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Cadel Evans is here next month

Tour de France winner Cadel Evans is visiting Docklands next month for an afternoon of fund-raising cycling up and down NewQuay Promenade.

The champion cyclist has again put his hand up to attend on November 25 and compete in Suit Up and Ride – a corporate fundraiser for youth mental health charity Orygen.

Cadel competed in a very low-key Suit Up and Ride event in Docklands last year ... but that was before his Tour de France victory.

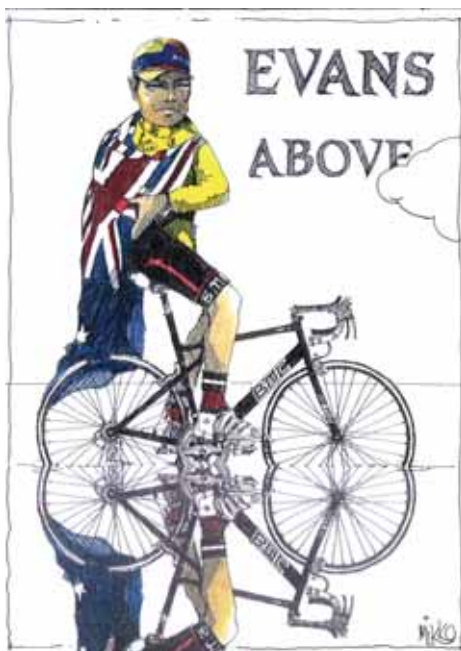
His new fame is sure to draw thousands of cycling enthusiasts and Docklands businesses are gearing up to greet them. *Docklands News* intends to print a special souvenir program of the event.

As *Docklands News* went to press it was unknown if the City of Melbourne was willing to help it to become a large public celebration of Cadel's achievement.

The Lord Mayor Robert Doyle brokered a meeting late last month between City of Melbourne events organisers and Cadel's Australian management. Cr Doyle told Cadel's team that a proposal needed to be costed and endorsed by councillors.

Regardless of council's endorsement, thousands are expected as the word is spreading about what is likely to be Cadel's only appearance for the rest of the year.

In August more than 30,000 fans descended on Federation Square shortly after Cadel won the Tour. On that occasion he rode only a few hundred metres.



At Docklands, he will be competing – which involves team time-trialling on blue Melbourne share bikes for several laps from the Waterfront City Piazza along NewQuay Promenade up to Harbour Esplanade.

To participate in the event, riders must wear their suit, or regular office attire. Last year there were miners and fire fighters – and even someone in a gorilla suit rode.

And it gets just as exciting off the bike. Clare Bowditch will be performing.

Orygen Youth Health is still looking for corporate teams of five to compete in the event and raise funds for youth mental health. Last year \$47,000 was raised through the event, which was spent putting 700 young northern and western suburbs high school students through the acclaimed Headsmart program.



Coco is our best-dressed dog

Sally Hewitt's toy poodle Coco was adjudged most fashionable at Docklands' Dogs Day Out in Victoria Harbour on September 25. See more photos from the day on page 16.

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Melbourne award for Tony Arnel

*Victorian Building and
Plumbing Commissioner Tony
Arnel was last month awarded
the Melbourne Award for
Contribution to Sustainability
by an Individual.*

He won the City of Melbourne award primarily for his roles as chair of the Green Building Council of Australia and the chair of the World Green Building Council.

Docklands-based Mr Arnel has worked in China, India and the United States and has promoted Melbourne as a centre of sustainability.

Last year Mr Arnel was awarded the inaugural Australian Institute of Architects' Leadership in Sustainability Award.

Among his achievements, Mr Arnel has helped make Victoria the first state in Australia to achieve the five-star standard for new homes – soon to be six-star standard.

He is also responsible for helping introduce Green star rating tools for buildings and has increased the expectations for the minimum standard and industry best practices. He also helped include sustainability principles into the National Building Code for the first time.



Silent disco tackles a silent killer

*A group of dancers performed
a “silent disco” in Docklands on
September 2 to raise awareness
of ovarian cancer.*

Bemused commuters heading for the office were not privy to the music, so the extraverted hi-jinks of the Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance performers was an entertaining sight.

The silent disco at Southern Cross station launched “Play the Silent Card” - an initiative developed by NAB to support the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation and to increase awareness of one of Australia's most aggressive silent killers – ovarian cancer.

Joining the dancers was former basketballer Andrew Gaze who became a “Play the Silent Card Ambassador”.

By the end of the session, everyone was dancing to the beat of their own ear drums.

‘You’re dancing and I’m just going to work’! A Jason Coleman dancer “in the groove” on Spencer St on September 2.

Ride to work and have brekky

*Melbourne City Sports (MCS) is
holding a community breakfast
in Docklands this month for
Ride to Work Day.*

The breakfast will take place from 7am to 9am on the corner of Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade on October 12.

The breakfast will provide city workers taking on the Ride to Work challenge with all the essentials for a smooth journey.

This is the third year MCS has hosted the event. “It keeps getting bigger and better each year with local businesses pulling

together and contributing their time to take part in this great initiative,” MCS marketing and events co-ordinator Sandra Vernuccio said.

A variety of sponsors have provided a range of free offers for all the active office workers out there.

These include:

- Breakfast treats, including juice, muffins and protein bars;
- Massages;
- Bike repairs;
- The City of Melbourne will be handing out free fluoro bike straps;
- Victoria Police will be at the breakfast

- providing free bike marking; and
- A coffee van will be available onsite.

Melbourne City Sports will also have a sports challenge offering cyclists the opportunity to test their skills and win prizes.

The Docklands community breakfast for Ride to Work Day is all about encouraging a healthy, affordable, hassle and carbon free mode of transport for city workers.

So jump on your bike and head down to the Docklands community breakfast for Ride to Work Day this month.

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(5 - 7 pm)



Docklands defies the financial gloom

Twenty tower cranes lining our skyline are a potent symbol of Docklands’ defiance of the gloomy global economic climate.

Development in Docklands has never been better with more than \$2 billion worth of commercial and residential construction currently underway.

And there are many other projects that will be coming out of the ground in coming months on all sides of Docklands.

As at September 12, about 335,000sqm gross floor area, which includes 1221 new dwellings, was underway.

VicUrban’s acting general manager for Docklands, Simon Wilson, said: “Docklands is currently experiencing a development boom, with more construction activity currently underway than any other period in its 10-year history.”

Developments currently under construction include:

Development	Developer	Gross Floor Area	Dwellings
Kangan Batman TAFE – Stage 2, 2-48 Harbour Esplanade	Kangan Institute	13,504sqm	0
North East Stadium Precinct: Lacrosse, Stage 1 – 675 LaTrobe St	675 LaTrobe Street Pty Ltd – Charter Hall (Pan Urban Development Manager)	21,752sqm	312
Victoria Harbour: Convesso, 8 Waterside Place	Lend Lease	28,549sqm	220
Victoria Harbour: Serrata, 807-817 Bourke St	Lend Lease	15,252sqm	144
NewQuay: Harbour One, 353-369 Docklands Drive	MAB Corporation	26,466sqm	310
Victoria Harbour: Aurecon, 850-846 Collins St	Lend Lease	19,947sqm	0
Digital Harbour: Melbourne Water, 990 LaTrobe St	Digital Harbour	14,520sqm	0
Collins Square: 4A Building, 745 Collins St	Walker Corporation	39,843sqm	0
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Collins Square: 4B, 719 Collins St	Walker Corporation	41,732sqm	0
South East Stadium Precinct: NAB Stage 1, 700 Bourke St	Bourke Junction Nominees – CBUS Property	63,120sqm	0
Yarra’s Edge: Tower 8	Mirvac	26,852sqm	201
Yarra’s Edge: Low Rise Stage 3	Mirvac	6061sqm	17
Yarra’s Edge: Low Rise Stage 4	Mirvac	6061sqm	17
Total	-	334,690sqm	1221

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ING, Harbour Town and Icehouse workers enjoy their new two-wheeled freedom to explore Docklands.

ING adopts pedal power

By Bethany Williams

ING Real Estate Development, Harbour Town and Medibank Icehouse staff have been zipping around Docklands courtesy of their new Melbourne Bike Share memberships.

Some 30 one-year memberships are shared amongst the staff, allowing them to take advantage of the bike share scheme.

The memberships allow the staff to use the blue bikes for up to 45 minutes at a time for free.

Melbourne Bike Share co-ordinator, Kathy Ilot, said Melbourne Bike Share approached ING about the memberships after installing a new bike share station at the corner of Docklands Drive and Waterfront Way in August.

An ING spokesperson said that the new station encouraged people to make the trip from the CBD to Docklands to take in all that the precinct had to offer including Harbour Town, Costco, Medibank Icehouse and the wide range of restaurants and cafes.

“It also encourages people living and working in Docklands to see the other side of Docklands and the harbour,” the spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, many ING staff were taking full advantage of their new memberships and were using the bikes multiple times per week.

ING staffer Mark said he used the bikes at least every second day to get to and from work. He also said he had been on group rides with other staff to Yarra’s Edge and anticipates that riding to other Docklands precincts will become a regular activity.

ING, Harbour Town and the Icehouse join around 30 other organisations throughout Melbourne, including ANZ, City of Melbourne and Melbourne Water, which have also purchased bike share memberships for their staff to use.

In Docklands, we prefer to walk to work

More people in Docklands walk to work than just about anywhere in the developed world.

More than a third of Docklanders say they are living the dream and have consigned the commute to a previous life.

Consultants undertaking the Docklands Transport Plan say they compared Docklands with 100 European cities and could find only one where a larger proportion of residents walked to work – tiny Ponto Delgada in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

In preparing for the Docklands Transport Plan, a massive survey was undertaken which has provided a rich pool of data.

A travel behaviours survey was issued to more than 18,000 Docklands workers, 6000 residents, 2500 football spectators and 900 visitors.

More than 25 per cent of workers, 5 per cent of residents and over 3000 visitors completed the survey.

The surveys were issued to help understand travelling habits to and from Docklands.

