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NewQuay is united

MAB Corporation has united NewQuay into a single precinct with the purchase of the Victoria Harbour section of Waterfront City from ING Real Estate Development.

It plans to construct five new buildings in the area over the next four years, including a hotel on the waterfront end of the current Waterfront City Piazza.

The rest of the piazza will become a park and MAB says the hotel will shelter the area from prevailing south-easterly winds. It is unclear what will become of the statues of Dame Edna, Kylie and friends.

Some 90,000 sqm of mainly residential development is proposed, which MAB says will add up to 2000 new residents, hotel guests and workers to NewQuay.

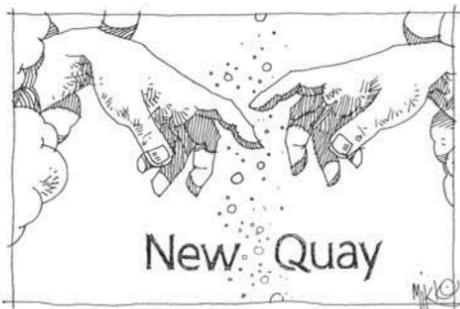
To be known as NewQuay Central, the initiative links MAB's long-established NewQuay East with its new low-rise NewQuay West residential area, which stretches along Victoria Harbour to the Bolte Bridge.

Its deal with ING has been an open secret in Docklands, but the announcement was only made on August 31.

MAB has submitted a master plan to VicUrban and the Department of Planning and Community Development and has announced a series of community consultations on its proposal.

Two sessions have been announced for September 13 and 14 from 6.30 pm at the former Fix tenancy - up the stairs behind the piazza big screen.

MAB says it bought the land between Docklands Drive and NewQuay Promenade from ING in an off-market transaction for an undisclosed sum.



It has developed the master plan for the area with Melbourne architects DKO, but it says each building will be designed by a different architectural firm.

ING Real Estate Developments CEO Greg Boyd said: "We are thrilled with the announcement as we have been working for many years with MAB towards this outcome."

"This scheme will provide a green, north-sun-facing public park to the south boundary of Harbour Town and also connect, as one, the currently-severed east and west NewQuay precincts," Mr Boyd said.

"It will also allow ING to concentrate on the Harbour Town Shopping Centre, the Icehouse and the rebuilding of the wheel."

A MAB spokesperson said: "The scheme will revitalise the existing retail, community and public realm by creating a major public park, residential buildings and an international hotel!"

"The park will be one of the largest green

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Deadline for the October edition is
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Doggies' Day Out

Docklands, prepare your pets because Sunday, September 25 is Dogs' Day Out.

Running for two hours from 10 am at Victoria Green, Victoria Harbour, the day will be action-packed with the mains events (and prizes for): Doggie Dressup; Stupid Doggie Tricks and a prize for the dog and owner who most look alike.

Other attractions will include: Pet grooming demonstrations, agility demonstration and vets will be on hand to give advice.

The City of Melbourne's animal management team will be there to talk about responsible pet ownership and will have plenty of goodies and giveaways to distribute such as free showbags with brochures, dog waste bags and sample cat/dog food.

Animal care experts will be there to advise on behaviour and training. And owners will also be able to talk with dog walkers, pet minding services and have a portrait taken.

Participants are asked to donate old towels, sheets and toys for the Save a Dog Scheme.

The Dogs' Day Out is sponsored by Lend Lease, the City of Melbourne and *Docklands News*. A local committee is meeting fortnightly to firm up the details.

For further information, contact Karen Woo on 9643 0014.



The Big Things Tour drops by

With 17,000 BIG kilometres behind them, the Henderson family dropped into Docklands on August 13 for a little spoiling and a well-earned rest.

Sean and Kylie Henderson and their two boys Sam, 10, and Josh, 9, were in the home-straight of their around-Australia-by-trike-adventure, having left Coffs Harbour NSW on June 4.

"I can't believe I'm in Melbourne. I've never been to Melbourne before," gushed Kylie as she took her helmet off on Central Pier.

"It's so much more colourful than I imagined," she said looking across Victoria Harbour to the NAB headquarters.

The family was on a mission to be the first to complete the epic trip on a trike. But their

trip was also special as a pilgrimage to the nation's "big things".

Having become engaged 18 years ago at Queensland's Big Pineapple, they have always had a thing for Australia's "big" tourist attractions. Buying a trike tours business and operating out of the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour cemented the passion for the BIG things.

So "The Big Things" tour was conceptualised, planned and ultimately undertaken.

The family had 125 BIG things on its 94-day-whirlwind-itinerary. But a BIG seven-day

breakdown on the Nullarbor meant a sprint to the finish and the promise of a second tour of South Australia and regional Victoria.

The Hendersons came to Docklands at the invitation of our own Trikeman, Alan Maxwell, who operates Tours on Trike in Bourke St.

Three of Alan's trikes escorted the Hendersons from Little River into Docklands where they were shouted a slap-up feed at The Woolshed Pub and given tickets to an ALF game the next day at Etihad's Medallion Club.



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Mariner is a safe haven

Victorian Housing Minister Wendy Lovell braved a wet and windy Docklands on August 10 to officially open The Mariner affordable housing complex in NewQuay.

Assisted by Senator Gavin Marshall and Housing Choices Australia CEO Michael Lennon, the Minister said 85 of the 113 apartments in the complex would become home for people who would not otherwise be able to afford to live in Docklands.

The Mariner is Docklands' second affordable housing project – the first being The Merchant in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour, which opened in 2009.

“The homes are close to employment opportunities, shops, community facilities and transport services to help residents stay connected to the local community,” Ms Lovell said.

Mr Lennon praised MAB Corporation for providing such a wonderful opportunity to Housing Choices Australia, a not-for-profit affordable housing organisation.

“This fantastic location is not an accident and I want to thank MAB Corporation for the way the building fits in here,” Mr Lennon said.

Mr Lennon said the project was a triumph for integration, with 28 privately-owned units in the complex selling off-the-plan before construction started.

Mr Lennon reminded the crowd at the opening of Coleridge’s *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, which is based on a group of seafarers’ ill-fated journey home, which was further complicated by an unwise decision to shoot an albatross.

He said a graphic depicting this story was tastefully depicted in the foyer of the new building.

“For our tenants at The Mariner, we hope they find their way home to a place which is safe,” he said.



(From left) Victorian Housing Minister Wendy Lovell, Housing Choices CEO Michael Lennon and Senator Gavin Jennings at the launch of the Mariner apartments.

**DOCKLANDS
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Book your place

Almost 50 people have booked and there are still places for the September “sporty-flavoured” Docklands News Networking Lunch.

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

To book 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.

The menu is:

On arrival – Antipasto platters

Main – Fish of the day, soft herb and mascarpone risotto, roasted capsicum jam, caper butter; Or Garlic, sumac-spiced confit of chicken Maryland, zucchini and tomato tarte tatin, crispy cumin onions.

Dessert – Chef’s selection of miniature desserts

Beverages – Rothbury Estate Sparkling Cuvée; Rothbury Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc; Rothbury Estate Cabernet Shiraz; Carlton Draught and Cascade Premium Light; Assorted soft drinks, sparkling mineral water and orange juice

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Yellow Boat Road leads to Docklands

Docklands did its bit for global polio eradication on August 23 when it hosted around-Australia adventurers Rob Pennicott, Mick Souter and Zorro Gamarnik.

The trio are circumnavigating the continent in two tiny dinghies to raise money to vaccinate children against the disease, which has been eradicated in all but four countries.

Mr Pennicott told the Rotary Club of Docklands that \$160,000 had been raised, but that he hoped that the total would rise to \$500,000 by the time he completed the trip in Sydney in early September.

The sailors headed north from Sydney on June 2 and were on track to become the first to circumnavigate Australia, including Tasmania, in an outboard-powered vessel.

Mr Pennicott is a Rotarian from Tasmania and said he chose the polio cause because it was achievable.

“With only Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan remaining, we are on the brink of totally eradicating the disease,” he said. “Just \$10 is enough to vaccinate 17 children.”

“The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged \$355 million if Rotary can raise \$200 million by June 30 next year.”

The adventure is known as Follow the Yellow Boat Road and donations can be made online at www.yellowboatroad.com

Mr Pennicott regaled a combined meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Docklands, Southbank and Port Melbourne with tales of high adventure.

He said the crew spent 26 hours crossing a section of the Gulf of Carpentaria 160 km offshore being constantly hit by not only huge waves every eight to 12 seconds, but also being struck in the head by fish.

“The salt water was crusting our eyes shut and we kept having to wash them in fresh water to see where we were going,” he said.



“I don’t know that a beer ever tasted as good as the one that welcomed us to Gove that day.”

Close encounters with crocodiles and the dangers of nine-metre tides in the top end tested the nerve and courage of the sailors.

Adventurers Rob Pennicott (left) and Mick Souter relax before addressing a joint Rotary club meeting in Docklands on August 23.

Mr Pennicott also told of marvelling at a school of orcas, which leaped from the water around them as they moved between the Indian and Southern Oceans off Western Australia.

And, in a situation of cruel irony, the crew were eating their usual fare of dry biscuits and tinned tuna when a school of blue tuna taunted them with an aerial dance off South Australia.

The Yellow Boat Road was due at Docklands on Saturday, August 20 but bad weather kept the crew holed up in for three days in Robe, South Australia.

Billeted in Docklands with a local Rotarian,

the crew was awestruck by the city’s bright lights – a stark contrast to the many nights they had bunked down on the floor of their tiny boats.

But, as Docklands slumbered on the morning of August 24, they headed out of Waterfront City Marina at 5am, bound for a Bass Strait crossing and the temporary safety of King Island.

From there, they were to travel down the west coast of Tasmania to Hobart, back to Victoria at Lakes Entrance and eventually to complete the voyage in Sydney.

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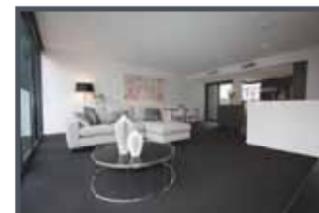
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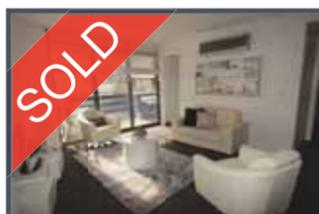
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Docklands traffic improvement is 'encouraging'

VicUrban has been encouraged by feedback suggesting that traffic flow in Docklands has recently improved.

Acting Docklands general manager Simon Wilson said several employers had told him their staff had reported improvements.

