbour Town last month.

Jason said he was "very surprised" to be announced the winner of the search.

An electrician by trade, the 23-year-old competed against five others in the final to be named Victoria's DOB in a Dude winner.

The DOB in a Dude model search was launched this year by *Cosmopolitan*.

This is not the first time Jason has been involved in modelling. He came second

in the Blush Photography Hottest Hunk competition earlier this year and has modelled for *Natural Bodz* magazine and fitness clothing company Black and Blue.

"I'd like to continue modelling if the opportunity comes up," Jason said.

16-year-old Olivia was also surprised when she was announced the female winner of the model search. "I was quite shocked but also happy," she said.

The Presentation College student had never modelled before the competition and entered it in the hope of gaining some experience.



Jason and Olivia show off their trophies.

Letter to the Editor



Traffic issues

Councillor Peter Clarke's appointment as chairman of the new Urban Renewal Authority is a good move.

His first decision should be to sack the person at VicUrban who was responsible for reducing Harbour Esplanade from two lanes each way to one lane each way.

It has created huge traffic problems for Docklands.

With the Government intending to develop E-Gate and Fisherman's Bend, the extra traffic this will bring to Docklands will be massive.

Wurundjeri Way is already gridlocked at peak hour and will need to be four lanes each way. But buildings are being built too close to Wurundjeri Way to allow for the road's expansion.

The Lorimer St turnoff already gets backed up at peak hour. Imagine what it will be like in the future with extra traffic going to Fisherman's Bend.

Bourke St should have been extended from the CBD as Collins Street was. Bourke St in Docklands is a car park that goes nowhere and it will get worse.

Thanks VicUrban.

Christopher Box

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Sam's Chargers challenge stereotypes

Melbourne's first gay rugby union team is on its way to an international world cup and Docklands resident Sam Minter is leading the way.

The National Foods employee first started playing with Australia's first gay rugby union team, the Sydney Convicts, in 2003.

When he joined the Convicts his motivation was to represent Australia in the Bingham Cup, a rugby tournament of up to 30 teams of gay men held every two years.

Sam and his Charger team-mates challenge homophobia in sport. Sam says his sport is diverse and the Bingham Cup shows that rugby union accepts gay people.

"It's good for the gay community to see members of their community being involved in a sport that people thought was inaccessible," Sam said.

As a child Sam always wanted to play rugby. But fears of not being good enough and being bullied because of his sexual orientation held him back.

"A lot of gay men grow up feel isolated from playing sport, especially team sport," Sam said.

Sam moved to Melbourne for work two years ago. He is pleased with the move and appreciates the opportunity to live and work in the same area.

Docklands has fast become Sam's training ground. He goes on regular jogs to maintain his form and works out at a local gym.

Sam and his teammates are working hard to fundraise for their bid to make it to the



Bingham Cup next year. If successful, it will be Melbourne's first time at the cup.

"My main goal is to ensure a successful tour of Manchester for the cup next year," he said.

"Rugby touring is an unbelievable amount of fun and the best way to travel is with 25 of your closest mates."

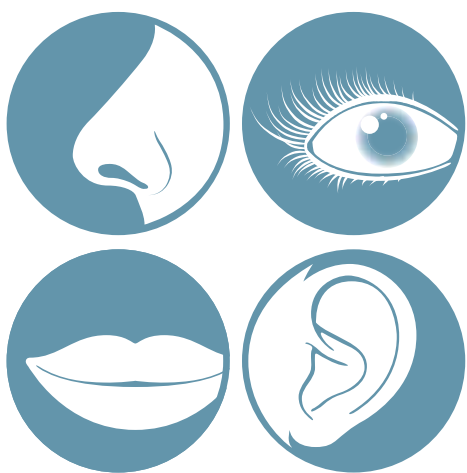
"For any suburban rugby player to represent

their country overseas is a really special feeling," he said.

The team is receiving an overwhelming amount of support and is creating a real "buzz" in its community.

"If you're a gay rugby player this is one of those once in lifetime things you have to do," Sam said.

By Yasemin Pelevan



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

Good karma for Daniel

Docklands real estate agent Daniel Cole has been rewarded in an unexpected way for his support of flood victims at February's Docklands News' community fundraising event.

Daniel bought an executive health check "Essentials" package from Epworth Hospital at silent auction. And it was a good thing he did.