Early results from the surveys indicate that a high proportion of Docklands’ residents either walk or catch public transport as their major transport method to work:

- 34 per cent of residents walk to work;
- 30 per cent of residents catch public transport to work;
- 30 per cent of residents drive to work; and
- 6 per cent of residents cycle to work.

Further information regarding the survey results of residents, workers and visitors will be released shortly and the Docklands Transport Plan is anticipated to be released later in the year.

Get ready for summer

Summer brings fun in the sun at Docklands.

But it also brings hazards, such as skin cancer, and a renewed focus on the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

As the layers of clothes come off, says the Docklands’ Travel Doctor Plus clinic, people discover changes in moles or skin lesions.

“It is important to complete a skin cancer check before summer,” the clinic said.

“In Victoria, average UV levels are 3 (when UV starts to do damage) and above, from September until the end of April.”

The Travel Doctor Plus has a GP who has been trained in skin cancer.

A healthy body leads to a healthy mind, according to YMCA Docklands.

To help Docklanders get in shape for summer, the YMCA is not charging a start-up fee on memberships until October 24.

“Research has shown regular exercise is a way to improve mental health, lose weight, reduce stress and to prevent and manage chronic health conditions,” centre manager Andrew Ward said.

For more, call **8621 8300** or go to **www.docklands.ymca.org.au**. For information on skin cancer, call Travel Doctor Plus on **8622 6333** or go to Level 4, 700 Collins St.

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Residents react to NewQuay plan

By Shane Scanlan

NewQuay residents are holding an open-air protest on October 6 against MAB Corporation's plans to build a 15-storey hotel in the Waterfront City Piazza.

Residents are upset on a range of issues including building heights and loss of view lines, but the central issue is the perceived loss of public open space.

MAB revealed its plans to redevelop the former ING Real Estate precinct on August 31 and was immediately attacked over its intention to build on the front of the piazza.

The developer held a number of consultations with local residents and businesses last month, but this was largely a formality as the public has no say in the Docklands planning process. MAB already has the support of VicUrban, the City of Melbourne and the Department of Planning and Community Development.

These authorities have been meeting with both MAB and ING for more than a year working out a deal between them. They call this the "workshop" model of planning.

Developers defend the model as it is imperative to protect commercial aspects of the negotiation. They say that to announce their plans before they have approval would empower their business rivals.

MAB has been surprised by the negative reaction from some residents. They believe their plan to build 90,000sqm of mostly residential development spread across five buildings is so much better than what is existing that it should be applauded.

And on the issue of public realm, they say that their plan actually results in a net gain of public open space.

VicUrban agrees. Acting Docklands general manager Simon Wilson says the public will be better off by 700sqm under the MAB plan.

"VicUrban's indicative assessment of MAB's development plan, suggests that the proposed hotel building has an approximate footprint of 1643sqm, which includes a privatised drop off area. In comparison, the



MAB representatives were on hand on September 13 and 14 to inform residents of their plans for NewQuay Central.

"showcase building" as approved within the current development plan has an indicative footprint of 2345sqm," he said.

The previous owner ING Real Estate had permission to build what has been known as the "showcase building" but it failed to commercialise the opportunity.

"The indicative figures therefore show that the proposed development plan will actually increase the amount of public realm available," Mr Wilson said. "Perhaps more importantly, however, is the fact that the quality of the proposed public space will be improved dramatically."

MAB and the authorities claim that the provision of "green space" on the northern side of the hotel is in response to Second Decade of Docklands (D2) consultations which revealed community desire for better open space.

In introducing his development update segment to the September 8 Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting, Mr Wilson said the major criticisms of Docklands revealed in the D2 consultations were lack

of wind protection and poor quality public open space.

"MAB is trying to address both of these aspects in this development," Mr Wilson said. "To upgrade the public realm, something needs to be done down there."

When launching the plan on August 31, MAB managing director Andrew Buxton said the Waterfront City Piazza had failed and MAB planned to "fix" the area. "It's an opportunity to reverse the trend," he said.

He envisaged 300,000 visitors a year accessing the precinct from the waterfront under the revised plan.

But Docklands public space advocate, Arkley owners' corporation chair and president of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, objects to the siting of the hotel in the piazza.

Mr Gardner says with more residential development, there will be even more need for the facilities currently available on the harbour side of the piazza – the stage, large TV screens, seating and (synthetic) grassed areas.

"It is used for band recitals, team games, ethnic festivals, markets, vehicle and other displays," he said.

"A weak defence MAB uses is it will provide a windbreak, but we know that the high-rise buildings increase wind tunnels, not reduce them."

Mr Gardner said the issue was not confined to NewQuay residents. He said all Docklands residents should be concerned about defending the public realm.

Mr Gardner encouraged residents to attend the public protest meeting in the piazza at 7.30pm on October 6.

October Survey

With MAB releasing its vision for NewQuay Central, what do you think?

Have your say online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/NewQuay



This month, open the door and start the conversation!

*Beyondblue's Mental Health Week (9-15 October) provides an opportunity to take part in activities to raise awareness of anxiety and depression and reduce the stigma. There's a whole range of ways you can get involved. For more info, call in to your local Barry Plant office, visit www.beyondblue.org.au or call the beyondblue info line on **1300 22 4636**.*



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Reprieve for Harbour Town traders

Harbour Town traders avoided a serious financial blow last month when City of Melbourne councillors voted to continue to fund the Melbourne Tourist Shuttle.

Council management had recommended charging a \$5 fare to use the bus but councillors rejected this, instead voting to keep the service free.

The service is used by 300,000 passengers each year and costs \$1.8 million. The council’s city business director Martin Cutter had recommended that the

councillors approve a \$5 fare to reduce the subsidy to \$600,000.

Mr Cutter’s proposal had caught local stakeholders by surprise and an urgent flurry of alerts to affected businesses produced 18 written responses opposing the measure.

Among those writing to the council to oppose the fare were MAB Corporation, Southern Star Observation Wheel, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Destination Docklands, VicUrban, Lend Lease, ING Real Estate Development, Mirvac and Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

Verbal submissions were made to the meeting by ING Real Estate, Destination Melbourne and the Melbourne Cricket Club.

However, when the matter came before the Future Melbourne Committee on September

13 councillors had already decided to support the free service.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said he decided to support the free services because it was not worth the trouble of introducing the \$5 fare. “It’s too much trouble for the small amount we might recover,” he said.

In supporting the free service, Cr Ken Ong said the shuttle was costing \$6 to attract each passenger. He said in marketing terms this was consistent with the council’s return on investment for its New Year’s Eve fireworks and Moomba festival.

Cr Jackie Watt said it was important to listen to what stakeholders had to say and Cr Kevin Louey said it was vital to continue the successful service without charging a fare.

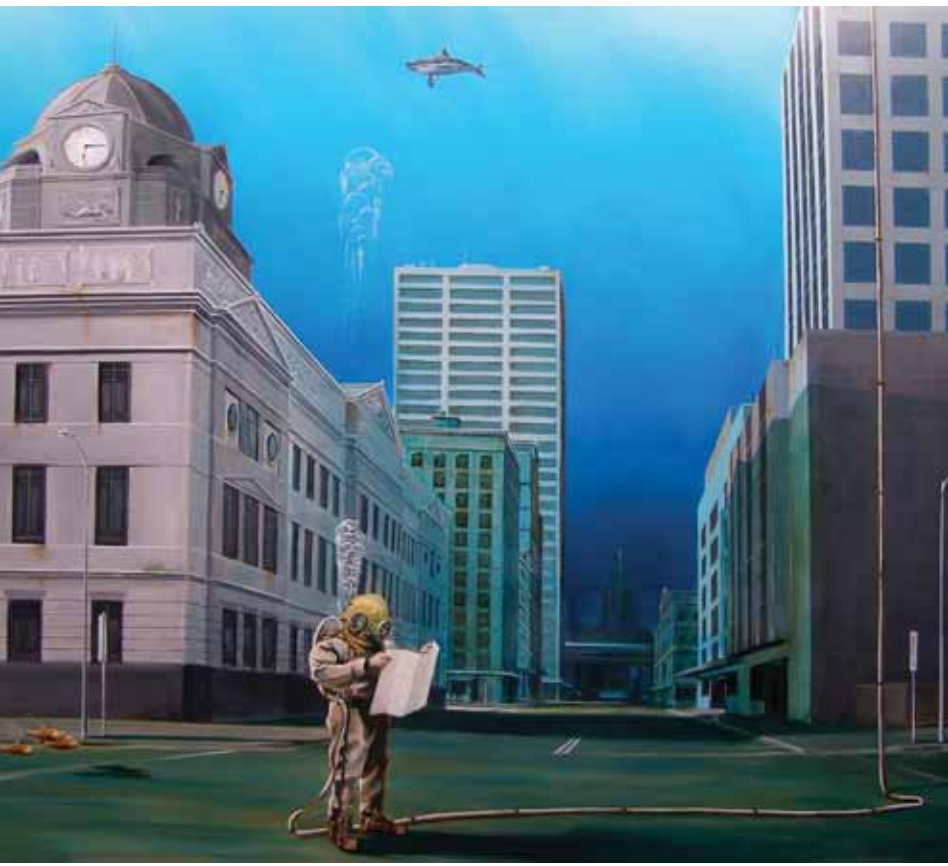
Only two councillors were in favour of

introducing a fare – Brian Shanahan and Cathy Oke.

Cr Shanahan said the money spent on the bus was excessive for something that was not necessary. He suggested childcare centres and gardens could better use the money.

Cr Oke said she would not support funding the bus because it was not cost neutral. And, if it was to be funded, she said it was more appropriate that the money come from the council’s marketing budget.

The council intends to offset some of the service’s operating costs by introducing advertising. Cr Carl Jetter asked ING Real Estate project director Stephen Clement if he would support the service through advertising. Mr Clement said he would.



Warren Lane’s ‘The Rescue Diver.’



Vicki Sangster’s ‘Chidley Beach Marker.’

Maritime artists compete for the big money

By Bethany Williams

A record 112 artists are vying for the \$15,000 first prize at the annual ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition at the Mission to Seafarers this month.

Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV) CEO Andrea Fleming said the exhibition was a great way to raise money for the mission’s work while also supporting maritime artists.