"We've also received some very encouraging feedback recently from several employers, whose staff have experienced improvements in the flow of vehicle traffic along Docklands' main thoroughfares during peak times - Bourke St and Wurundjeri Way," Mr Wilson said.

Mr Wilson was commenting on the results of a recent traffic survey, which will inform an integrated transport plan for Docklands.

"This represents one of the largest transport surveys to be ever undertaken in Melbourne and we were really pleased to see so many workers, residents and visitors complete the surveys," he said.

"More than 25 per cent of workers, 5 per cent of residents and over 3000 visitors completed the survey, providing an outstanding volume of data to inform the transport model."

"I'd particularly like to thank the many employers within Docklands who encouraged their staff to complete the surveys. The participation level was really encouraging."

The transport plan, which also involves the City of Melbourne, the Department of

Planning and Community Development, the Department of Transport and VicRoads will "establish the priority transport initiatives and investments to be delivered in Docklands over the short to medium term".

It will provide traffic predictions, forecasts of public transport usage and an analysis of pedestrian and cycling patterns at key stages of Docklands' development.

Citing some examples of traffic improvements, Mr Wilson mentioned:

- The signal time for the right-hand turning lane from Collins St into Batman's Hill Drive has been lengthened to ensure cars can exit onto Wurundjeri Way as quickly as possible;
- Some traffic signals along Batman's Hill Drive have been changed to ensure a greater number of cars can exit onto Wurundjeri Way during one traffic sequence; and
- The traffic lights between Bourke St and Wurundjeri Way have been synchronised to allow traffic to flow from Victoria Harbour through to Wurundjeri Way in one movement where possible.

The Docklands Transport Plan is anticipated to be released later in the year.



Docklands enriched by festival

By Bethany Williams

Docklands was treated to a sweet tooth's dream when the Chocolate Rush Festival visited last month.

The event, now in its fifth year, was held at Shed 4, Victoria Harbour. Around 6500 people attended the festival.

Festival director, Simone Gordon, said the event aimed to promote appreciation for the Australian chocolate industry.

"The event raises awareness about the extraordinary talent we have in the industry, that is some of the best in the world," Simone said.

This was the first time the festival has been staged at Docklands. Simone said that it was held in Docklands this year because of the central location.

More than 30 chocolate makers and businesses were involved in the event.

The festival included chocolate education workshops, displays by master chocolatiers, a chocolate market and a Chocolate Rush Dinner, featuring a four-course chocolate dinner matched with wines.

VCAT hearing adjourned

The dispute between MAB Corporation and many of its NewQuay traders has been adjourned.

It is again listed for a directions hearing at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on September 21. Counsel for the traders, Mr Frank Guastalegname said Metro Real Estate had challenged the legitimacy of 11 of the 27 traders, taking the action on the grounds that they were not owners of their properties.

The traders are claiming refunds of precinct fees they say were collected illegally.

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open spaces in Docklands and is designed in the tradition of Melbourne's beloved inner-city gardens. It will include a new pavilion that delivers food and beverages in the style of Brunetti in Melbourne's City Square."

"A landmark hotel will occupy a prominent waterfront site on the NewQuay Promenade with spectacular views across Victoria Harbour to the city. The hotel will provide an elegant backdrop to the public park and shelter the park from south-easterly winds. MAB's discussions with an international hotel operator are well advanced."

"The infill development in NewQuay Central will reinforce vital connections between the east and west parcels of NewQuay, as well as north into Harbour Town."

"MAB believes that the aspirations prescribed in VicUrban's Second Decade of Docklands strategy are embodied within this scheme. The scheme addresses some consistent challenges faced in Docklands including the need for more green space, better protection from the elements through sheltered spaces and a greater variety of high quality building types."



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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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New tools for parking officers

By Bethany Williams

Motorists' battles with parking officers in Docklands got harder last month with the introduction of new licence plate recognition technology.

The technology has been used since August 19 to monitor and identify cars that have overstayed parking limits.

Parking officers drive through Docklands at approximately 40 kmh taking photos of licence plates as they pass.

Using image-processing technology, the system records the registration details and

locations of vehicles and identifies those that have overstayed their parking limit.

Parking officers are then alerted to these vehicles by a hand-held device.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said parking officers still had to get out of their cars and check for any valid permits, such as disabled or resident, and ensure that an infringement has occurred. Fines are left on the windscreen as usual.

The spokesperson said that although new technology was being used to monitor parking infringements, the expectation for drivers was still the same – park, pay the meter and abide by the time limits.

The technology is also being implemented in East Melbourne, Kensington, South Yarra, Parkville, Carlton and West Melbourne.

No news on bottle shop

Objections against an application for a bottle shop underneath the Conder building in NewQuay are yet to be heard.

A Justice Department spokesperson said:

"A date for the panel hearing regarding the packaged liquor application for 9D/9E 227 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands is yet to be set."



Fester presents a certificate to the Gorgioski sisters Suzana (left) and Jackie (right) for their support of BACA.

'Fester' gives thanks

Popular Docklands biker "Fester" last month paid tribute to two local businesses which helped his group raised funds to battle child abuse.

Fester is a member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), which empowers children not to be afraid after suffering abuse. When not on his Harley, he is known as Vince Failla and runs the car park at Digital Harbour.

Party Boat Cruises and Renzo's Bar both contributed vouchers, which were auctioned at a fundraiser in Collingwood in March. The evening raised more than \$2000 for the cause.

"We appreciate the support of these local businesses who are helping us in our work to protect abused children," Fester said.

He said BACA sent a clear message that abused children were part of his organisation, and that its members were prepared to lend their physical and emotional support to them by affiliation and their physical presence.

Community Information

NewQuay Central Master Plan

MAB Corporation has recently acquired land within the Waterfront City precinct and has subsequently prepared a revised master plan for the area. The new master plan has been prepared in close consultation with VicUrban and the City of Melbourne to be known as NewQuay Central.

MAB Corporation welcomes all local residents, businesses and stakeholders to view the proposed master plan and to provide feedback.

View between:

6.30pm & 8.30pm, Tuesday 13th September 2011

OR

6.30pm & 8.30pm, Wednesday 14th September 2011

Where:

'Fix' tenancy (above Bluefire Restaurant)
Level 1, 119/439 Docklands Drive, Docklands
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We look forward to sharing our exciting new vision for the precinct and hearing your thoughts.

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Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 1st floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family.

Docklands G3/60 Siddeley St
WATER ON YOUR DOORSTEP
 2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$570,000
Inspect By appointment



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
EXCLUSIVE ON THE WATER
 2 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car
Private Sale \$790,000
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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

Docklands 1104/80 Lorimer St
EXCLUSIVE LOCATION & VIEWS
 3 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$1.02 m
Inspect By appointment



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
VIEWS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE
 1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$670,000
Inspect By appointment



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
NO.1 FOR VIEWS & LOCATION
 2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$580,000
Inspect By appointment



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 \$980,000 m
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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-ropes 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 \$880,000
Inspect By appointment



Situated in New Quay's prized and much sought after "Palladio" residential complex is this 11th floor versatile designed apartment which is perfect for either the owner occupier to reside or lease out. The "Palladio" offers the residents an incredible life-style where you have a waterfront location, surrounded by superb restaurants, specialty shopping and 15 minutes from the city centre. The apartment itself consists of 2 spacious bedrooms with BIR's, contemporary styled bathroom with European type laundry.

Docklands 1108 / 15 Caravell Lane
WATER VIEWS, HARBOR LIFESTYLE
 2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$580,000
Inspect By appointment



This stylish beauty boasts breath taking city views from every angle of the spacious open plan living areas. Comprising of a gourmet kitchen including the combination of both stainless steel and stone finishes, 3 sensational bedrooms with BIRs, main with ensuite. a massive entertaining balcony stretches along the entire length of the apartment. Features include air con / heating, storage cage, 2 side by side carparks.

Docklands 802 / 50 Lorimer St
QUINTESSENTIAL SOPHISTICATION
 3 bed 2 bath 2 car
Private sale \$900,000
Inspect By appointment



This 2 bedroom unit offers everything from space to style including a large outdoor terrace. At approx 100 sqm with the terrace included with a very spacious master bedroom comprising a study nook and access to the terrace. The apartment has a large second bedroom, well appointed kitchen (with large breakfast island) and a lounge room that surrounds you in glass and offers a terrific outlook. Also included is access to a well maintained fully equipped gymnasium, sauna, outdoor pool and spa.

Docklands 18 Waterview Walk
WATERGATE LIVING
 2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$570,000
Inspect By appointment



Here is your chance to own an apartment amidst the grandeur and sophistication of Melbourne's iconic building. Centrally located and dominating in presence this distinguished building has a two bedroom mezzanine on offer to the discerning buyer. Sashay down the 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 97-sqm in size with a lounge open to dining room and kitchen, reverse cycle heating and cooling and double glazed windows.

Docklands 502 / 67 Spencer Street
GRAND OPULENCE
 2 bed 1 bath 1 car
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Tram jam surprises

By Bethany Williams

Some lucky commuters were surprised with a live set from Melbourne-based band Little John on the City Circle Tram in Docklands last month.

The folk-rock band provided the impromptu Thursday evening performance as part of Tram Sessions.

Tram Sessions is a non-profit organisation, which arranges Melbourne artists and bands to perform on city trams. The sessions are recorded and uploaded to the organisation's website.

The aim of the project is to bring art into public spaces, encourage use of sustainable transport and make the music of new and established artists available to a wider audience.

The concept is the brainchild of Nick Wallberg and Carl Malmsten. The Swedish friends studied in Perth. After moving to Melbourne they wanted to combine these skills with their love of music and create something unique to the city.

What better place to start than with one of Melbourne's most recognised icons?

The sessions are approved by Yarra Trams and aren't announced beforehand to ensure safety and to maintain surprise.

Nick said that the Docklands session was one of his favourites from the project so far.

Tram Sessions began in late 2009 and last month was the first time it ventured onto a Docklands-bound tram route.

"Travelling through Docklands, the old-school, City Circle Tram clashes with the modern architecture, just like this modern band playing an old-school music," he said.

Performing on a tram can be problematic, not only in terms of keeping your balance.

"We hadn't realised that because we were travelling on a tourist tram there would be constant announcements. In a quiet part of a song all of a sudden we'd hear 'and to your right you'll see Etihad Stadium.' Which was a bit distracting. Luckily the tram driver was helpful and turned the announcements off eventually," band member Bill Deeble said.



New plan for Digital Harbour

The long-awaited revised Digital Harbour masterplan last month received ministerial sign-off.