The silent auction was listed in our catalogue with a tag line - "Don't die wondering!"

The Epworth test revealed that Daniel has haemochromatosis, a generically transmitted disorder which causes the body to absorb more iron than usual from food.

Because the disorder has been diagnosed, Daniel can effectively manage the condition. But if it had gone on undiagnosed, it could have had serious health consequences later in life.

Left untreated, organs such as the liver, heart and pancreas are affected and ultimately damaged.

"People laughed at me when I told them I had bought the package," Daniel said. "But I really wanted it and I'm so glad I did."

Mr Cole revealed that his GP had failed to detect the haemochromatosis.

He encouraged other middle-aged men to get a thorough health check.

"Blokes tend to ignore their health but they do so at their own peril," he said.



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Bob is a sensitive soul

NewQuay pooch Bob is a sensitive soul. Outwardly he is full of energy and bravado but owners Andrew Stevenson and Nicole Lorenz have revealed his secret fear.

Bob is scared of flies. And he retreats to the safety of the shower when threatened.

"He doesn't like the fireworks much either," Andrew said.

But Andrew and Nicole wouldn't have him any other way. The couple moved into the Nolan with Bob about a year ago.

They love it here in Docklands and Andrew says they should have made the move from Melton earlier.

"We had a backyard there but Bob's always been an inside dog so he's made a good transition to apartment living," Andrew said.

Aviation engineering student Andrew and

law student Nicole love the lifestyle and location that Docklands offers.

And their two-and-a-half-year-old foxy Jack Russell cross couldn't be happier chasing balls around the Waterfront City Piazza on his daily walk.

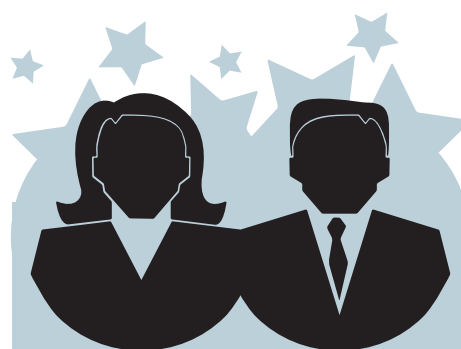
"He's a bit of a pampered pooch," Andrew said. "But I think that's very common here in Docklands."

Bob likes to be involved in everything at home. He sits close-by on a chair when the cooking is being done. And he has been known to fall asleep on the books during a serious study session.

MADE IN HEAVEN WITH ANGELINA MAY

How compatible are you and your partner?

Check the astrological charts by emailing yours and your partners' birthdate and time to heaven@docklandsnews.com.au



John Travolta **Kelly Preston**

Mars in Sagittarius	Mars in Leo
Jupiter in Pisces	Venus in Pisces
North Node in Leo	North Node in Capricorn

Is this love or lust?

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

John:

John Travolta has come a long way from his early years of extreme emotionalism. He can at times be moody and needy. With his north node in Capricorn, his struggle in life is to take charge and make rational decisions based on fact rather than unbridled emotion. Kelly would have been a very significant influence in this area as she can have a very detached perspective with a view to finding solutions that work and not just "feel good".

John has succeeded on his personal path by overcoming his propensity of depending on others to emerge as a success in his own right.

I would imagine though that behind his success is very much the strength confidence and leadership abilities of Kelly. He would be lost without her and most probably would lose his sense of strength.

Kelly:

Whilst Kelly has the tenacity and intelligence to lead the ship, she may have at times lived vicariously through John, perhaps even being resentful at times.

She thrives on being one half of a successful partnership and enjoys the trappings that go with being Mrs John Travolta.

Her path in life is to follow her own star but it seems that even though she has enjoyed some success, she still prefers to give her all to the relationship.

John's success is her success and it works for both of them.

She is crafty and capable of getting whatever she wants from John, all the while making him think it was his decision. We women could all take a leaf from her book.

Possible conflicts:

The two areas I see both of them struggling with is firstly that John is very much driven by hard work, sacrifice and long-term goals through sustained effort. Kelly on the other hand may often opt for the quick fix. She would rather skirt over an issue than have it ruin a perfectly good thing. She can appear to be a butterfly at times floating where the air is sweet and free with no strong emotional responses to heavy intimate issues. This may actually balance John's extreme emotionalism.