Since 2002, the work of more than 700 artists has been exhibited and over \$119,000 in prize money has been awarded, in what is now recognised as Australia’s leading maritime art award.

All works exhibited at the mission at 717

Flinders St, Docklands, are for sale and pay a 33 per cent commission towards supporting seafarers’ welfare.

The exhibition has raised about \$180,000 over the past nine years.

Ms Fleming said about 25 per cent of the work exhibited was sold.

The 112 artworks featured in this year’s exhibition were selected from 177 entries.

Ms Fleming said the entries included the work of many first-time entrants as well as returning artists. She said there were around 80 artists who consistently entered their work each year for the exhibition.

The exhibition will be held at the Mission to Seafarers building at 717 Flinders St from October 7 to October 23. It is open from Wednesday to Sunday between midday and 7pm. Entry with a gold coin donation.

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No sense complaining about the future

Respected Destination Melbourne CEO Chris Buckingham had a positive message for Docklands businesses when he addressed them on September 20 – things will improve when we stop whinging.

Speaking at a well-attended Docklands Chamber of Commerce networking function at the Medibank Icehouse, Mr Buckingham said Australians respected an underdog, but they hated whingers.

He relayed his personal experience of being involved in trying to market Gippsland a decade ago against a back-drop of consistently-bad public perception of the region and he drew a parallel with present-day Docklands.

He said the Gippsland region turned around a negative image after it stopped railing against its critics and started working together and speaking with a single positive voice.

He advised that parochialism was to be avoided and recommended that Docklands become “proud, positive and passionate”.

“In Gippsland we were eating each other,” he said.



Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Keith Rankin (left) and Destination Melbourne CEO Chris Buckingham tighten their grip on each other on September 20.

“The internal politics were paralysing.”

“I suspect in Docklands that there is disorganisation and general lack of confidence. But you need to demonstrate your resilience.”

Mr Buckingham said Docklands businesses needed to “put a stick in the ground” and decide whether they were here for the long-term or whether they would pack up and go home.

“Repetition builds reputation,” Mr

Buckingham said. “And you need to look for ways to look after each other.”

He recommended that Docklanders concentrate on future opportunities rather than dwell on the past.

And he recommended that we accept standards that were “generally right”.

“It’s about momentum, not perfection,” he said. “And seek forgiveness, not permission.”

In his final message for the night, Mr Buckingham relayed a lesson learned in rugby union – that tightening a grip on others in a scrum results in 10 to 15 per cent more power being generated.

“Look for ways to tighten your grip on each other,” he said.

About 100 people attended the networking event, with many trying out ice skating for the first time after a brief lesson.

Chamber president Keith Rankin thanked the Icehouse for hosting the event.

“All in all it was a fun and productive evening and many thanks to Medibank Icehouse for its wonderful care, hospitality and generous sponsorship of our meeting,” Mr Rankin said.

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Docklands 405 / 84 River Esplanade
EXCLUSIVE ON THE WATER
2 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car

Private Sale \$790,000
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 1104/80 Lorimer St
EXCLUSIVE LOCATION & VIEWS
3 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Private Sale \$1.02 m
Inspect By appointment

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 1807 / 60 Siddeley ST
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Private Sale \$1,050,000
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Here is a fantastic opportunity to purchase this 210.5sqm three bedroom apartment. Situated on the top floor of the prestigious Flinders Wharf building, this apartment has some of the best views in Melbourne on offer. Featuring a sweeping 615qm terrace with a 135qm separate balcony boasting views of the Yarra River, Port Phillip Bay and South Wharf, this apartment is perfect for the entertainer or someone who values private leisurely use. The enormous master bedroom features its own private ensuite with spa and walk in robes whilst the second bedroom is generously sized with balcony access.



Docklands 3602 / 288 Spencer St
NO.1 FOR VIEWS & LOCATION
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Private Sale \$580,000
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 1211 / 60 Siddeley Street
MASSIVE ENTERTAINERS TERRACE
2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

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This rivers edge apartment with huge garden terrace boasting sensational views will position all other apartments in second place! Spoil yourself in the middle of the city with a 'suburb size' back yard! Relax in the spacious living/dining area. Modern and functional kitchen with s/s app, glass splash backs and granite bench tops. Two good size bedrooms, both with BIR separated by a large and stylish bathroom, additional bathroom and separate laundry facilities. Indulge in the quality in-house facilities, including pool, spa, steam room, sauna and gym.



Docklands 607 / 60 Siddeley Street
IDEAL FLINDERS WHARF ADDRESS
3 bed 2 bath 2 car

Private sale \$930,000 m
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 excitement Docklands precinct has to offer.



Docklands 1202/80 Lorimer Street
LOOK NO FURTHER
2 bed 2 bath 2 car

Private sale \$875,000
Inspect By appointment

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



Docklands 1108 / 15 Caravell Lane
WATER VIEWS, HARBOR LIFESTYLE
2 bed 1 bath 1 car

Private sale \$580,000
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 802 / 50 Lorimer St
QUINTESSENTIAL SOPHISTICATION
3 bed 2 bath 2 car

Private sale \$880,000
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 18 Waterview Walk
WATERGATE LIVING
2 bed 1 bath 1 car

Private sale \$570,000
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 502 / 67 Spencer Street
GRAND OPULENCE
2 bed 1 bath 1 car

Private sale \$600,000
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.



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Docklands Melbourne ... took all the trees and put them in a tree museum ...

By George Savvides,
managing director, Medibank

I don't get it. Seven years ago I consolidated four Collins St offices into a single Docklands address and have since observed the district become a highly-concentrated commercial hub for business, sport and high-rise residents.

But I just don't get the lack of design and creativity in the Docklands streetscape, where 50,000 people walk, exercise, commute, eat and socialise ... or try to!

It's hard to tell spring has sprung because you'll probably never hear a bird – birds need trees and these are hard to find. Nor are you likely to hear a lawn mower because green grass is scarce ... but nice to see and sit on when the sun is shining.

Yes, there is a park, it's actually a cone-shaped hill with a few trees clustered on the top, (really creative!) surrounded by tall buildings.

The Docklands is a precinct of knowledge workers. Knowledge is dependent on creativity and innovation which needs the nurturing of outdoor spaces to rest, reflect, be inspired or be invigorated.

Work precincts need to be more than efficient. We should not put life on hold when we ask our people to come to work.

The Docklands should be a stimulating, open and green space, with walk ways and cycle ways. These facilities encourage a healthy lifestyle and should not be pushed to the unreachable periphery of the surrounding dockyards.

The physical and mental health benefits linked to green spaces are not just good for the individual – they contribute to greater productivity.

No trees, no birds, no grass, a lack of community but a plethora of structures. What happened to the designers at VicUrban?

Where did the creative people go? Did they get locked up in that tree museum that Joni Mitchell sang about referring to the 1960s LA concrete jungle?

Employers are interested in hiring talented people, engaging them in the challenges of work but people need stimulation and socialisation.

I believe community engagement is important for personal energy and health.

Investing in a creative, stimulating urban design is a good investment, it makes tenants like me want to renew our lease, or brings more employees into the precinct through expanding our presence here.

So ... who told you we wanted only concrete and glass to keep the costs low? What about the total cost of employing staff, their health and retention – not just accommodation.

I want to see soul in the Docklands. Where is the amphi-theatre and free music concerts at lunch time and after work?

On any measure the Docklands fails the test of balance and harmony between office and open green space.

I am happy to pay a bit more because it's worth it as we get happier and healthier employees, who are fully engaged in their day to day work.

I'm sure our local corporate neighbours want the same thing and we should all sign up as corporate sponsors. We could argue we already have!

Yet regrettably, all I see are more cranes building more offices blocks, encroaching on footpaths and over roads. Is removing the sky on the agenda? Where are the landscape gardeners? Or the bike paths for the next 20,000 employees?

While Melbourne has again been voted the most liveable city, maybe this doesn't apply to Docklands in its current format?

VicUrban and Melbourne City Council, I urge you, let's make the Docklands something we can be proud of with soul and creativity ... it's what human beings thrive on.



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Ken Ong offended by attempt to limit voting

Malaysian-born Melbourne councillor Ken Ong took offence last month to an attempt to limit voting rights for newly-arrived Melburnians.

On September 6, Cr Jackie Watts proposed a number of changes to electoral processes including “increasing voter qualification period,” which Cr Ong interpreted as discriminatory.

In particular, Cr Ong took offence at supporting comments from North and West Melbourne Association spokesperson Bill Cook who suggested that newly-arrived students may not be capable of casting an “intelligent” vote.

Cr Watts' motion was not supported by the council, but Cr Ong took the trouble to make a statement to the council about the matter when the council next met on September 13.

Cr Ong said the motion sought to “create an outcome which discriminates against not just international students but all recent migrants to Melbourne, an outcome which does not apply to any other municipality or state or even at the federal level.”

“I am a migrant, of Chinese heritage, born in Malaysia, who initially came to Melbourne as a student, and have since become a citizen of this country. My background culture may be quite different from the values of the community, according to the proponents of the notice of motion, and who may not be able to exercise an intelligent vote, I find this proposition or argument to have an underlying tone not consistent with our multicultural society.”

“It is most surprising to me that the residents of Carlton, North and West Melbourne, Southbank, East Melbourne and Residents 3000 as well as the Coalition of Residents and Business Associations and the Protectors of Public Lands have given their full support of a motion which clearly included a highly discriminatory proposition.”



Northbank project announced

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Planning Minister Matthew Guy last month announced more bicycle connectivity for Docklands with a further piece of the incomplete puzzle around the Crowne Plaza building on Northbank.

The pair said there was \$2.8 million available for Crowne Plaza Promenade and that a pedestrian and cycle bridge under Sir Charles Grimes Bridge would be next.

“This section of the redevelopment will improve the Northbank Promenade by

providing better access for pedestrians and cyclists from Spencer Street and widening the existing walkway around the Crowne Plaza," Mr Guy said.

“The Victorian Government and City of Melbourne acknowledge the significance of the riverfront to the city and the Northbank Promenade project builds on this unique asset.”

The Crowne Plaza Promenade will connect to the World Trade Centre Promenade, which includes floating pontoons and berthing facilities.