The new-look Digital Harbour precinct is more rounded than what was first proposed and now includes substantially more residential activity.

The other major change is drastically improved road access. At a time when much of Docklands is struggling with traffic problems, Digital Harbour is adding direct access to and from Wurundjeri Way and LaTrobe St, over and above its Harbour Esplanade connection.

Underground road access will be provided to Wurundjeri Way and a new street called Harbour Terrace will snake through the middle of the precinct and connect with LaTrobe St.

Digital Harbour is not currently as well developed or well known as some of Docklands' other precincts. It is bounded by Harbour Esplanade, LaTrobe St, Wurundjeri Way and Dudley St.

But, with the recent opening of NBN Co's national testing and operations centre and the rapidly constructed Melbourne Water headquarters, the precinct is coming into its own.

The development of E-Gate to its immediate

north will further position Digital Harbour as a key central linkage in Docklands' development.

According to Digital Harbour director David Napier, this developing inner-urban community could house 2000 residents by 2020 with up to 25 per cent of the area now identified as possible residential. Some 7000-8000 workers will also be housed in this mixed-use environment by the time it is completed.

The working population of the area will soon hit 2500 when Melbourne Water comes on stream.

Digital Harbour is known for some of its high-tech business tenants and Mr Napier doesn't see that changing in the future.

"Digital Harbour continues to foster a leading-edge technology environment which also provides a platform for the incorporation of education facilities," Mr Napier said.

Mr Napier said he welcomed the opportunity to include educational facilities within the community. Digital Harbour is VicUrban's preferred location for a Docklands primary school.

The Digital Harbour of the future will incorporate a larger, fully landscaped public

open space north of the Innovation Building, together with a similar larger public open space at the north end of the site at Dudley St. It is envisaged that a pedestrian bridge across Dudley St would connect E-Gate to Docklands.

"A greater emphasis has been placed on the creation of a more balanced community environment whereby approximately 25 per cent of the built area will be dedicated to residential apartments, subject to market demand. Approximately 650 to 750 apartments have been included within the master plan to encourage a 24/7 activation of our neighbourhood," Mr Napier said.

"Immediately north of Melbourne Water is a 100 metre height zone enabling the incorporation of a tall commercial office building that will counterbalance Lacrosse on the south side of LaTrobe St whilst providing view lines for occupants of this tall tower to the waterfront," Mr Napier said.

"A similar counter-balancing Docklands gateway tower is intended for the north-west corner of Digital Harbour on the corner of Dudley St and Harbour Esplanade to accommodate an 'apart-hotel' and residential apartments."

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Calling all 'footy orphans'

Know nothing about footy but want to watch the AFL grand final? You'll be among friends at Bob's Steak and Chop House on October 1 because owners Sanjay and Shine are new to footy too.

Although "Bob's" sounds a very Aussie name (it's actually North American), owners Sanjay Chimnani and Shine Dighe (pictured above) are new to Australia and are only starting to develop an appreciation for the indigenous game.

"When we first arrived in Australia we went down to Federation Square to watch the game with the crowd in front of the big screen there," Sanjay said. "I didn't understand what was going on, but it was fabulous just the same!"

The Docklands couple has a better understanding of Aussie Rules a couple of years later, but they know that there are plenty of Docklands locals in the same situation.

"We want to offer our hospitality to our community," Shine said.

"We know there are lots of 'footy orphans' who would love to watch the game in the company of others."

"It's a chance to get to know a few other people from Docklands," Shine said.

Sanjay said there was no obligation and no fees involved.

"We just thought it would be a great chance for a bit of social interaction – and for people who don't know much about the game to get involved in a supportive and friendly atmosphere," he said.

"Spend the Saturday arvo with fellow Docklanders at Bob's with footy food and beer. What better way to enjoy the biggest game of all?"

Bob's is at 737 Bourke St. The game starts at 2.30pm.

Docklanders called upon to help children

By Yasemin Pelevan

Docklands has been identified as an area which could provide foster-care parents and volunteers.

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare's policy and project leader of foster care Josh Fergeus said Docklands had a lot of potential to provide care and support for children who needed foster care.

"Docklands is a new community and I think residents are yet to find this community support and volunteering aspect of their identity," Mr Fergeus said.

He also believes being involved in the program would help strengthen the community bond between Docklanders.

"Voluntary work is important as it strengthens community support and helps the community form a strong sense of identity," he said.

"Being a foster carer strengthens individuals and families and, in turn, strengthens communities."

The north/west metro region of Victoria, which includes Docklands, has more than 30 per cent of the total need for foster-care placements in the state.

"It's a huge issue across the state," Mr Fergeus said. "15,000 children are in foster care programs and even more than that require foster care."

Docklands is well known as an area for younger families, including young couples

with no children. But Mr Fergeus said there was "quite low interest" in volunteer programs from Docklands residents.

"There are no foster carers in the Docklands area at all," he said.

In the last year, only one person from Docklands has enquired about becoming a foster carer.

"For such a well-populated area, this is very low," Mr Fergeus said.

"Inner city areas like the Docklands have the perception that things like this happen somewhere else," he said.

Mr Fergeus believes the low interest is because Docklands residents feel they cannot provide foster care due to their apartment living and having full-time jobs.

"It's important for children to stay engaged in their local community," Mr Fergeus said. "There are many kids in the area who require the service, but have to go elsewhere and are then consequently removed from their local community."

There are a variety of ways to help children in need that do not include housing or permanent care. One option is the "respite care" program, which may involve activities like bringing a child to sport practise or taking them on a weekend outing.

Children need foster care for a number of reasons, including parental issues, family crisis and if their parents are unfit for parenting due to mental illness or disability.

An information session will be held for inner-city residents wanting to know more about the program. For details and more information contact Foster Care Hotline on **1800 013 088**.

Atlantic Group cleans up

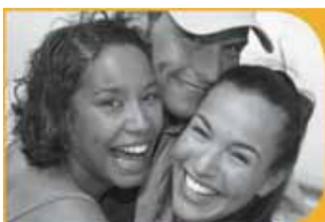
Atlantic cleaned up at the Victorian Restaurant and Catering Awards for Excellence on August 8, with three awards.

Docklands-based Atlantic Group [v] was announced the winner in the Wedding Caterer category, the Function Venue category and was then awarded the ultimate

prize, Overall Victorian Caterer of the Year, beating a "who's who" of the industry.

The Overall Caterer of the Year is awarded to the caterer who has scored the highest marks across all the categories.

Atlantic managing director Hatem Saleh said: "This is not only an amazing result, but well deserved recognition for the efforts we as individuals and as a company give to the hospitality industry, and most importantly to our clients."



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Raw food hits the spot

By Bethany Williams

Urban Reforestation raised \$700 for the Docklands community garden relocation project by holding a Raw Food Feast last month.

The 55 people who attended the event were treated to a four-course raw, organic, gourmet dinner prepared by Omid Jaffari.

Omid is a world-class chef and the creator of “botanical cuisine”, a style of raw food preparation.

“Botanical cuisine focuses on seasonal, organic, heirloom produce, which alone should be enough to please the eyes and palate,” Omid said.

Omid provided his culinary skills for the Raw Food Feast voluntarily.

“Omid gave a lot to Docklands and Urban Reforestation by being our chef at this event. We wouldn’t have been able to do it without his efforts,” Urban Reforestation founder and director Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said.

Additionally, Melbourne-based organic food company Loving Earth donated produce for the feast.

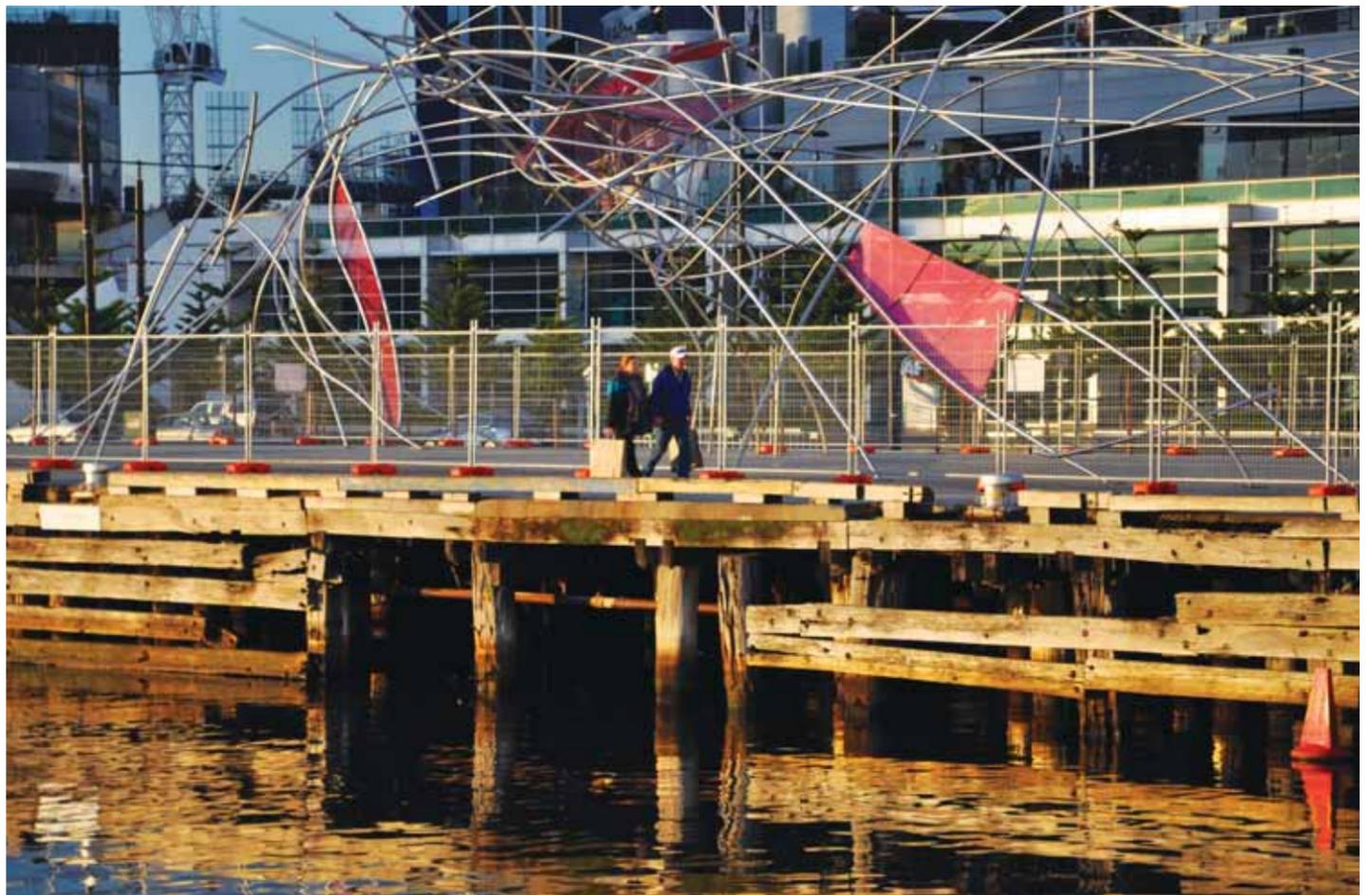
The money raised by the Raw Food Feast will go towards the relocation of Docklands community garden.