Secondly Kelly has her mood in Aries. Under that cool exterior she often flares with anger and sharp cutting words. John's moon is not particularly well placed with Kelly's so he doesn't understand this sudden rage but he is pliable enough to give in to her when he needs to. He would enjoy being of service to her.

Outcome of relationship:

All in all, John Travolta and Kelly Preston have enough sweet tender aspects to overcome the above (and then some). They are unusually lucky together and can weather storms by overcoming them together and transforming both each other and their relationship. This has been very apparent with the death of their son Jett and birth of their new son. They will always come out of any crisis, stronger and better. A good match.



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"Our iPhone app uses GPS and can tell you where our closest car is, plus you can book it right there on your phone," he said.

There are also the obvious environmental advantages that share cars bring.

"Every share car on the road is equivalent of 15 cars off it," Paul said.

With the company's growth in Docklands (its car on Batman's Hill Drive is already the most popular in Melbourne), we can hope that it will help with congestion at peak hour as well.

Paul knows share cars are only going to become more popular as the idea spreads across the city, saying: "Melbourne has approximately 150 share cars, while London has around 5000. There is room to grow here."

If you want to be involved with this transport revolution, you can find out more about Green Share Car by visiting its website www.greensharecar.com.au or give them a call on 1300 575 878.

BIG BOY'S TOY



Docklands' Trikeman Alan Maxwell has a new toy and the big fella couldn't be happier.

Alan and Joh Maxwell have operated from their Bourke St shopfront for less than a year, so the new addition to the trike fleet is a healthy sign of expansion.

According to Alan, the new OzTrike Chopper 4 Dominator goes like the proverbial-from-a-shovel, being fitted with a hot cam and dual Solex carbies.

"It's a big boy's toy," he grinned. "The power to weight ratio is unbelievable. Listen to that motor. It just throbs."

The "Dominator" is the fourth trike in the fleet, which means the business can now take groups of 10 on a variety of courses and options. The Maxwells also have a sister business Trikeman Billboards, which has three custom-built trailers for getting the most out of an advertising campaign.

The Victoria Point residents are well and truly committed to Docklands, with Joh also occupying an executive position on the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

Considering that the winter months are less attractive to take an open air tour, Alan is very upbeat about the growth of the business.

"In July we've done tours five days of every week and we've got forward bookings up until Christmas," he said.

"When you think back to this time last year, we were doing nothing."

"We think we have got the tour 'experience' right now," he said. "From now on its all about just getting the word out there and increase our profile."

"And we've still not had a grumpy customer."

A NEW PHASE FOR ROBYN AND CHRISTINE

Robyn Smith moved into Docklands more than two years ago and, within minutes, she was hooked.

"It's the lifestyle here," Robyn said, adding "It's like living on holidays, all year round!"

After falling in love with the area, it was natural progression for her and business partner Christine Dalziel to begin operating their aged care placement and support service - NewPhase Consultancy - from Docklands.

Finding aged care can be a very difficult and stressful task for many families, so Robyn and Christine aim to make it easier.

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"Aged care should be seen as the next phase of your life, not the end phase," Robyn said, explaining how they came up with their business name.

It is obvious from talking to Robyn that she has a passion for aged care, and is moving the business into the advocacy side of aged care on top of what they already do.

"We want to make changes to aged care. We want to make improvements, with a fresh approach," Robyn said.

It is this sense of responsibility that sets NewPhase Consultancy apart. Robyn and Christine want to make every stage of what is an emotionally-draining process as easy as possible.

This is particularly helpful in Docklands as we are quite often time poor. "We will come and meet in your office - so that you don't have to go out of your way," Robyn said.

For NewPhase Consultancy, the most important thing is to take care of the loved one.

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ANNE HINES, 60
Interior designer

Anne's fondest memory of Docklands was the World's Longest Lunch, seven years ago. She enjoyed the marvellous dishes and exciting entertainment provided. Food still plays a part in Anne's appreciation as she enjoys the variety of restaurants and eating a plate of fish and chips by Victoria Harbour.



DONAL CROWE, 22
Waiter, Outback Jack's Bar and Grill

Donal says the best part about working in Docklands is the fun, friendly vibe it gives off. Outback Jack's Bar and Grill is a family-friendly restaurant that gives him an opportunity to work with people of all ages, which is always a nice change of pace.