Cr Doyle said the City of Melbourne was delighted to be in partnership with the Planning Minister to improve one of the neglected jewels of Melbourne, Northbank.

“We understand the success of Southbank, Docklands is progressing extremely well

and now it's time to turn our attention to Northbank," Cr Doyle said.

“There is great potential in Northbank: the Banana Alley Vaults, bicycle tracks, even using space under the Charles Grimes Bridge.”

Mr Guy said Northbank was recognised as a hub for business, commercial and community activities and these works were part of the \$18 million commitment from the Victorian Government and City of Melbourne to continue the redevelopment of this part of Melbourne.

The Crowne Plaza Promenade will further enhance the amenity and accessibility of the area, providing a link from Docklands to the city centre, and then to Birrarung Marr along the Yarra River.

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Community garden speaks for itself

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Action pending on serviced apartments

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Enterprize to call Docklands home

By Yasemin Pelevan

Docklands will be the new home for the tall ship Enterprize, which is a replica of the 19th century ship that brought the first European settlers to Melbourne in 1835.

Enterprize is managed by a non-profit trust especially set up for Victorians. The chairman of the Enterprize Trust, Andrew Plympton, said the trust and the Enterprize volunteers, who operated the boat, looked forward to the new season and a new home at Docklands.

"We are grateful for the assistance from Tall Ships Victoria in assisting us with the move to Docklands. We will be joining a vibrant growing community and an active marine and boating hub in the City of Melbourne's fastest growing precinct, Docklands," Mr Plympton said.

The Enterprize started its 2011-2012 season with a sailing exhibition in Docklands as part of Melbourne Day celebrations. Starting this month, Docklanders and visitors can enjoy twilight and weekend sails on the Enterprize. The first sail from Docklands will be a twilight sail departing at 6pm on Friday, October 14.



Enterprize at her new mooring outside Shed 2, Victoria Harbour.

"The trustees' decision to relocate to Docklands will bring Enterprize closer to the city she represents and make this unique sailing experience more accessible to more Melburnians and visitors," Mr Plympton said.

Following its launch in 1997, Enterprize has been based in Williamstown. Mr Plympton said the time in Williamston was good and

trips would continue to depart from there.

"We will continue to have sails departing from Gem Pier, Williamstown and other sails in Port Phillip each month," Mr Plympton said.

The original Enterprize was a coastal trader purchased by John Pascoe Faulkner in 1835 to help him find suitable settlement in the Port Phillip district.

In August that year, a party of 10 people sailed the Enterprize from George Town in Tasmania to the banks of the Yarra River near what is now Melbourne's William St, and settled.

Enterprize is a traditionally-rigged, two-masted wooden topsail schooner.

The current Enterprize was carefully constructed to represent the original as much as possible. Craftsman and volunteers built the vessel in Williamstown over a six-year period.

The hull, decks and spars of the boat are all made from Australian sourced timbers – most of it recycled timber.

The natural fibre sails and ropes are a pure representation of 19th century sailing ships.

Enterprize has on-water sailing programs available to people of all ages. There are general public sails and private sails can be organised for schools, clubs and businesses.

The sails range from short one-hour sails to half-day and overnight trips to six-day voyages. The vessel is available for evening and day-time charter.

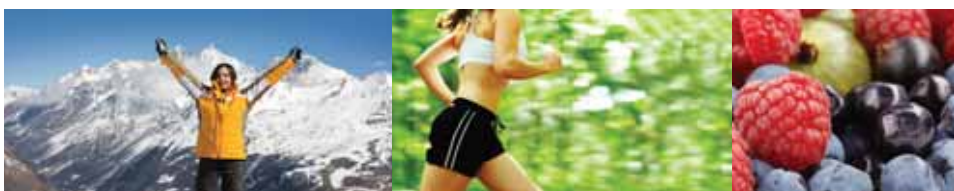
As part of Victoria's History Week, Enterprize will have regular sailings throughout the last week of October.

For further information and online bookings for upcoming events go to www.enterprize.com.au or contact the Enterprize Ship Trust office on **9621 1294**.



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No Safety Day for this year

By Yasemin Pelevan

Docklands' popular Community Safety Day will not be held this year due to funding cuts.

Victoria Police has withdrawn its co-ordination of the event which, for the past five years, has drawn thousands of visitors into Docklands.

Docklands businesses were saddened to learn that the event won't be happening this year and have vowed to try to resurrect the event for next year.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Keith Rankin said the chamber would have happily helped co-ordinate the event if it was aware that the event was in jeopardy.

It is understood that the event costs about \$165,000 to conduct but that corporate sponsorship had dried up.

And Victoria Police this year decided to allocate funding away from its previous co-ordination role.

Community Safety Month Advisory Committee secretary Leading Fire Fighter Mark Crowe said the committee had really pushed for the event to again be held in Docklands but struggled to get it on this year's Community Safety Month calendar.

"The event is not cancelled. It was just not scheduled this year due to a lack of funding," Mr Crowe said.

The Community Safety Month Advisory Committee is hoping to gain funding elsewhere to ensure the event is up and running next year.

"We will need to look for different avenues of funding to have the event next year," Mr Crowe said. "It's a shame it hasn't happened, it was a major event of the month."

Victoria Police Sgt Noel Redmond said: "Due to economic conditions and due to Victoria police requirements and commitments with manpower and resources elsewhere we decided to withdraw from the Community Safety Day for 2011."

"Our commitment for 2012 will be reviewed," Sgt Redmond said.

The event allowed Docklanders and visitors to meet people who worked and volunteered to protect Victorians. It was also an opportunity to get close to emergency vehicles and workers.

Most importantly, the event educated Victorians on the importance of safety. Police officers, firemen and emergency service officers were readily available to chat about their jobs and answer any questions.



The sounds of Docklands

Everyone knows how Docklands looks as art. But what does it sound like?

Sound designer Gerald Mair (pictured above) has created an artwork which combines the latest communications technology with his "experimental" sound and a Docklands location.

The result is Docklands SoundWalk Melbourne which starts next month and runs until March.

To experience the artwork, you will need a smart phone, a set of head phones and an hour to visit 12 points of interest in Docklands.

The starting point is the Hub community centre in Harbour Esplanade. Mr Mair says the soundwalk heads south from there but ends up at the Woolshed Pub at Central Pier.

To hear the sounds along the way, a participant must have a QR scanner installed on their smartphone, which they will use to scan a large QR code which will be on the pavement.

The experience is a combination of narrative and "experimental" sounds which Gerald has designed to "evocate a response" in the listener.

Like other artists using other mediums, Mr Mair is equally determined to "cause

people to have a reaction". "It is emotive and evocative," he said.

At one of the 12 sound stations, participants are immersed in the dreamtime story about the creation of the local waterways.

At another, the sound of someone kicking a can along the ground morphs into a musical experience.

Mr Mair's artwork has been funded by a City of Melbourne grant. Much of the budget was spent researching Docklands, a task that Mr Mair said was harder than anticipated due to limited information.

He said he was attracted to Docklands as an artist is attracted to a blank canvas.

"It is new, but there is still a tiny trace of the old," he said. "There is so much potential in the relationship between sound and location here."

He said soundwalk participants would come away with a greater appreciation of Docklands – "a sense of where it has been and, out of that, a greater appreciation of what it could be".

Visit www.docksoundwalk.org for further information.

Commercial vacancies rise

By Bethany Williams

Commercial property vacancies in Docklands have risen 4.9 per cent since February.

The February Retail Monitor Report, conducted by Savills Research, showed 47 vacancies in Docklands, which equated to a vacancy rate of 9.1 per cent.

But the most recent report, which was published in August, showed 72 vacancies, which equated to a vacancy rate of 14 per cent.

Commercial property includes office buildings, industrial property and retail stores.

The reports were conducted as part of the Melbourne Retail Strategy 2006-2012. This strategy was launched as a joint initiative between the City of Melbourne and the State Government with the aim of encouraging the

cities retail growth and situating it as an international retail centre.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said initiatives, including the Docklands Winter Campaign and Hot Spots, were aimed at encouraging repeat visitation to Docklands.

"Growth in the Docklands retail sector has not been met by an equivalent surge in consumer traffic and demand for the goods and services on offer," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said this had led to higher vacancies in Docklands than in the rest of the inner city region.

The August report showed that there were 72 vacant commercial properties in Docklands, compared to 44 vacancies in the city centre.

This equated to 10.2 per cent more commercial property vacancies in Docklands than in the CBD.



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Connections were made at Etihad

Eighty Docklanders enjoyed some quality networking at the Docklands News Networking Lunch at Etihad Stadium on September 16.

Held at the Medallion Club Lounge, diners were entertained by former AFL player Rohan Smith and cricket coach Simon Helmot. Mr Helmot coaches the newly-formed Melbourne Renegades team which is based at Etihad and is soon to compete in the Big Bash League.

The next lunch will be held in the sumptuous upstairs functions lounge at Bob's Steak and Chop House in Bourke St, Batman's Hill on Friday, December 9. The number of diners will be restricted to 50, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The lunch costs \$60 and is held quarterly to help connect Docklands businesses. Email lunch@docklandsnews.com.au or ring 8689 7979 to book.

The lunch will start at noon, for 12.30 and the menu will be:

Entree: Chop House Salad – Cucumber, grape tomato, spanish onion, bacon and hearts of palm, tossed with house salad mix and served with Bob's vinaigrette

Main: Hopkins River pasture fed filet mignon (eye fillet) 200g; OR Fish of the day.

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

Beverages: Red and white wine, tap beer and soft drinks.

Right: Glen Robson of the Hilton South Wharf, Lina D'Ambrosio and Glenn Donnelly from City Residential and Michelle Kemp from Destination Docklands.

DOCKLANDS + NEWS NETWORKING LUNCH



Above: Simon Wilson from VicUrban with David Allt-Graham from MAB Corporation.

Below: Jacqui Berry from West Gate Rail Upgrade, Krista Kim of Metro Trains and Greg Hackett of Docklands News.



A thirst for visionary leadership

"There is a thirst for visionary leadership," claimed Peter Biggs, guest speaker at the third Just Leadership breakfast in Docklands on September 8.