The garden is currently located in Merchant St and will be moved to its new site on the corner of Geographe St and Keera Way within the next six months.

“The garden is currently at a transitional site, but we will have a permanent site very soon and we want people living in Docklands to engage with the garden,” Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie urged anyone interested in getting involved with the Docklands community garden to attend the final design presentation at The Hub (80 Harbour Esplanade) on Wednesday, September 7 from 7pm until 8pm.

You can also visit the Urban Reforestation website at www.urbanreforestation.com



Public events are under a cloud

Harbour Esplanade’s capacity to host public events is under a cloud until VicUrban fixes structural problems with its raised wharf areas.

Engineers have reported load-bearing problems with the old wharves but there are no immediate plans to fix the problem.

VicUrban says the issue will be addressed as part of the next stages of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment, but no timelines are in place.

In the meantime, it has advised the City of Melbourne not to issue permits for public events.

The issue came to light last month when a group of Docklanders attempted to lobby the State Government and the City of Melbourne to locate Cadel Evans’ home-coming parade in Docklands.

Following the decision to host the event at Federation Square, the group produced a document designed to demonstrate Docklands’ capacity to host future events of this nature.

But in distancing the council from the document, City of Melbourne City Business Director Martin Cutter said: “Harbour Esplanade wharf and Central Pier (western tip) have a practical load capacity of zero kg, due to the structural integrity of these areas identified by VicUrban.”

But VicUrban’s Docklands acting general manager Simon Wilson points out that the problem is confined only to the raised wharf areas.

“The lowered areas and the former tram reserve, now that the latter has effectively been vacated by our contractor, is available for all to use. If relevant, the raised areas could be fenced off,” he said.

“The lowered area comprises about 20,000sqm that could be made available for use subject to the necessary permits being issued by the city.”

Destination Docklands chairman Kyle Johnston said Docklands had a number of large-scale open space public event venues at Waterfront City, Victoria Harbour Promenade, NewQuay Promenade, Docklands Park and the soon to reopen piazza under the Southern Star wheel.

“These spaces can sufficiently cater for current Docklands event demand,” Mr Johnston said.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Keith Rankin declined to comment.

VicUrban says the fencing around the *Shoal Fly By* sculptures is not connected to the poor state of the wharves. It says some minor damage was found earlier this year but, again, no time line has been announced for repairs.

“The fences around *Shoal Fly By* have been erected as a temporary measure to ensure public safety while VicUrban, in consultation with the artist and structural engineer, investigates appropriate solutions for the artwork,” Mr Wilson said.



(From left) Elma Crosbie, Barbara Rowe, Lyn Faull, Maree Norris and Kristina Somerville-Lee show off their work.

A close-knit group

Striking scarves were the focus of this local art group last month.

The group of friends and neighbours meets every Friday afternoon for a catch up and to focus on a new art project.

The scarf craze was prompted by the discovery of a simple pattern from retailer Cleggs, which resulted in a flurry of scarves in a multitude of colours.

Group member Lyn Faull said she had never

knitted before but quickly mastered the pattern, which required only a single ball of wool and knowledge of nine stitches.

"It only takes a few hours of knit one up. It's marvellous," Lyn said.

The group has been meeting in Docklands for eight years and its members have skills in basket weaving, painting and dance.

Docklands to be showcased to the world

Docklands will be the focus of international cities concerned about climate change next March.

The City of Melbourne has accepted a request to host a workshop from the C40 Mayors Summit on Climate Change, which was held in Sao Paulo in early June.

The workshop will feature Victoria Harbour under the banner "Sustainable Communities: Planning, Delivering, Empowering".

The council has budgeted \$360,000 to host the two-day event. It has estimated it will cost \$80,000 in airfares, \$24,000 in accommodation, \$30,000 for a venue, \$40,000 to pay speakers and another \$40,000 to manage communications.

It is budgeting \$70,000 to pay a co-ordinator for six months, \$30,000 to put on breakfast and \$35,000 for a one-day public forum. The

council expects to recover some of these costs from other workshop partners.

The stated objectives of the workshop are to:

- Bring together leading C40 cities that are building sustainable communities to explore and share approaches, learnings and challenges and develop a blueprint for achieving a sustainable community;
- Involve key private sector representatives (eg developers, infrastructure owners and managers, smart technology providers), relevant government bodies, industry associations (e.g. Green Building Council of Australia) and community representatives in Australia to learn from international approaches and share and engage in Melbourne/Australia's experience and challenges;
- Raise the profile of Melbourne City Council's Eco-City goals; and
- Share the outcome of the workshop with the broader Australian stakeholders (other non-C40 cities, sustainability experts etc).

Docklands still to connect with planet earth

Two recent events suggest that Docklanders either don't care or don't know about opportunities to make a difference at a local level.

Sustainability educators Urban Reforestation last month reported indifferent findings from a year-long campaign to reduce organic waste in two apartment towers.

And meetings to discuss the design of a "longer-term" community garden have been poorly attended.

In its report on its Target 3008 project, Urban Reforestation claimed a positive result at Dock 5 but no real progress at Victoria Point.

It concluded that the proximity to Dock 5 and adoption by its residents of its garden at the Water Plaza site in Victoria Harbour may explain a good result. And, conversely, it speculates that the 400 metre distance and major obstacle of Harbour Esplanade may help explain a poor result at Victoria Point.

Urban Reforestation audited the waste from both buildings at the start and the end of the project.

At Victoria Point organic weight increased from 19 per cent to 26 per cent of the total

waste when measured by volume and from 30 per cent to 52 per cent when measured by weight.

At Dock 5, the percentage of organic material in the total waste generated fell from 27 per cent to 9 per cent when measured by volume and from 61 per cent to 26 per cent when measured by weight.

But Urban Reforestation is upbeat about the future and points to the opportunities for improvement. It is soon to suggest a series of measures to the owners' corporations with a number of logistical suggestions to improve organic waste collection.

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban

conducted two public sessions in August to involve residents in the design of Docklands' new community garden, which is to be constructed by the end of this year at the corner of Geographe St and Keera Way in Victoria Harbour.

However, only three residents attended the first session on August 10 and only two residents attended the meeting on August 24, when draft design concepts were presented.

The final garden design will be presented at The Hub at 7 pm on September 7.

To register to attend contact Karen Cowden on karen.cowden@vicurban.vic.gov.au or 8317 3677.

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School holidays activities in Docklands

The school holidays are fast approaching and Docklands is most definitely the place to be.

You'll find no shortage of activities and events to keep the kids occupied!

Cute and cuddly animals will invade Harbour Town when the Animal Farm returns to Docklands. Children can get up close to baby animals and bush critters.

The free animal farm will run every day of the school holidays (September 24 – October 9) from 11am.

AFL Grand Final festivities will also kick-off at Harbour Town on September 28 and 29 from midday. The free activities will include a handball competition, face-painting and entertainers.

Wonderland Fun Park is holding a "Let's Play" festival for the holidays.

The festival involves a show running at 11am, 1pm and 3pm daily. It features the

Incredibubble show (as seen on *Australia's Got Talent*), Lindi Jane and Snap Crocodilous from the Kakadu Club, a magic show and special guests including Shrek's Princess Fiona and Kung Fu Panda.

Entry to the festival is included with an unlimited ride pass, which costs \$29.50 per person. A ticket to the show alone is \$15. The park is open from 11am daily.

Support a good cause and head down to Medibank Icehouse's September Starlight Skate between September 24 and October 9.

A donation from each family ticket purchased will go to the Starlight Foundation.

Special events include an attempt at the world record for the longest conga line on ice, led by former Olympian Steven Bradbury, on September 24.

For creative kids, the LEGO Education Centre at Docklands has a great school holiday program. There is a range of workshops to choose from including the chance for kids to make their own movie using a special LEGO camera.

Sail these holidays

Docklands Yacht Club will conduct a holiday program during the first week of the school holidays.

Dates are Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Thursday 29 and Friday, September 30. Classes will start at 9am and finish at 3pm each day.

Early registrations are essential as numbers will be restricted. Participants must be at least 10 years old.

The beginners category for Learn to Sail will be an important part of the program. Using the club-owned training fleet the beginners will be taught the basics. The holiday program will be open to more experienced youth sailors as well.

The registration fee of \$300 for the four days will include insurance, life jackets and boats being supplied. The club's training principal Ray Allen and the other trainers all hold "Working with Children" cards.

All enquiries to Ray on 0429 868 304 or email dyctraining.yatc@gmail.com. Registration forms can be found on the training page at www.docklands.yachting.org.au



Docklands Rotarian Jim Hardy (left) and Docklands Yacht Club vice-commadore Cadeyrm Gaskin (right) assist a first-time sailor into an Access dinghy on Victoria Harbour.

Sailing is easier than it looks

Docklanders enjoyed early spring weather and a perfect breeze to try sailing on Victoria Harbour on August 14.

For many of the new sailors, it was their first experience of being propelled across the water by the wind in their sails. And the grins on their faces suggested they would be back ... again and again.

The Docklands Yacht Club and the Rotary Club of Docklands teamed up to offer the experience to the local community and about 50 people took advantage of it.

The Docklands Yacht Club regularly holds sessions for interested locals every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The club is located in Shed 2 at the end of North Wharf Rd, Victoria Harbour (near the old Harbour

Master's Tower under the Bolte Bridge).

Yacht Club spokesperson Coral Allen said most first-time sailors were surprised by how easy it was to navigate their way around the harbour.

"Our fleet of Access dinghies are virtually impossible to capsize and they are a great introduction to our wonderful sport," Coral said.

"It's a very stress-free way to work out the logistics of operating the sails, responding to the winds and avoiding the other boats on the harbour."

"And sailing around Victoria Harbour on a perfect day has got to be the very best view of Docklands," she said.