SHANELE CHRISTIANSSON 21
Sales assistant, Marco Polo

Though Shanele would prefer the business life of Docklands to be busier, she still enjoys the calm, tranquil atmosphere. She loves that Docklands is close to the city and she can enjoy the hectic city life, whilst also being able to return home to the quiet and peaceful surroundings of Docklands.



MAUREEN NEILSON, 52
Shop assistant, Toyworld

Maureen has worked in Docklands for three years. She likes going out for meals in Docklands with friends from work and loves to take a walk around when the weather is nice. Maureen enjoys the interaction she has with her customers and thinks that people who live and shop in Docklands are very friendly. She finds Docklands a very cheerful place to work. Maureen thinks that more locals should take their lead from the many tourists who visit Docklands and come find out how great it is.



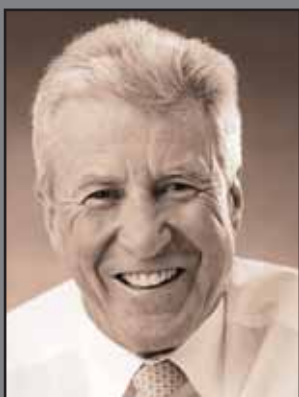
DWI DETOMO, 24
Shop assistant, Rebel Sport

Dwi enjoys the time he spends in Docklands because of the people he works with and the happy customers that come into his store. He also likes working in Docklands because of the close proximity of his workplace to Costco, where he is a member. Dwi doesn't spend all that much time in Docklands apart from work at the moment. However, he thinks that might change when the Southern Star Observation Wheel re-opens.



CLAIRE WHEELER, 22
Casual retail assistant, Factorie

Claire's favourite part about working in Docklands is the cheap parking, which is located nearby. She also likes the great shopping and bargains that can easily be found. Although it does get quite busy on the weekends, Clare enjoys working in Docklands because her customers are usually very friendly.



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Docklands paddlers off to world champs

By Bethany Williams

Members of two Docklands dragon boat teams will compete at the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Championships this month in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Some 16 members of the Melbourne Flames and two members of Dragon Masters will join 160 others from around the country on the Australian Dragon Boat Team.

The Melbourne Flames and Dragon Masters have been training in Docklands since 2006.

The coach of the Melbourne Flames, Serghei Cusca, will join members of his team as coach of the Australian dragon boat team.

Serghei is a former advisor to the Soviet Union canoeing team. He moved to Australia in 1997 and was introduced to dragon boating the following year and started coaching the Flames in 2005.

Karen Morris, 42, is one of the Flames who made it onto the Australian team.

Karen, who is originally from England, said she initially got involved with dragon boating because it was different, was competitive and was a way to meet different people.

"I decided to try out for the Australian team to learn more about the sport, to be more competitive and to try to reach the top level I can be at," she said.



Docklands paddlers tear up the water on their way to the world championships. Photography David Simmonds.

However, making it onto the team was not an easy process.

Karen said the Australian selection involved an initial fitness test, a written application and several camps, which tested fitness, performance and technique.

Most team members combine training with full-time work. After making it onto the team, members must also commit to a strict training schedule.

Mr Cusca said: "At this stage team members must complete a minimum of six training

sessions per week, which include at least four paddling sessions on the water and two gym sessions."

The team trains in basically all weather conditions. "We are probably going to race in 30 degree plus heat in Tampa, but I know in Canberra they are training in minus four," Serghei said.

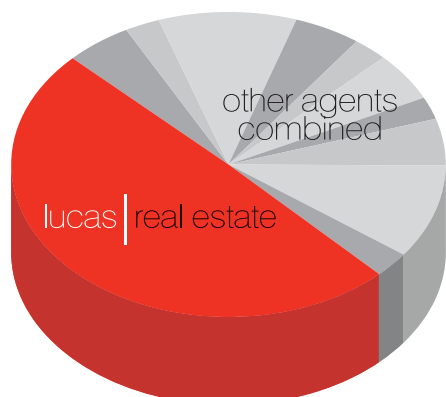
The championships will involve five days of competition, which includes 200-metre races, 500-metre races, 1000-metre races and 2000-metre races.

Members of the Australian team will compete in three categories, premiers (under 40), masters (40 plus) and grand masters (50 plus).

The Australian Dragon Boat Team left for the IDBF World Championships in Tampa on July 27 and 28 and competes in its last race on August 8.

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