It was that thirst that brought close to 200 people together on a chilly morning to hear Mr Biggs, CEO of Clemenger BBDO in Melbourne and Lisa Gray, group executive, NAB Personal Banking talk on the topic of imagining social leadership at work.

The room was full, yet barely a noise was heard from the attendees who gathered to hear two social leaders in the business sector speak about how it was possible to bring your personal values to work and imperative to do so in order to be a true leader.

Mr Biggs called for people to find their passion, follow it and maintain integrity in all that they did.

"Leadership is a full-time job, people are watching you all the time and that's why integrity is important," he said.

"We sometimes say, 'I haven't achieved anything today, I've just been seeing people' – but that is your job as a leader. If you're not spending 90 per cent of your time on people and culture, you're not doing your job."

Ms Gray spoke of the importance of knowing you can make a difference in your workplace and influence change but it takes courage and belief in your values to do so.

"You need two things when you embark on something new – courage and naivety."

"It's at times that you're tested that you really know what your values are," Ms Gray said.

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Melbourne Ice goes back-to-back

Docklands' own Melbourne Ice won the Goodall Cup for a second year in a row in early September. In our photo (from left) Jason Baclig, Matt Armstrong, captain Vinnie Hughes coach Paul Watson and Tommy Powell celebrate with the trophy.



Sculpture is back to its best

By Bethany Williams

Reed Vessel is looking as good as new after restoration and repair work on the seven-year-old artwork took place earlier this year.

The public art piece, which was officially unveiled in Docklands Park in 2004, was in need of some attention.

Bronze castings of two lizards and one eel had "gone missing" two years ago.

According to a City of Melbourne spokesperson, it took two years for the repair work to happen because the original artist was contracted to recast the objects and this work took some time.

Virginia King was the New Zealand artist commissioned by VicUrban to create *Reed Vessel* as part of the Melbourne Docklands Urban Art Program.

The spokesperson said that a stronger epoxy adhesive and a number of screws were used to secure the new castings to prevent them from "going missing" again.

The stainless steel elements of the walkway decking and the aluminium louvres were cleaned and several walkway boards were attached with new fittings.

The stainless steel was also re-pacified, which means that any contaminants, which could cause corrosion, were removed and a chromium oxide layer, which protects steel from corrosion, was re-established.

The repair and maintenance work cost \$3140. Virginia King was paid \$840 for the new castings and a professional sculpture conservator was paid \$2300 for the repairs and major cleaning.



Fringe Festival in Docklands

By Bethany Williams

Looking for art, culture or perhaps a bit of fun? Look no further than Docklands.

The Melbourne Fringe Festival is currently taking place and three different events will be held in Docklands over the duration of the festival.

The first Docklands fringe event is *Fractured Flicks*, which takes place at Shed 4 on Friday, September 30 at 7pm. The event is an experimental project, which merges film, live music, projection and live improvisation and acting.

Ticket prices for the two-hour event range from \$11 for a group ticket (per person for four people) to \$18 for a full-priced ticket.

The *Cosmo the Clown Comedy Show* premiered at The Hub on September 24 and runs until October 9.

27-year-old Joel Spence, who is bringing *Cosmo* to the stage, said those who come to see the show could expect plenty of magic, heaps of laughs and lots of fun.

This is the fifth year Joel has travelled from Sydney to be involved in the Melbourne Fringe Festival. He has also performed at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and the Edmonton Fringe Festival in Canada.

The *Cosmo the Clown Comedy Show* will take place at 1pm and 5pm on Fridays, Saturdays

and Sundays until October 9, excluding October 8, when there will be one show at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 and \$6 for concession.

For enthusiasts of Latin American culture, *Carnaval Latino* is the perfect event.

On October 7 Shed 4 will be transformed into a Latin American street party. There will be live bands, performers and food vendors.

Carnaval Latino will run from 5pm-1am with tickets ranging from \$10 for concession to \$15 for full price.

The Melbourne Fringe Festival began on September 21 and runs until October 9.

For more information about the Melbourne Fringe Festival and the Docklands events see www.melbournefringe.com.au

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Docklands’ dogs have a day out



The dogs of Docklands had their own day out at Victoria Green on September 25.

Prizes were awarded for best-dressed dog, the owner who most resembled their dog and for the best doggie tricks.

The day was sponsored by Lend Lease, the City of Melbourne and *Docklands News*.

Thanks to Karen Woo for the idea and also to Elena Tsapatolis, Brooke Anderson, Anne Dynon, Sally Hewitt and Wendy Patton for helping to organise the day.

Photos: Callum Broom.



20,000 visit ferry

Some 20,000 people flocked to Waterfront City on September 25 to inspect the newly-refurbished MV Queenscliff.

The Queenscliff-to-Sorrento car ferry was on display before being officially unveiled to re-enter active service.

Queenscliff underwent a multi-million refit before travelling to Docklands for the celebration.

It was wall-to-wall pushers parked on the jetty as families enjoyed hours of free fun on board.

The kids enjoyed a jumping castle, go karts and a Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre Touch Tank. The adults had music and wine tastings to keep them happy.

Yarra's Edge trees

Yarra's Edge has its eagerly-awaited replacement trees.

Some 32 weeping figs have been planted in tubs in front of towers three, four and five.

According to Cr Kevin Louey, the trees will not grow above five metres because they are being constrained by the tubs.

"I am advised the response to our proposal was predominantly supportive. It is great to see that the community in Yarra's Edge are very eager to have the trees put in as soon as possible," Cr Louey said.

Admin for traders

New Quay traders claiming a refund on precinct fees have been told to apply to VCAT as individuals.

Some 27 traders had joined forces for the action. Some had been knocked out of the action because they were tenants and not owners.

Now the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has told the remaining traders they must lodge individual applications if they want to be heard. The tribunal has given the traders until October 14 to comply.

The traders are claiming that their precinct fees have been collected illegally.



The place to be this summer

Docklands continues to innovate and has just produced Australia's first indoor snowboard park.

There may still be a dinosaur at what used to be the front door, but the ever-flexible tent in the Waterfront City Piazza has re-invented itself as a ski slope – complete with challenging jumps and fixtures that are popular with snowboarders.

The ski season has finished but, according to business owners Derek Nicholson and Karen Reid (pictured above), there are plenty of snowboarders who prefer technical jumps

and bumps to a mountainside anyway.

Derek reports that the business's Facebook page is currently receiving nearly 80,000 visits a week – so while a non-mainstream sport, there is plenty of interest.

Derek says the insulation and snowmaking facilities inside means that the slope will be unaffected even if the outside temperature hits 45 degrees.

City Snow Events is an eight-year-old business. But the couple have usually made a living by setting up stunt parks for others, such as universities and clubs.

If successful in Docklands the couple may look at expanding elsewhere, including interstate.

ANZ art auction success

The 2011 Kaleidoscope charity art auction held at ANZ Centre on Tuesday, August 30 was a huge success raising more than \$13,000 for ANZ's registered charity partners.

This year a total of 63 artworks were donated by ANZ employees from Australia, New Zealand, India and Papua New Guinea. Artworks varied from photography to large canvas oil paintings and jewellery.

Paul Bonello, Kaleidoscope auctioneer and ANZ's senior manager operational risk and compliance, said: "Kaleidoscope represents the various talents among ANZ employees not only within Australia, but across the many regions we operate in. Each year the exhibition gains more momentum, and 2011 was no different with a 20 per cent increase in proceeds from the previous year."

Senior management from across ANZ also added to their art collections with successful bids from CEO Mike Smith, chief risk officer Chris Page and chief financial officer Peter Marriott.

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Nine Elephants

Promising food compensates for lack of atmosphere

Ahh ... Village Street. Such potential. Such promise. "The Degraives of Docklands" they told us it was going to be – filled with restaurants and cafes and alfresco dining, introducing an element of the CBDs laneway culture into the stark and supposedly barren streets of Docklands ...

It's trying. And newcomer Nine Elephants epitomises all that's involved in the struggle.

Tucked between the thriving Cafenatics and sleek sophistication of Bob's Steak and Chop House, this neat little Thai restaurant lacks obvious signage and is easy to miss or mistake as part of the café next door. The chairs outside are mostly empty or removed because, as nice as the idea of alfresco dining is, the reality of it taking place in a wind tunnel which often picks up the grit of nearby construction sites is something else altogether.

The interior fit-out doesn't exactly scream

Thai culture. Making the most of a rather uniform, boxy tenancy beneath the National Foods building, there's lots of tables crammed a bit too close, which seems at odds with the white tablecloths, low hanging lights and dark, muted tones of the walls and carpet. Until you pick up the menu you'd almost have no idea you'd stumbled into a Thai joint.

But then out comes the food which, while sounding rather standard on the rather standard menu, was surprisingly, a cut above standard.

The curry puffs were light and airy and accompanied by a smooth yoghurt sauce which made a nice change from the usual satay. The "usual satay" dish of chicken and roti came as individual little bites of chicken wrapped in a wheel of roti and dotted with satay and coriander – not so usual at all. And the fish cakes "extraordinaire" were livened up with some crushed peanuts and fresh cucumber in quite an original sweet chilli sauce – and while not quite extraordinary, were very bloody good.

I'd still be raving about a dish intriguingly

named "Weeping Tiger", if it weren't for the rather odd decision to include just as many strips of fatty off-cuts as there were deliciously thin, rare and smoky strips of char-grilled porterhouse steak. The fancy beef salad came with a gobsmackingly good hot and spicy dressing topped with crushed chilli and roasted ground rice, which added a really striking textural component. Yummyyum.

Equally intriguing – the "Khao Neua Ob" – stewed beef brisket with Thai herbs and spices. Brisket in Thai food – who would have thunk it? But again, the slightly sweet, almost fishy sauce made this every inch a Thai dish. The cubes of brisket could have been stewed a little longer, but were tender enough for a cuisine that isn't exactly known for its slow cooking.

The wine list is rubbish with a very limited choice of your standards from the likes of Jacob Creeks or Wolf Blass, but there's Chang beer and I wouldn't expect much more from a Thai restaurant.