Docklands Rotary is collaborating with the yacht club to offer disadvantaged children Docklands' experiences such as sailing.

Club president Ann Ellis said Docklanders generally took for granted the opportunities on their doorstep but, for others, they represented a world of wonderment.

"It's incredible to learn that some of these kids have never even been to the city, much less experienced a footy match at Etihad or sailing on Victoria Harbour," she said.

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What a month for Melbourne Ice

What a month the Melbourne Ice have had.

Wins against Gold Coast Bluetongues, Newcastle North Stars and the Sydney Bears have helped the Ice win their second minor premiership (and the Reid Trophy) in the AIHL.

Off the ice the team has launched their own online store and in July held its most successful gala dinner so far at the Olympic room in the MCG.

Sell out crowds at the Medibank Icehouse have

seen some of the best ice hockey in the country from one of the best teams in the league.

The season started slowly for Melbourne Ice. While the wins kept coming, there seemed to be a lack of real cohesion within the team. A number of new players for the Ice did their job but the spark that was so evident last season just did not seem to be there.

However as the season continued, the signs began to get better and better. The two new imports, Jacques Perreault and Obi Aduba, have gelled perfectly with the team and some players from last year have adjusted to slightly different roles within the team and as the last game of the season drew near and

top spot was safely sewn up, fans can look forward to the upcoming finals.

For the second year in a row the AIHL finals will be held at Docklands in the Icehouse, held over the weekend of September 3 and 4.

Melbourne Ice must surely be considered the favourite to take out their second Goodall Cup.

But the format of the finals has been a trap door for every team who has won the minor premiership. With two knockout semi finals and the grand final, there is no second chance for any team in the playoffs. In fact, no team has won the grand final after finishing on top of the ladder, so history

beckons for Melbourne Ice.

While the season is coming to an end for the men, the women's team has been building up to the start of their season.

Last season the women followed the success of the men perfectly and won the McKowen Cup, so this year the pressure will be on the women.

A membership for Melbourne Ice means entry not just for the men's team, but also for the women's team. so everyone is hoping for big crowds throughout summer.

What more perfect way could there be to beat the heat than watching the best hockey the country can offer?

Docklands connection pays off

Tess Galea sat down in front of the television on July 17 to learn a little about Docklands.

Little did she know she would soon have \$1000 worth of Docklands hospitality to redeem.

The Brookfield resident was doing the research because her son John is engaged to marry his long-term sweetheart Brook Mallia in Docklands on January 14.

As it turned out, Tess didn't find anywhere

to stay in Docklands through watching the episode of Postcards on Channel Nine, but she did win the viewers' prize - \$1000 worth of Central Pier hospitality.

And, what a coincidence. John and Brook had already booked MAIA in Shed 14 for their wedding reception.

Brook said she looked at a few different places for her special day, but nothing compared with Docklands.

"It's got a modern look with a heritage feel," she said. "Nothing compared with it since I first saw it."



Brook and future mother-in-law Tess check out Docklands ahead of the big day.

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Docklands waterways are beautiful – on the inside

By Yasmine Pelevan

Water is definitely one of the most important elements of Docklands. And while the surface looks dirty, the deeper water of Victoria Harbour is extremely clear.

Fresh water and salt water mix together in Victoria Harbour, with the dirtier river water sitting on top, giving a bad impression.

But divers and fishermen will tell you that not far below the surface, the salt water is clean and teeming with fish.

Docklands waterways are home to 19 species of edible fish. Fast West Diver Services diver, Grant, was working under the water in Docklands last month.

When *Docklands News* caught up with him, he described Victoria Harbour as a fisherman's paradise.

"There are lots of fish down there. You would be laughing if you are a fisherman," he said.

Grant said Victoria Harbour was quite clean despite how it looked.

"It's just the water on the surface that makes it look dirty. It's quite clean underneath the surface," he said.

In July, RMIT's Urban Realities competition winners "Dirtybuoys" based its project on the water quality of the harbour. The team compared the water quality at different levels by using large containers and sandwich bags to show the contrast. The model showed clean and clear water at deeper levels.

Surrounded by waterways, which include Victoria Harbour and the Yarra River, water is the front and backyards for Docklanders. The 7km waterfront is its most striking feature.

Recent studies and observations prove the water is much cleaner than people think.

As part of EPA Victoria's "Yarra Watch" program, 12 sites along the river, including



The table below shows the results from August.

Sample Date	Geometric Mean	Level of Water Quality
3 rd August 2011	130	High
10 th August 2011	320	Medium
17 th August 2011	170	High
24 th August 2011	280	Medium

Although the test results have shown high water quality, primary contact recreation activities like swimming and water skiing are not permitted.

a site in Docklands, are tested every week. A sample from each site is used to measure the quality of the water.

Melbourne Water is in charge of monitoring the quality of water from Flinders Wharf in Docklands, upstream from Charles Grimes Bridge, to ensure it is suitable for recreational activities and marine life.

Nicolas McGay from Melbourne Water says regular water monitoring is very important.

"Water monitoring is very important as it lets us know the health of the animals and plants living in the water," he said.

An E. coli geometric mean is calculated based on the last five samples of each site. E. coli is the "indicator bacteria" used to assess the water quality of the river. It indicates the presence of other pathogens (disease causing) micro-organisms that pose a risk to humans and marine life.

"Testing over a longer period of time gives us a good snap-shot of water quality levels by using a mean reading average," Mr McGay said.

Docklands and other parts of the lower Yarra like Abbotsford, South Yarra and Southgate sit in the "medium water quality" range. The E. coli geometric mean in these areas

is between 201-1000 organisms per 100ml. Any lower indicates high water quality and anything higher indicates low water quality.

The Docklands site frequently tests at a medium level but it also has the tendency to improve to a high water quality level.

"There is always going to be issues for recreation," Mr McGay said.

Water quality is not something that can be predicted. The quality levels fluctuate and depend on environmental factors such as weather.

History shows the water quality in the Yarra – especially in the lower reaches such as in Docklands – deteriorates after heavy rain, due to storm water from drains and streams entering the river.

"Storm water is the number one threat to river health," Mr McGay said.

Storm water pollution includes "hard dirt" and pollutants such as chemicals and litter.

Mr McGay said that as the population of Melbourne increases so too would the harsh effects of storm water pollution.

Melbourne Water is working with the Docklands authorities to accommodate monitoring regimes; educate the public; raise public awareness of water issues and provide water catchments.

Melbourne Water has two projects to help clean up Melbourne's waterways. The first is a wetlands project, which focuses on treating stormwater run-off and the second is about water-sensitive urban design, which is a water-cycle management program.

Melbourne Water is working with councils on the wetlands project which involves establishing rain gardens. Rain gardens are small gardens that filter rain water. A rain garden will help prevent pollutants and even litter from entering the waterways.

"Melbourne City Council are the leaders of rain gardens; they have built them in certain areas. Rain gardens collect nasty things like chemicals and little bits of litter too," Mr McGay said.

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Arena View Café

I wasn't always an uptight restaurant reviewer - demanding the highest of quality from produce to table cloths.

I'm reminded of this occasionally, when the smell of instant coffee makes me smile - transporting me back to childhood holidays at Flag Motor Inns, where we ripped into tubes of Nescafe Blend 43 as though they were powdered gold.

And when I visit places like Etihad Stadium's Arena View Café. Classy? Gosh no. Kind of crappy? Hell yes. But sorta cool and fun?? There's no denying it - most definitely.

Even entering the stadium of a weekday has a kind of novel feel to it. A whiff of "weekend" creeps into the air. Closely followed by yet another smell of my childhood, the overcooked Sunday roast. The source, I soon

discovered, a bain-marie, from which I think Monday's Roast of the Day special for \$10.50 is served.

As the assault on the senses subsided, I caught sight of the view. Having made our way through the cavernous concrete exterior, then the dark and jangly buzz of the poker machines and TAB, the light from the café's floor-to-ceiling windows catches you off guard.

But the sight of the vast and empty stadium, brightly polished and lit before you, is really quite spectacular. And just not something you expect to see at lunch-time during the week. The recently awoken child within let out a soft, "Cool ..."

The bistro-style menu is exactly what you'd expect in a place where stale beer also permeates the carpet. Fish and chips, schnitzel and chips (but with some nice touches like lemon wedges and tomato relish), a pasta bar which offers two choices daily at \$14.50 each, and a daily chef's special, which is always just \$10.50. And of course, the parma and chips (which on

Friday's comes as a \$14.50 pot and parma deal). It was deep fried, but I must admit, with its lashings of melted cheese, it really hit the spot.

A chicken tortilla next to me was a very generous size and came with a good dose of sour cream, lettuce and avocado salsa, plus a salad on the side. My colleague reported it was enjoyable, with the chicken boasting a lovely barbecue-grilled flavour, although the meat itself it was a bit dry. Whatever. It was only \$15 bucks.

They were "fun meals". Weekend-at-the-pub meals. Meals reminiscent of the dining out experience of my suburban youth. With good old fashioned pots to boot, and wine that comes in those tiny glasses, yet filled to the brim.

It's not the place to take fancy clients or your boss - but it's bang-on for a group-office party, or even a place to go if you've had the bang-up office party the night before.

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Spring is in the air. The last few days of August were just gorgeous.

So who went to the Chocolate Rush Chocolate Festival? There was plenty of chocolate on hand, and some street acts to amuse all ages. You know, Shed 4 is a great location. It is a very suitable space to run these kinds of events right on the water's edge. There should be more of it in Docklands!

Spring is announcing its arrival. The days will start to get longer and the warmer weather will be with us once again. It is time to explore the neighbourhood. Shake off winter's slumber and trudge out into the spring sunshine.

Here is something you should do at least once this month: Take a walk along Harbour Esplanade over Bourke St towards Collins St. There is a beautiful green parkland setting and a small coniferous woodland. Explore this as you meander towards the ANZ building and on to the YMCA gym with its exceptional exercise rooms with views over the Yarra.

Can you see Webb Bridge just over to your left? The bridge is an award-winning design by Denton Corker Marshall, cleverly re-using

sections of the old Webb Dock Rail Bridge. Well, it is there just for you. Why not take a walk across and discover what is waiting for you on the other side?

If you have not been to Yarra's Edge then you are in for a surprise. There is a village atmosphere, with a tranquil harbour setting and boats floating idly at their moorings. Enjoy its north-facing aspect with the spring sunshine gently warming your soul.