As we were leaving, the very keen waiter told us there'd be a new menu out soon, and I

wondered if perhaps I might have reviewed this joint a little too soon. Maybe the signage, culture and character will come as it finds its feet ... much like Village St perhaps? And in the meantime, there's still some jolly good food to snack on.

Location: Village Street, Batman's Hill Docklands

The bill: About \$70 will get you two entrees, two mains and a couple of drinks.

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Kasabian in Docklands

With their last album selling almost a million copies and their website bordering on 800,000 "Likes" you wouldn't think a band like Kasabian would be playing such an intimate venue.

But that's exactly what's happening, the boys from Leicestershire will be rocking Shed 14 at Peninsula come October 5 and tickets will be like hen's teeth.

Velociraptor, the band's fourth effort was released on September 19 and the second single off the album, *Days Are Forgotten*, is already creating a vibe.

Not only will this be a one-off intimate event, it's the only show they're playing in Australia amongst their hectic European tour schedule. Kasabian wants to hang with us in Docklands and we will welcome them with hands in the air and air guitar solos.

WHAT: Kasabian Live

WHERE: Shed 14 @ Peninsula, Docklands

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5

WEB: www.kasabian.co.uk

Janet sings us some number 1s

"No my first name ain't Baby, it's Janet, Miss Jackson if ya' Nasty!"

Love it, the youngest of all the Jacksons, Janet Jackson will be getting up close and personal with Melbourne's faithful. These smaller intimate performances are becoming a popular format of late. Bryan Adams performed two smaller shows in St Kilda in September that sold out just hours after being released.

Rather than just a one-off stadium show, fans will be almost high fiving Janet as she struts a selection of her 35 number-one jams.

Touring since she was knee high to Michael, this is Janet's biggest world tour to date and a third show has been added to give us three chances of seeing a wardrobe malfunction ... I mean a living legend!

WHAT: Janet Jackson

WHERE: State Theatre

WHEN: October 26, 27 and 29

WEB: www.janetjackson.com

Cross-town rivalry kicks off again

Up for a kick? The good old fashioned cross-town rivalry will be in full swing as Melbourne Heart battles Melbourne Victory on October 22.

The first time these teams hit the pitch together was last year at AAMI Park and they didn't waste any time kissing and hugging - it was on for young and old.

The newcomers Heart upset Victory by taking the game 2-1. Heart didn't make the finals last year in their inaugural season in the A-League and Victory were strong but had an early exit to the finals at the hands of Brisbane, so both teams will be keen as mustard to get this vital win under their belt.

More than 25,000 punters went crazy at their first meet, so we'll see which team can keep their socks up in Docklands at the larger Etihad come game night.

WHAT: Melbourne Victory vs Melbourne Heart

WHERE: Etihad Stadium

WHEN: Saturday, October 22

WEB: www.etihadstadium.com.au

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Parking inconsistencies

Until recently in the middle of Bourke St, bounded by Merchant and Cumberland streets, there used to be 21 free parking bays with a two-hour limit. The two-hour limit was enforced 24 hours a day, meaning that cars could not be left there overnight or, in another example, patrons attending Etihad Stadium could not park their cars in this area whilst attending an event because of the two-hour limit. This limit enabled residents of my apartment building and others close by to have visitors call over and usually find somewhere to park.

However, late in August workers removed three bays and installed parking meters for the remaining 18 bays in the middle of the street, with signs installed indicating the area is now two-hour meter parking between 7.30am and 6.30pm.

Apart from the loss of free parking, the problem, as occurred on a recent Saturday night, was that people going to Etihad stadium were able to park in the area because the meters are only required up until 6.30pm.

I had friends coming over for dinner at 8pm that evening and they were unable to find a parking space anywhere nearby and, in fact had to park and pay at Etihad Stadium at exorbitant rates. By 10.45pm 15 spaces were empty with the football “crowd” having driven away.

I contacted the Melbourne City Council and urged them to consider increasing the meter times to be from 7.30am to 8.30pm. These increased hours would prevent the “Etihad crowd” from parking in the area which hopefully would allow residents to have visitors call over during the evening.

I received a reply from council indicating that meters were required to reduce occupancy rates and provide greater parking opportunities and that a possible means of overcoming the lack of parking opportunities for visitors after 6.30pm would be to introduce a two-hour free limit between 6.30pm and 11pm. However council considered that this might create inconsistencies in their parking rules and rejected the idea stating that meter operating times of 7.30am to 6.30pm were the council’s approved operation times for meters outside the CBD and were consistent with other on-street metered parking restrictions in Docklands.

However, I find this reason somewhat puzzling because in Merchant St, 30 metres north of the new Bourke St installations, the meter hours are from 7.30am to 7.30pm, whilst in Lorimer St the meter hours are up to 11pm.

It seems that Council does have variations in its parking rules but is not aware of them.

John Jackson
Docklands

Wheelchair access
trams to Docklands

How can Melbourne be a “city of trams” when its major tourist routes don’t accommodate a wheelchair?

We are visiting Melbourne because our son is competing at the Icehouse. We are staying at Medina Apartments on Northbank and we have a tram map that indicates wheelchair trams stops and access and in all three routes to Waterfront City – trams routes 35, 70 and 86. But not one of these routes accommodates or allows wheelchair access to this newly-developed area and tourist location.

Similarly there are no trams that do the Free City Circle and other major attractions that cater for wheelchairs. It’s now 2011 and we are still fighting for the most simple things in life in relation to public transport.

Surely tourist routes and new attractions should have this service?

Here we are in one of the largest cities in Australia and one of its main attractions is its trams. But there is no access for the disabled, or even mothers with prams, or the elderly. It’s very disheartening.

Anita Gordon
ACT



GREETINGS FROM THE
DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody. I trust
you are all well and your
footy team is still in the finals.

I have received a reply from Lord Mayor Robert Doyle regarding consultation on the proposed community facilities. The project is being jointly funded by council and VicUrban.

He advises that after obtaining expressions of interest, a developer has been selected to provide the library and community centre, with construction due to commence in March next year.

He assures that “the development will not be shoe-horned into another piece of construction but will stand alone as a facility”. Plan details will be made public in advance. Whilst not knowing details as yet, the fact that it will stand alone is good news. We do think it is time they told us where it’s going to be.

We are looking for a big turn up to our

Christmas party this year on Wednesday, December 7, to be held in a central location. You will hear more and invitations will be issued later, but put it in your diaries now.

The DCA is holding its annual general meeting for members on Thursday, September 29 at Lend Lease’s premises in Bourke St and we look forward to having a strong committee. The need for a proper community centre was highlighted by the fact that we had great difficulty finding somewhere to hold the meeting.

As if we don’t already lack public open recreational space, there has been an outcry against a proposal by developers MAB Corporation to erect a multi-storey hotel on the existing piazza in Waterfront City. The piazza currently has seating, TV screen, stage site, grassed area that kids play on and the large entertainment tent at the back, which would also go.

It is used for band recitals, team games, ethnic festivals, markets, vehicle and other displays. The tent most recently had a dinosaur display. Its use will be raised

with the major increase of apartments in the area and the resumption of the wheel.

A weak defence MAB uses is it will provide a windbreak, but we know that the high-rise buildings increase wind tunnels, not reduce them. Try walking down Docklands Drive between the buildings when there’s a north wind – you’ll get blown off your feet.

A public protest meeting will be held which people will be notified of by letterbox drops and other methods when arranged. Unfortunately all this and other land was sold off to developers by VicUrban, but that doesn’t mean that people can’t stop this particular development and a protest will be lodged with the Planning Minister.

There are lots of other issues raised by residents including traffic congestion in Bourke St and lack of vehicle access for new buildings going up on the esplanade end of NewQuay and the traffic congestion that will result.

There continues to be complaints about

speeding bicycles on Harbour Esplanade. At my request, council is investigating putting up eye-level slow down signs. Council says it is up to the police to enforce laws but, unfortunately, there are no speed limits for bicycles. A couple of pedestrian crossings have been installed but you’ve still got to be careful.

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

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

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Docklands is just great for Dally

Dally Messenger III thinks that Yarra's Edge is the perfect place to live.

"I think it's the most wonderful place to live. I don't ever want to move anywhere else," Dally said.

Dally, 73, has been living in an apartment at Yarra's Edge, with his wife Remy, since late 2003.

In that time he has seen Docklands grow and develop. "When we moved here the building next door hadn't been built yet, there was no ANZ or Myer building, it was all rubble and I've seen it progress," he said.

Dally is the grandson of rugby league great Dally Messenger.

Being the grandson of a rugby pioneer certainly has its perks. The week that *Docklands News* spoke to Dally he was to attend the Dally M. Medal ceremony, a prestigious rugby league award named after his grandfather.

Dally Messenger III has also had an interesting career. He has worked as a teacher and was the foundation publisher and editor of *Dance Australia*. Dally was declared a civil celebrant in 1974. He was the first secretary of the association of Civil Marriage Celebrants of Australia, the president of the original Funeral Celebrants Association of Australia and was a founding member of the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants.