There are cafes, bars and restaurants to suit all tastes. For your added convenience and enjoyment there is a small IGA Express and a day spa. This is an ideal spot to spend a lazy afternoon just relaxing and enjoying the tranquillity, fine dining and great coffee.

And when you are done, you can take a leisurely stroll along the Yarra's edge under Charles Grimes Bridge towards the exhibition centre. Watch out for the new South Wharf Sheds. They are about to open, and offer even more dining and entertainment options, creating an area that will be a "must visit" on any fine day. Have a quick look at the Polly Woodside and step back into time at the old dry docks that have been preserved for the future.

Now walk across Seafarers Bridge past the World Trade Centre complex to your right and have a look at the Mission to Seafarers to your left. Ever been inside the mission? It is open to the public and it is a place of sanctuary for seafarers in a strange land.

It offers them a welcome, assistance and a place they can call home. Make sure you have a look at the historical non-denominational chapel built in 1917. It is a place for quiet reflection. The chapel has some exquisite examples of stained glass memorial windows dedicated to those that lost their lives at sea or worked for seafarers' welfare. There are examples of exemplary craftsmanship with intricate detail in the wood carvings that are symbolic of hope. The mission is open daily from 10am to 11pm.

From the mission you now cross over Flinders St towards the modern-looking Automotive Centre of Excellence. Ever wondered what goes on in there? Well, ACE is positioning itself to become the largest and most advanced automotive training facility in the southern hemisphere. This is right here in Docklands. They are involved in new research and application of improved fuels, engines and automotive

design technology. This is the home of the two-seater FR-1 concept car, brainchild of the not-for-profit AutoHorizon Foundation. Expect some innovative ideas to come out of here in the not-too-distant future.

Behind there you may have noticed an older building that is home to the Fox Classic Car Collection. It is home to more than 50 prestige vehicles collected over 20 years by Lindsay Fox. The collection includes Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche and Mercedes Benz marques. The building has an interesting history, being a former customs building and tenanted by the government printer in the early 1900s. For opening times visit the FoxCollection.org.au website.

And that just about brings us back to where you started. Now wasn't that a pleasant experience?

I hope you all have an enjoyable September. It is the AFL finals madness season with AFL headquarters and Etihad stadium on our doorstep. For the fans, Docklands will be their destination of choice this month. If only they knew about the other Docklands' hidden secrets.

Speak to you next month.

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

I'm writing this angrily. Well, maybe that's too harsh. Just very cross.

I'm punching the keys, they're click clacking louder than usual. A little cloud of dust is hovering over the keyboard, confused at the stirring up of its otherwise very undisturbed and secure position on the keys. It's mayhem.

You'd think that there was something incredibly wrong, something dramatic had happened, something awful. As I continue to punch away at the keys, my little finger is starting to hurt, on account of the sudden demands placed on it. But the discomfort is just driving my determination harder. You'd wonder what an earth had happened ... if you're male.

If you're female, you'd completely recognise the signs and understand. You'd know that there are regular - or not so regular - times in a woman's life (like on average, 12

times a year) that you just feel angry. You not only feel angry, you feel sick and very unattractive and quite convinced that the world is a tough place for a woman.

It's guaranteed that your favourite shoe is missing at this time, and is clearly the only acceptable shoe option - enough to drive anyone over the edge.

You forgot to get milk on the way home - enough to convince yourself you're completely in over your head on the responsibility stakes and drinking too much wine is the only logical response.

This is backed up by eating the entire box of chocolates you'd been saving for next weekend's dinner party, then crying the next day because you can't fit into your running gear and you NEEEEED to go for a run - 'cos you ate the box of chocolates last night. See how it all works?

Yep, if you're female, you know these signs. They are the most beautiful signs that signify you're a woman, with all the wild ups and downs and craziness that can occasionally

come from that. It gives us the incredible gift of being able to grow another life inside of us, it gives us passion, it gives us the ability to show immense love, it gives us patience to nurture wee small children into wonderful adults (with battle stories along the way), it gives us the protective strength that helps form a family bond and it give us PMT.

So here's the headline boys. Deal with it. In fact, do better than that. Accept it. We are doing the best we can in this rollercoaster of a ride, and for the most part, we are very loving and supportive.

But here's the thing - when you notice that loving and supportive part missing, that's your cue to provide it. It means WE need it. Yes, just occasionally, we need you to mumble sympathetic sounds and pour hot baths, massage muscles that you can't even feel in our backs - on account of the alarming and seemingly instant fluid retention - and you need to definitely not notice the pimples appearing on our faces (that's not what we had in mind either,

when you said you wish we could look like teenagers again).

Women are amazing creatures and we are blessed - as well as cursed - with hormones that can overtake our bodies. For the most part, we feel privileged and honoured at the joys it can bring. But here's a tip - if you see your woman feeling all the insecurities and pain that can come at this time of the month, just hold her closer.

Tell her you love her if you do. Bear the burden, because she sure as hell is usually there for you. And she's worth it.

Mother nature knew what she was doing, and selected women to carry this emotional rollercoaster as part of their makeup. She made men with wonderful and incredible qualities too. For the most part, they want to provide and protect as well. So here's the thing - start with the person beside you. And the world will be a better place.

'Til next month

Abby xx



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody.

We are all looking forward to more warmer weather!

Following my letter on behalf of the DCA to both the City of Melbourne and VicUrban requesting consultation on proposed community facilities, I was invited to meet with VicUrban managers on August 23. They advised that the community facilities, projects including the school, community centre and library are now the responsibility of the council which will also respond to us shortly. I reiterated that we want community consultation before any developer scheme is approved.

VicUrban did however provide information on a few matters. A number of developers are under consideration for the construction of the facilities. VicUrban's preferred site for the school is on the Esplanade to the north of the Customs building, whilst the indicated

site for the community/library building is behind the ANZ building.

They also propose to put a volley-ball court on a section of Docklands "Park" near the NAB or near The Hub. This is not much in terms of recreation facilities, again apparently due to lack of open space. Hopefully the development of Western Park, when it occurs, will provide more, including tennis courts and adequate space to kick a ball around. Other proposals include a small garden pavilion at the rear of the Serrata development.

VicUrban also proposes to utilise the old tram tracks area on Harbour Esplanade by covering it with grass and providing garden seats. This sounds good. Timed for later this year I think.

VicUrban tabled a layout of traffication measures designed to improve flow, including traffic volume detection and lights sequencing, which they say has already improved the egress from Bourke Street.

I stated that given the good improvements,

the additional buildings coming on stream will add to the congestion, including side streets. Clearly, the authorities continue to promote the use of public transport and it was mentioned that some new buildings will provide no car spaces at all. It is difficult to see how this will solve everything. People still drive vehicles.

On the question of how many high-rise buildings are allowed to be built on a given area, the indicated answer is there is no limit under current laws. The question arose because MAB has erected seven with an eighth to come, all within a distance of approximately 300 metres in NewQuay, making it like Hong Kong.

This results in a curtailment of sunlight, obstruction of views, increasing wind tunnel effects and increased traffic congestion. But there seems nothing we can do about it, which is not good enough.

A comment at the meeting that Docklands is just an extension of the CBD and that high-rise residents in the CBD don't have much in the way of community facilities may

throw light on the VicUrban approach to planning.

I replied that Docklands is a showcase on the water, which provides the opportunity for modern urban planning and provision of open space and attractive facilities.

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 at 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

Good to be in touch again. We'll keep batting for the area.

Sincerely

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I LOVE THE NIGHT LIFE

Cummings comes back to Docklands

If you missed Melbourne singer-songwriter Stephen Cummings and the Swimmers perform earlier this year, this month offers you a second chance.

With veteran musicians Robert Googe and Bill McDonald, the band plays an acoustic gig every Thursday evening in September at the historical Mission to Seafarers building, located at 717 Flinders St, Docklands. The last season at the mission was such a success that they will entertain us again.

This time around their set will include tunes from Cummings' 15th solo album *Good Bones* released late last year and a mix of material that forms a sort of Cummings anthology.

The band enjoys its stints at the mission and is returning to a venue where the atmosphere relates well to its sound and rhythmic storytelling.

Cummings will be set up in the Little Celia Room, which was originally the chaplain's boardroom at the mission.

In the style of an old town crier, Cummings rings a genuine ship's bell mounted on the wall, to let his audience know the show is about to start.

The 1960s-style bar serves beer, wine and spirits at \$5 each - old world prices at the old world venue!

So be sure not to miss out this time. Stephen

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WORDPLAY

FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

Eyes of the Past

By Phil Le Couilliard

The creature looked at him and winked with both its tiny, obsidian eyes. Through the blurriness of half sleep, William realised he had seen this thing in the shadows of his campfire's flames before.

Cold, unparalleled dread exploded down his spine as his reflexes reached for the well-worn blade laying with him beneath his threadbare blanket. As he lurched from his slumber, his blanket fell away from him as did his much needed sleep. He stared beyond the dying flames, willing the creature to disappear as no more than a figment of his frayed subconscious.

However, to his consternation, far from disappearing, the creature recoiled in seeming fright at his sudden movement. It blinked again and again, wide black eyes fixed intently upon him. William guessed the creature stood no taller than three inches. Grey damp skin was stretched over a thin frame of frail bones.

Wide eyed, fearing to blink as he remained fixed on the creature, William rose slowly, keeping his weapon concealed. The cold memory of this creature was vague and long buried and yet William knew the last time he had seen it, his life had been changed.

The feeling of dread had subsided, though it still lingered - toying with his fear. He peered more closely at the tiny face that surrounded the creature's wide black eyes. Its nose was little more than two slashes in its flat face above its thin-slitted mouth. Rows of minute, sharp, serrated teeth appeared and disappeared as it smiled almost wickedly at him.

Realisation of this buried link to his past

flooded through him; he had to know what the creature was.

Without removing his sight from the creature, William judged that by discarding his trusted blade he could snatch the creature if he were to dive directly across the flames.

Without further thought he found himself in mid-air over the fire, strong calloused hands outstretched reaching for more than just the thing itself, reaching for answers to long-buried questions.

Seemingly startled by his action the creature leaped into the air. Flimsy, thin, leather-like wings appeared from behind its small body, keeping the creature comfortably a couple of feet from the hard-packed earth. William, however, his arms still out stretched, crashed down before the creature, which now hovered just out of his reach.

As if unsure of what William intended, the creature seemingly winked once again with both its strange obsidian eyes.