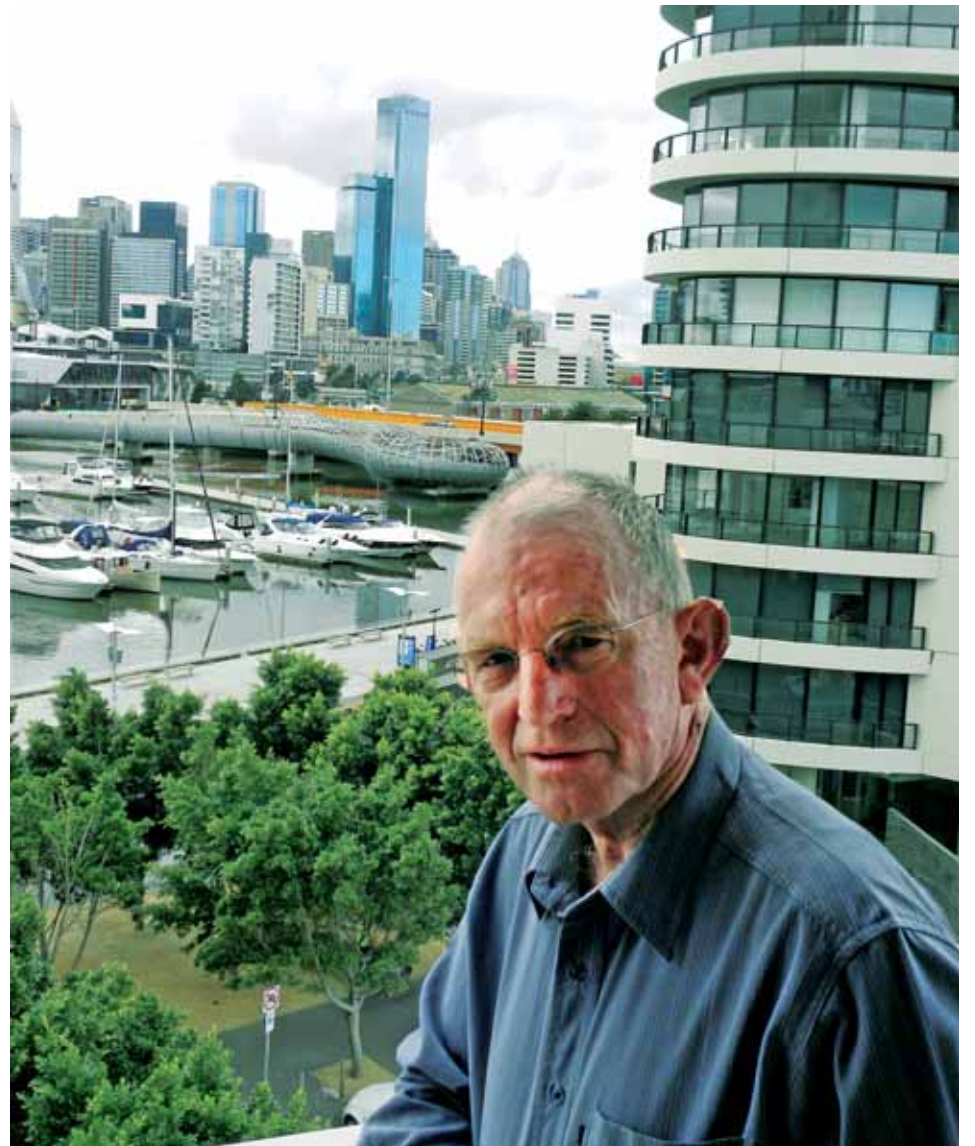
Dally has also written several books, spanning a variety of topics, including the history of early rugby league in Australia, advice for children of divorced parents, pre-war and post-war Melbourne radio and understanding and planning rites of passage.

Working as a celebrant, Dally has performed a few weddings in Docklands.

The most memorable of these was the marriage of an 85-year-old man to an 82-year-old woman, which took place under some trees by the river.

"They were very much in love and both in good health. Their children were there and they both thought it was the most wonderful experience they'd ever had," Dally said.

These days Dally doesn't work as a celebrant much. He is semi-retired and is the principal of the International College of Celebrancy,



overseeing the education of people training to be celebrants.

With a bit more free time on his hands, Dally has the opportunity to enjoy all that Docklands has to offer.

Dally loves the view of the city skyline and the river from his apartment. Despite being so close to the CBD, he also says it is very quiet and that he gets a feeling of spaciousness in Yarra's Edge.

The art in Docklands is another positive for Dally. "Take the Webb Bridge for example," he said. "Someone has put a bit of time into making the place look interesting."

The convenience of the area is another drawcard. "It's so central and it's so easy to get anywhere I need to go," Dally said.

Likewise, Dally said that there are plenty of cafes and restaurants around, which provided great places to eat and the opportunity to meet other locals.

"Some people say that there's no community in Docklands but that's not right," Dally said.

He said his apartment block held two neighbourhood parties each year so that people could get to know each other. He also said that there were lots of different groups which had social activities in the area.

"If you want to join the community you can," Dally said. "You've just got to make a bit of an effort to relate to other people."



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“The best city in the world”

It was recently announced that Melbourne has vaulted Vancouver to become the best city in the world to live, according to the latest Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Survey.

In a ranking of 140 cities around the world, Melbourne was given a score of 97.5 per cent. According to the EIU, every city is assigned a rating of relative comfort for over 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories: stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education; and infrastructure.

It comes as no surprise (at least to me) that Melbourne has hit the top of the charts. It is a magnificent city. I have lived here my whole life and feel deeply blessed to have been born into a culture full of diversity, passion and creativity.

This announcement caused me to reflect. Firstly, we Melburnians must be thankful. Whether we have grown up in this city or transferred for work and new opportunities – all of us have much to be grateful for. Melbourne is a gift to us. Secondly, Melburnians must be generous. To those who are given much, much is expected. According to this research Melbourne sits in a unique category of wealth, affluence and security. The large number of our global family does not occupy this same position. Many in our world, through no fault of their own, live in poverty and need. As Melburnians we have much to offer others. We have opportunities and a responsibility to step out of our comfort zones and use our experience, training, knowledge, resources, finances in service of others so that they, like us, can be given a go.

Thirdly, Melburnians must be realistic. Regardless of your worldview, our life at the top will not last. Whether you see yourself as a theist, atheist or something in between, we all agree on one thing – our life will at some point end. Whether age eight or 80 we will leave this world. And it doesn’t matter if you live here or Mozambique the saying is true – “naked we came into the world, naked we leave the world.” A day will come where the comforts and security of this age will have passed. You can either choose to consume as much as you can or live in light of that future reality and get ready. As a believer in God, I approach this day with joy filled hope, knowing that in Jesus there is a new city to come – a city marked by perfect and everlasting joy. A city where we will live in renewed bodies. A city with no more mourning, crying, suffering and pain. A city where we will see God face-to-

face and dwell with him forever. A city we can enjoy through faith in Jesus. This great city called Melbourne will then be transformed. It will be made new. And it will shine with such radiance that it will make its former state look as nothing in comparison. I look forward to that day – a day made possible by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Until that day comes, I will – by God’s grace – seek to love and serve this city for his glory. I will do it with a thankful heart. I will do it with a generous life. I will do it with expectant and confident hope in a savior who has always been good to his word and our city. Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill. Services are on Sundays at 10am (Hoyts, Melbourne Central) and 6pm (Arrow, 488 Swanston Street).

MADE IN HEAVEN WITH ANGELINA MAY

This month we will start to look at relationships other than romantic ones.

In particular, we are going to look at business relationships – work colleagues and how each brings a certain quality or skill to the relationship. Check the astrological charts by emailing yours and your colleagues’ birth date and time to discover how to best maximise these relationships in your life. heaven@docklandsnews.com.au



Angela	Jackie
December 27, 1960	May 23, 1987
Melbourne, Australia	Melbourne, Australia
Mercury in Sagittarius	Mercury in Gemini
Moon in Aries	Moon in Aries
North Node in Virgo	North Node in Aries

With the below relationship we have Angela who has engaged the services of Jackie to complete a new website. The placement of Mercury, as always, is critical because communication is at the heart of all successful relationships. If there is “ill-ease” in communication, then the rest of the project will struggle.

Jackie:

Has her Mercury in Gemini which indicates that she prefers a stimulating environment to work in and interesting people to work with. Impressionable to a fault, she will pick up more from her environment than most and she is able to process information at lightning speed. Jackie has a very logical mind and has little interest in emotions or intuition when making a decision. Her ability to process information and use it for the best outcome is a gift. This is definitely a big plus for Angela, as she will know what is needed in order to complete the project without getting too caught up in the emotions. Jackie is able to communicate with almost anyone and has the ability to be flexible and adaptable when needed. That is, her viewpoint can be changed to suit the circumstances. Jackie’s north node is in Aries. With this placement, Jackie will desperately want to achieve success through a unique and entrepreneurial approach. This will take time to achieve as she is “hard-wired” to be a people pleaser and to blend and adapt to others’ viewpoints. Her Libra south node means she works very well with teams of people and is able to bring both aesthetic elegance and harmony to all she undertakes. This is a great advantage for her employer and for her clients.

Angela:

Has her Mercury in the opposite sign of Gemini, (Sagittarius) so therefore she thinks completely differently. Angela will hold strongly to her viewpoints and think very abstractly about goals and objectives. This makes for a very interesting mindset, but can leave Jackie to take all the “big picture” aims and give it logical grounding. Angela’s optimism is both her strength and her weakness. After a conversation with her, Jackie (and others) will probably feel stimulated and invigorated, but there will often be some blind spots in her thinking that will need a steady, logical approach. The details of any project are of no interest to Angela. She wants the job done and doesn’t mind how it is done. Her ideas are big and bold, but someone else will have to figure out how to make it a reality. Angela’s north node is in Virgo, so her lifelong goal is to learn attention to detail and to be discriminating with all that she does. Again with this placement, Angela is a dreamy, larger than life thinker and planner who has wonderful creative, intuitive ability but desperately needs others to assist in bringing these creations to life.

The missing link:

Jackie and Angela have what is commonly known as the yin and the yang. Each completes the other to make a whole, so the potential to achieve a successful outcome together is clear. The weakness, if any, is that they are both very different and they will need to take time to ensure that they listen and understand the others point of view. The fact that Jackie is the most adaptable is a blessing as she will instinctively try to capture the needs and wants of her client. Angela is less adaptable so she will have to be mindful to take advice when offered whilst not surrendering her creative dreams. At some time during this project, they may need a third party to oversee that the instructions and the understanding is right between both, however the combination in this instance should work very well indeed.

Featured terminology:

North node = is the planet that tells us what we most need to learn in this lifetime. It is usually the hardest lessons in life, but bring the most rewards. **South node** = is our natural way of doing things. It comes easy to us and we revert to this behavior mostly when we are “unaware”. This does not fulfill us on a deep level like the North Node will. **Mercury** = is the way we think, our ideas and how we communicate



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It is October already, and the good news this month is surely Cadel Evans.

October will see preparations for the Suit Up and Ride day that is scheduled for Friday, November 25. This starts and finishes at the Waterfront City Piazza and runs up and down the NewQuay Promenade.