Phil Le Couilliard is a founding member of Docklands Writers. For enquiries about joining the group, contact rose@grahammercer.com.au



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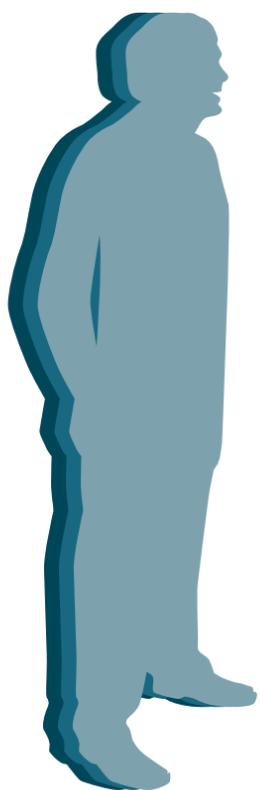
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Former Olympic swimmer, Daniel Kowalski, has been working in Docklands since January and loves the convenience of the location.

"It's great that you can find basically everything here," he said.

Daniel, 36, is the general manager of the Australian Swimmers Association (ASA) and also works for Professional Footballers Australia (PFA). Both organisations are located in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour.

This is the perfect spot for Daniel, especially with the variety of cafes to choose from. "I love the coffee at the Gauge next door," he said.

In both of Daniel's roles he is responsible for overseeing the welfare and wellbeing of elite athletes. "This is something I am very passionate about," Daniel said.

After his own elite swimming career it makes sense that Daniel would want to support and guide Australia's new generation of athletes.

Daniel made it onto his first national swimming team in 1993. His swimming career saw him win gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and world championships.

After retiring in 2002, Daniel went on to work in a variety of roles.

He worked in athlete management for Grand Slam International and was a member of the organising committee for the 2007 World Swimming Championships in Melbourne.

He was also assistant swimming coach for



Wisconsin-Madison University in America for a year and has worked in athlete welfare for the Victorian Institute of Sport.

However, moving into two new roles in Docklands is not the only interesting thing to have happened to Daniel this year.

He is also the subject of a portrait by Peter Bloomfield that was recently shown at the Hidden Faces of the Archibald exhibition at the Hilton, South Wharf.

This exhibition is exclusively for Victorian artists who entered the Archibald exhibition.

Daniel described the portrait as having an "uncanny resemblance". "I was blown away the first time I saw it and every time I've seen it since I have to do a double-take," he said.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Marina Nguyen

LOCATION:

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WEARS:

Black Levis, Forever 21 grey t-shirt, black cardigan bought in Japan, green Birds of Prey cardigan, black fur stole found at home and hand-made chain necklace.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

A lot of people say that I have an indie style but I don't think so. I like things that are currently in fashion but with a bit of an individual twist.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I'm helping my cousin shop for an outfit for her school formal.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Point Cook.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

A good pair of jeans is definitely a wardrobe staple for me because you can dress them up or down.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Putting your own individual spin on whatever you are wearing, body-shape and lifestyle. You should wear what suits you.

Marjolaine Joly

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Black Adidas shoes, black leggings, Jeans West woollen jumper, Only blue leather jacket and a black scarf.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I would say that my style is comfortable and maybe a little bit dorky.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

The shopping, I'm on the hunt for a bargain.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Montreal, Canada.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Any scarf.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

A good scarf can complete any outfit.

Matt Forsythe

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Black Nike Airmax, black Industrie jeans, Levi's checked shirt and a black jacket from This Store.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I like to wear clothes that are comfortable and functional.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at the shoe store Hype.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM:

Brunswick.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My Nike Airmax.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Clothes that match and have a nice cut to them.



Spending is in the air

By Nicola St John

It's time to strip off your coat, banish the black and don something floral.

Spring is here. Finally. And with it comes the MSFW which, to those unaccustomed to fashion acronyms, is Melbourne's Spring Fashion Week.

If the previews are anything to go by, expect a lot of wearable clothes. Think bright, think colour, and think increased retail sales. The fashion week's sole purpose it seems, is to get people shopping again, to reverse the downward spiral retailers have been facing.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said this year's event would cement Melbourne's place as the fashion capital.

"We are proud to have 80 per cent of Melbourne Spring Fashion Week made up of Melbourne designers, more than we have had in any other year," he said.

The program launch featured a sea of iridescent colour, matched with bold tailoring, striking cuts and the classic whimsical ethereal dress.

Neo Dia sent down the runway an origami-inspired creation with detailed tailoring in lemon yellow – sure to be the new colour of summer 2012.

Dhini followed with sorbet orange and Jessica Hendrick with a fluoro-green neoprene bodycon mini, perfect for a chic scuba dive, but not for the faint-hearted.

So if you are going to miss the parade of fabulous fashions running from September 5 to 11, worry not. Just as important as debuting future fashion, is to convince consumers to buy these collections.

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Steven:

Has his Mercury in Aquarius, which indicates big picture communicating.

Highly innovative and futuristic, sometimes Steven's thinking is way above the average person's understanding. He needs someone who can bring those ideas into chewable pieces and use practical methods of application. This sounds easy but first the person who is to assist him has to understand his vision. This is why it is common to find that with successful ventures there are teams of people all with different, yet complimentary, skills.

We look to Mars for action and drive. Steven has his drive in Aries, which symbolises pioneering, innovative and direct action. He is able to achieve his goals by going where no-one else has and by believing in himself when no-one else does. His drive is to be number one, to take no prisoners and to never accept defeat. He will hit many walls in the process but continue to follow his star. Angela has her Mars in Cancer, which indicates a very nurturing and supportive personality. She not only believes in his ideas and methods, she will do what she can to support and nurture them.

Angela:

Has her Mercury in Sagittarius so she is fascinated with Steven's adventurous and unique ideas. She understands them and supports them completely, but has the same method of communication as he does, so she will find it difficult (like he does) to relay these visions to those that have the skill to systematically work to achieve the goal.

Be that as it may however, with Venus in Aquarius Angela will attract to Steven (without effort) the right people and opportunities to make his dreams come true. Together they need to attract the right someone who can help them bring these ideas to market.

The missing link:

Whilst both Angela and Steven share the same ideologies, passions and goals, each of them communicates in a similar fashion (big picture). To reach their goals they will have to attract someone that both understands them but has a more practical and balanced method of achieving these broad goals.

To do that they will need someone who has Mercury in a compatible sign to theirs (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius or Sagittarius) because first and foremost, that person would have to understand their ideas, and then have the practical skills to make it happen. Their missing link would have to have some strong action planets in a practical sign such as Capricorn or Virgo.

With all relationships and, in particular a working or business relationship, communication forms the cornerstone of success. Great ideas are of no value unless they are shared and acted upon. For this we look to several areas of a chart. Mercury determines how we communicate, so in order to be fully understood we need to communicate those ideas to someone who has compatible Mercury. We then need to find someone who can act on those ideas so we need to find someone who has their Mars (planet of action) in a compatible place to put our ideas into concrete form. Venus then shows us where we have the potential to make money and how we perceive money.

Featured terminology:

Mars = is the planet of energy, sex drive and anger.

Venus = is the planet of romance and money

Mercury = is the way we think, our ideas and how we communicate



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Where: Harbour Town Shopping Centre

When: 24 September – 9 October

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Where: 105 Pearl River Road, Docklands

When: 24 September - 9 October

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Where: Wonderland Fun Park

When: 24 September - 9 October, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Check for the program at www.wonderlandfunpark.com.au



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Kyoto elevates relaxation to an art form

Readers won't be surprised to know that this dog snores.

Kyoto is the prized "baby" of Alisha Hamilton (pictured left) who lives at Harbour Town with flatmate Julie Almond (right).

The 22-year-olds moved to Docklands recently from Kew but took some time to find a dog-friendly rental. The communal courtyards at Harbour Town offer an ideal environment for pet ownership.

Kyoto is only one year old. But her snoring can be heard in adjacent bedrooms. And it's not surprising when you consider the considerable folds of skin on her face.

Alisha said the sharpei breed was developed in China as a fighting dog – the extra folds of skin offering protection from their opponent's teeth.

These days, the last thing you would expect from a sharpei would be a fight. Their earlier aggressiveness has been bred out to the

extent that they are now one of the most relaxed breeds.

It was the sharpei's gentle nature that first attracted Alisha to the breed.

"Sharpeis are good for apartments because they don't require a lot of exercise," Alisha said.

"They are really good company. They are just happy to sit around with you and become very attached to their owners."

Another feature of the breed is that they attract a lot of attention from others. When *Docklands News* met Kyoto, she was the centre of attention from a lot of other admirers in Harbour Esplanade.

Alisha said a TV ad featuring a sharpei had given the breed semi-celebrity status.



Where the grass is greener ...

New Quay West residents are lucky. Not only do they have their own new park, but their park has already had two lots of instant turf.

The City of Melbourne insisted that the first lot of Quay Park grass be pulled up and removed because it was the wrong type.

It was replaced with a drought tolerant species.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson explained: "As part of the approval process for the Quay Park project, City of Melbourne had specified that warm season grasses should be planted in the new park. This was agreed by MAB."

"City of Melbourne's preference is to use drought tolerant turf species for our parks and open spaces, as they require less watering and stay green through all the seasons."

"However, during the construction of Quay Park, City of Melbourne found that a different type of grass had been used. Following a discussion with MAB, it was agreed

that the turf should be replaced to conform to what had been agreed for the park."

"City of Melbourne understands that MAB's contractor had mistakenly planted the wrong turf species."



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

AFL predictions for September 2011

September 2

Collingwood V Geelong

This is going to be a very interesting match, as these teams are widely tipped to play off in the grand final. The match takes place on Friday and, according to the numbers, it will be a Cats win if the Geelong captain plays.

September 3

Western Bulldogs V Fremantle

I feel that this will be a high-scoring match and both teams will perform well. The numbers are much in favour of the Bulldogs and a good victory for the men in red, blue and white.

Sydney V Brisbane

This match happens at the Sydney Stadium and local supporters will be after a win, but the numbers have something else in store. Brisbane adds up to 21 which is a number three – the same as

the match date. And Brisbane's outfit has yellow and maroon so, all in all, this means a surprise for Sydney and a win for the Lions.

St Kilda V Carlton

This is going to be a very interesting match for fans of both teams. The St Kilda captain is in his lucky year and his destiny is activated, whereas Carlton is also likely to perform well as it adds up to seven, which is lucky for them this year. I feel St Kilda has got more numbers in its favour to win the match. So it shall be St Kilda victory. I say: "Go Saints, you will win."

West Coast V Adelaide

Well the day is lucky for both teams. It will be a tough match and the crowd will be behind the Eagles so that shall turn the match in its favour. The numbers are also slightly more lucky for them. A West Coast Eagles victory.

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JAN KNOWS ALL ABOUT THE MAGIC OF LOVE

Jan knows all about magic – the magic of love that is.

Jan Gielnik absolutely loves his job. He is a marriage celebrant and has been bringing couples together in matrimony for the last five years.

“It is very, very special being a marriage celebrant,” Jan said.

“Everyone has their own magic about it and I get to be involved in a snapshot of another person’s special moment.”

Jan describes himself as a “people’s person”. He loves dealing with people, especially on their happiest day.

“As a marriage celebrant you see people at their best. You get to see everyone at their happiest state, it is very enjoyable,” he says.

When asked about “love” Jan says that “friendship is the best thing for love”.

“I have a lovely ‘links of love’ bracelet,

which I give to every bride as a gift. Each link is what makes love. From friendship to courtship a range of links build up to marriage,” he said.

As a marriage celebrant Jan said his life was filled with many special moments.

He said there was no right or wrong way to celebrate a wedding.

“I meet different people from all walks of life and people that are at different stages of their lives,” he said.

“Sometimes I think I get more out of it than the couple do.”

Jan travels far and wide to take part in wedding ceremonies.

“I don’t say no to anyone. I go everywhere. I travel everywhere,” he says.

But he says one of his favourite places for a wedding is Docklands.

“Docklands is one of the loveliest places in Melbourne,” Jan said.

“It’s a fabulous place to have a wedding. It



has magnificent waterways.”

Jan is dedicated to providing the best service and most memorable experience for his customers.

“Out of all the different businesses I’ve had, being a marriage celebrant is the best out of everything,” he said.

Jan can be contacted on **0417 011 086**.

NEW CHAPTER FOR CAM AND TEAM

Moving to the Docklands is a new chapter for Cam and her team at EC Travel.

Managed by Cam Hong Tang, EC Travel moved to Docklands in July. The company was first established in 1999 and has branches in Sydney, Brisbane and China.

“Docklands is a beautiful and modern waterfront city. We are very happy here,” Cam said.

EC Travel specialises in Australian and Asian travel. It can help organise getaways and escapes anywhere in Australia and prides itself on Asian travel experiences.

“Asia travel is our strength, we have very strong connections with Vietnam, China and

Cambodia,” Cam said.

Cam was born in China, has lived in Vietnam and now lives in Australia – giving her a great edge in providing the best deals for her customers.

“There are many advantages for our customers. Because of our contacts, we can organise packages and tours,” she says.

EC Travel is both an inbound and outbound travel agency. The team provides travel opportunities for people both in and out of Australia.

A large part of Cam’s role is recruiting overseas travellers to come to Australia.

The well-trusted agency is a long-term member of the Australian Tourism Export Council.

“We are happy to promote Australia to the rest of the world,” Cam said.

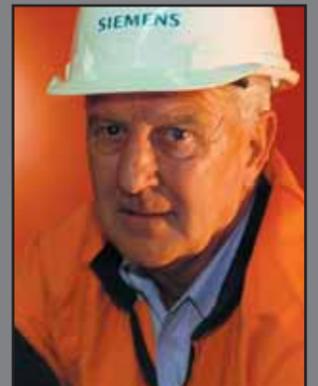
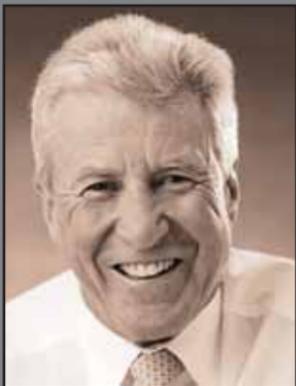
“Australia is an ideal holiday destination and a beautiful country. It is our job to introduce and promote Australia to tourists.”

Cam and her team are committed to providing the best travel deals for their customers and assisting them with all their holiday needs such as hotels and recommending sights to see.

Cam says now is a great time to travel for many reasons.

“From a traveller’s point of view it is a good time to travel because you pay less for airfares in September and there is no need to compete with students as it is not school holiday season,” she says.

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TAMARA ZAYEC, 36
Assistant Manager, Ugg Boots Sheep Skin Products

Tamara has been working in Docklands for over a year. She likes the wide variety of shops in Harbour Town and especially loves shoe shopping. Tamara describes Docklands as a great place for tourists. She likes meeting tourists and hearing their stories. "Docklands is good because it's close to the city without being in the city" she says.



EMAN HELAL, 19
Shop assistant, Health Kick Vitamin Centre

Eman loves the shopping and food at Docklands. She describes Docklands as "very refreshing". During her breaks Eman likes to walk along the pier and enjoy the fresh air. When she is not working, Eman and her friends enjoy ice-skating at the Medibank Icehouse. "We go there a lot," says Eman.



KELLY NGUYEN, 19
Shop assistant, Lonsdale

Kelly's favourite season is summer. "I love summer in Docklands, it's beautiful" says Kelly. Kelly enjoys eating ice cream along the pier and the feel of "outdoor shopping". She says it's a great place to catch up with her friends.



RAJ PALKER, 31
Owner, VU Fashion Optics

Raj has been working at Docklands since Harbour town first opened in 2008. "I've seen the centre grow," he says. He appreciates seeing his loyal customers regularly. Raj says Docklands is a precinct for families to enjoy a nice day out. In one word Raj describes Docklands as "vibrant". He misses the Southern Star but eagerly anticipates the future of Docklands.



DUKE LO, 26
Sales supervisor, Helly Hansen

Duke has been part of the Docklands community since January. Duke lives and works in Docklands. "I'm here everyday," he says. He is here from Canada on a working visa but is keen to come back to Australia in the future. He describes Docklands as "beautiful". "I love the fact that I live by the water, it's nice scenery," he says. Duke walks to and from work to appreciate the scenery and peacefulness of Docklands. On the weekends Duke enjoys dinner by the docks at his favourite seafood restaurants.



SARA HAJEB, 22
Sales Assistant, Sintra

Sara loves working at Docklands and has been here for over a year. "I love the atmosphere," says Sara. She says the people in Docklands are very nice. When Sara is not working, she enjoys shopping. Sara is very family orientated and describes Docklands as a great place for families. During her spare time Sara likes sitting by the waterfront eating fish and chips.

Baristas battle it out

By Yasemin Pelevan

Baristas from around Australia flew to Docklands last month to compete for Wild Bean's "Best Barista" crown.

Wild Bean serves more than 18,000 cups of coffee each day at its BP Connect Stores. Its competition, which has been held annually since 2005, recognises its best coffee creators.

One of this year's finalists included Victoria's own, Hayden Foyle from Clarendon BP in

South Melbourne. There was a lot of pressure coming into the competition for Hayden who was the only Victorian to get through to the nationals.

"I am passionate about coffee," Hayden said.

The competition, held at Etihad Stadium, was a celebration of great baristas and Australia's love of a good cuppa.

"People need to know it's not that easy to make a quality coffee, there is a lot of work that goes behind it," Hayden said.

But surprisingly, as one of Australia's best baristas, Hayden is not a coffee drinker himself.

"I don't drink coffee, I just don't like it," he said, "But it's fun to make".



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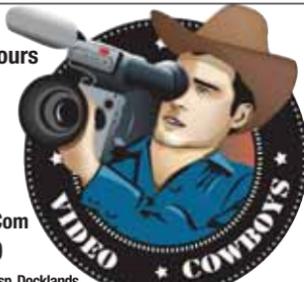
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Paddlers bring home gold

By Bethany Williams

Five Docklands dragon boaters won gold at last month's International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Championships in the USA.

Karen Morris was among the five who paddled to victory in the Masters (40 plus) women's 2000-metre turns race, winning Australia's only gold medal.

"It was such an incredible feeling knowing that all the training and hard work had paid off and that we had really pulled together and gelled as a team," she said.

Some 16 members of the Melbourne Flames and two members of Dragon Masters competed alongside 160 others on the Australian dragon boat team.

Both the Melbourne Flames and Dragon Masters train at Shed 2 in Victoria Harbour.

The Australian team competed in 35 events at the championships and won 15 medals, including one gold, nine silver and five bronze.

The coach of the Australian dragon boat team, Serghei Cusca, is also the coach of the Melbourne Flames.

Serghei said that he was extremely proud of the Australian team's performance at the world championships. "Each and every paddler pulled together and performed as a united team," he said.

The Australian dragon boat team came third overall at the IDBF World Championships.

To get involved in dragon boating in Docklands see www.melbourneflames.com.au or www.dragonmasters.com.au



Justin is the best

Justin Chappell of Jetts Fitness Docklands has won the inaugural Victorian Manager of the Year Award.

Justin said he was delighted to be the first to win the title.

"As a local resident of Docklands, I feel a strong connection with every one of our members who walk through the door and do my best to see how I can improve our offering to the Docklands community and the many businesses and residents who call it home," Justin said.

"It's little things like this that make a big difference to a member and help establish trust, which is incredibly important in this industry."

Get out and get active in Docklands

By Bethany Williams

Want to ditch the suit and play some soccer? Next month's Docklands Sports Cup is the perfect opportunity.

Melbourne City Sports (MCS) will hold the event, which involves a corporate soccer match, at Shed 4 on Friday, October 14.

The event will run from 3pm to 6pm and will be followed by post-match celebrations.

"The Docklands Sports Cup is something new, something different and something that companies that can't participate in our weekly sport programs can do as a one-off initiative," MCS marketing and events coordinator Sandra Vernuccio said.

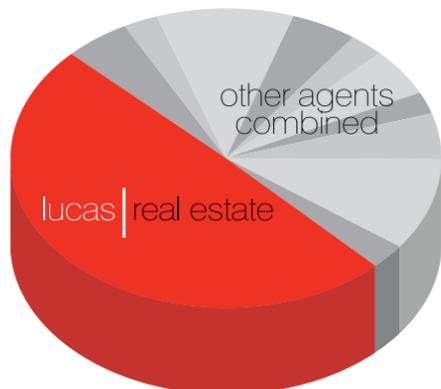
MCS is looking for 20 corporate teams to take part in the Docklands Sports Cup. Each team must consist of at least five people and it will cost \$400 per team to register.

This is the first time the competition has been held and MCS is hoping to make it an annual event. Future events will potentially include a wider range of sports, according to demand and venue availability.

"The main initiative behind hosting the Docklands Sports Cup is to create a sense of involvement and activity in Docklands and draw people to the area," Ms Vernuccio said.

Corporate teams can register to take part in the Docklands Sports Cup by visiting www.melbournecitysports.ymca.org.au

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