The great Cadel Evans, who participated last year, will be here again in November! Make sure you come down to NewQuay Promenade and enjoy that Friday afternoon. This great event is for teams of cycling enthusiasts to Suit Up and Ride on one of the many blue Melbourne share bikes to raise money for Orygen Youth Health. Orygen do magnificent work raising funds for youth mental illness.

So why not organise a team and get your company behind this great event. The bars and restaurants will be making you very welcome with some great deals and entertainment to be had. More information

on how you can join in can be found at www.suitupandride.com.au.

For your further entertainment, Claire Bowditch will be performing on the day. You might like to watch this space for further announcements – the Docklands community is gearing up to make this a great event in Docklands. Don’t miss it!

And speaking of the Waterfront City Piazza - have you been wondering what is going on inside the tent that is located there? You may have noticed water trickling out into the street from inside. I asked to have a sneak peak and what a surprise met my eyes! City Snow Park has built a giant ski slope complete with man-made snow. Derek Nicholson is the inspiration behind this operation and he believes he has come up with the perfect park design. He tells me they have their very own snow making facilities located on site. This means they make as much snow as they like. It is open to the public now, so for more information check out their Facebook page.

For tourists coming to Docklands there was some really great news last month. There

has been much conjecture that the free tourist shuttle bus service would either be cancelled or a fare structure put in place for each journey. Thankfully councillors of the City of Melbourne listened to the people of Docklands and voted in favour of keeping the bus as a free service. This means that this vital transport link to ferry tourists to Harbour Town is maintained.

Other good news items include the network evening put on by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce. This was held at the Medibank Icehouse on Tuesday, September 20. The invitation was open to everyone and those that were fortunate to attend heard a great speech from guest speaker Chris Buckingham – CEO of Destination Melbourne. He told us how we can work together positively for a greater Docklands. Chris was inspirational as he talked about some of his real life experiences as he dealt with challenges outside of his control. A remarkable speaker, and a man who is willing to share his enthusiasm to succeed. On my travels, I have met a number of business owners who would have benefitted from hearing what Chris had to say.

The team at the Medibank Icehouse made us all very welcome as we enjoyed a few drinks and finger food in the upstairs bar offering great vantage points to the ice hockey action and skating rinks below. Guests were all invited to have a try out on the ice. About a dozen or so brave souls ventured out on to the ice and after some sound instruction from friendly staff members were soon skating confidently unassisted!

If you have never tried ice skating, Medibank Icehouse is a great place to start. Have a look at its website for more information – www.icehouse.com.au. If you are a Facebook fan, have a look at the Medibank Icehouse page – it is full of great information.

Consider joining the Docklands Chamber of Commerce if you run a business in Docklands. Membership is inexpensive and you will have a voice! Join today.

Last month I told you all about the great walking experience if you crossed over the Webb Bridge to Yarra’s Edge and explored that part of Docklands. Ok, so who has taken advantage of the glorious September weather and gone out there and had a look?

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LATEST WORK: Danmil website
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The screenshot shows the Danmil website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: About, Our Homes, Rationale, Process, Testimonials, News, NRAS, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a modern house. To the right of the house is a contact form with fields for Name, Email, and State, and a Submit button. Below the form is a section titled 'Danmil Rationale' with a small image of a man. At the bottom of the screenshot is a footer with copyright information: copyright © 2009 | All rights reserved | Design by Mediation Communications.

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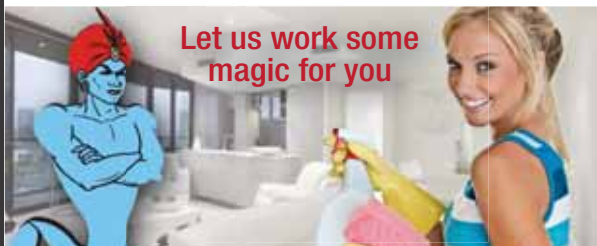
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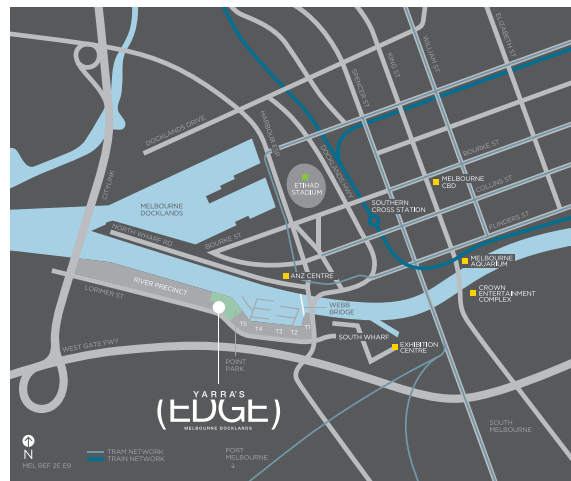
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GETTING HERE





What Women Want

With Abby Crawford

There comes a time to say goodbye to things, and sometimes people, in life.

Perhaps it’s because you’ve outgrown them – shoes or friendships – and realise it really is time to move on to continue on your own path, to allow your own growth. Or perhaps you’ve just never really liked them, they kind of didn’t “fit” properly, and it’s just reached it’s natural conclusion. So it’s binned with a sense of relief.

But there are other times where you know you need to say goodbye, but you would give nearly anything not to have to do so.

I think it’s an incredible sign of maturity, not necessarily of age but more of wisdom, to be able to recognise when you’ve outgrown a friend, associate or even family member. You

just have that realisation you need to move on as their negativity – or characteristic that was really getting up your nose! – has bothered you for the last time and it’s clear this no longer works. You let them go.

And, as opposed to in your youth when you might be more confrontational, more dramatic about a “break up” ensuring all parties are **clear** it’s finished, in maturity you simply move on in your mind and your heart – no big farewell, no words required, no hurt caused.

But other times words are required to farewell someone. It becomes incredibly important that you find a way to tell someone what they meant to you, what you

thought of them, and how you’re going to miss them when they’re gone.

These can be the most incredibly difficult words to find, and often it feels so overwhelming trying to find them, that sometimes the person goes without having heard them.

I guess in situations like this, when we find it so hard to say goodbye, that we are quietly and very desperately hoping that maybe goodbyes are somehow not going to be needed.

My advice for anyone in this situation is – find the words. Dig deep, be brave and work out what you need to say. It may not change the outcome, but you’ll be forever grateful that you got to say what you needed to say. Write it down, video it, say it face-to-face, paint it, sing it, just find a way. Before it’s too late, and that person leaves without knowing those important words you wanted to tell them.

I have a friend, not yet 40 years old, who is fighting the biggest battle for his life. I’ve seen those closer than I, struggle to tell him words that are important for them to say.

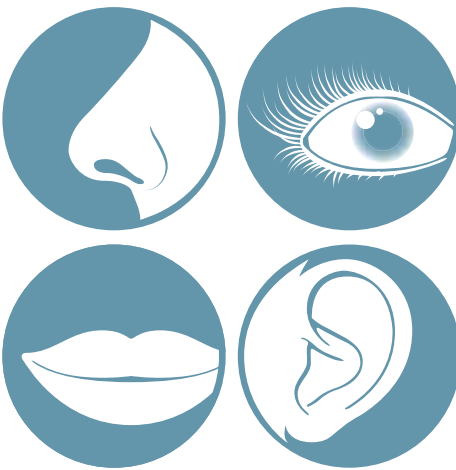
And I know that I struggle to find a way to tell him what I want to say. But I know I’m going to try, because I don’t want to wait until *after* we’ve had to say goodbye.

I was sent this quote not long ago, “Never regret growing older, there are too many people for whom that possibility is denied”.

Take care of each other this month, show the people you love how much you care, and never take the good times for granted – or even the bad times for that matter. Let’s just be grateful that we have more “times” ahead.

Till next month,
Abby x

Calling the spare parts department



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

One of VicUrban’s new Harbour Esplanade Norfolk Island pine trees blew over during our extremely windy September in Docklands.

This, in itself, isn’t a surprise. It’s perhaps more surprising that the rest of the trees have remained upright – particularly in the wind tunnel at the base of the Conder building where we have watched from the Docklands News office a cyclist blown off her bike.

The fallen tree survived and still had enough soil around its roots to mean that it just need to be stood up, dusted off and encouraged to get back into the fray.

But when they responded, the “tree people” actually brought along and planted a replacement.

They explained that the fallen soldier was going to be taken back for rehab as one of a number of spares that are housed in the Yarra Valley.



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Our criminal past is on our doorstep

By Yasemin Pelevan

It's easy to forget the past, especially when past memories are quite confronting.

Located on Docklands' doorstep is the Victoria Police Museum, which brings Victoria's criminal past back to life.

Kate Spinks, public programs curator of Victoria Police Museum, says the museum is an important part of Melbourne's history.

The museum takes you on an emotionally-charged journey of Melbourne's criminal history. But most importantly it celebrates the bravery of Victorian police officers who have risked their lives protecting citizens.

"Visitors get to see the sorts of things police are confronted with in everyday work. They do things people would not want to do," Kate said.

The museum has a collection of evidence, photographs and stories from some of Melbourne's most notorious crime scenes.

"A lot of people don't realise how many major criminal events are involved in the creation of Melbourne," Kate said.

The museum follows a history of crime in Victoria dating back to the Kelly Gang.

The Kelly Gang exhibition is one of the more popular attractions and has just arrived back in Melbourne after travelling across Australia. The exhibition includes Steve Hart and Dan Kelly's armour and Ned Kelly's blood-stained cartridge bag.

Kate says it's interesting to hear the police side of the story, which tends to be left out of popular history of the Kelly Gang.

From police firearms to confiscated weapons, crime scene photographs to forensic evidence, and even "Eric" the bomb disposal robot, the museum offers an intimate account of the work of Victorian police officers. The museum is enjoyed by people of all ages.

"We have a diverse audience. We have local visitors, interstate visitors and even international visitors," Kate said.

Janet, 60, from Cranbourne found the museum "by accident" but could not be more pleased with her discovery.



Kate Spinks is public programs curator of the Victoria Police Museum.

"I think it's very informative and fascinating," she said.

The museum is located in the same precinct as the police headquarters at the World Trade Centre at Northwharf, which adds to the reality of the museum. Walking up to the museum visitors can see police officers at work, or wandering around the building.

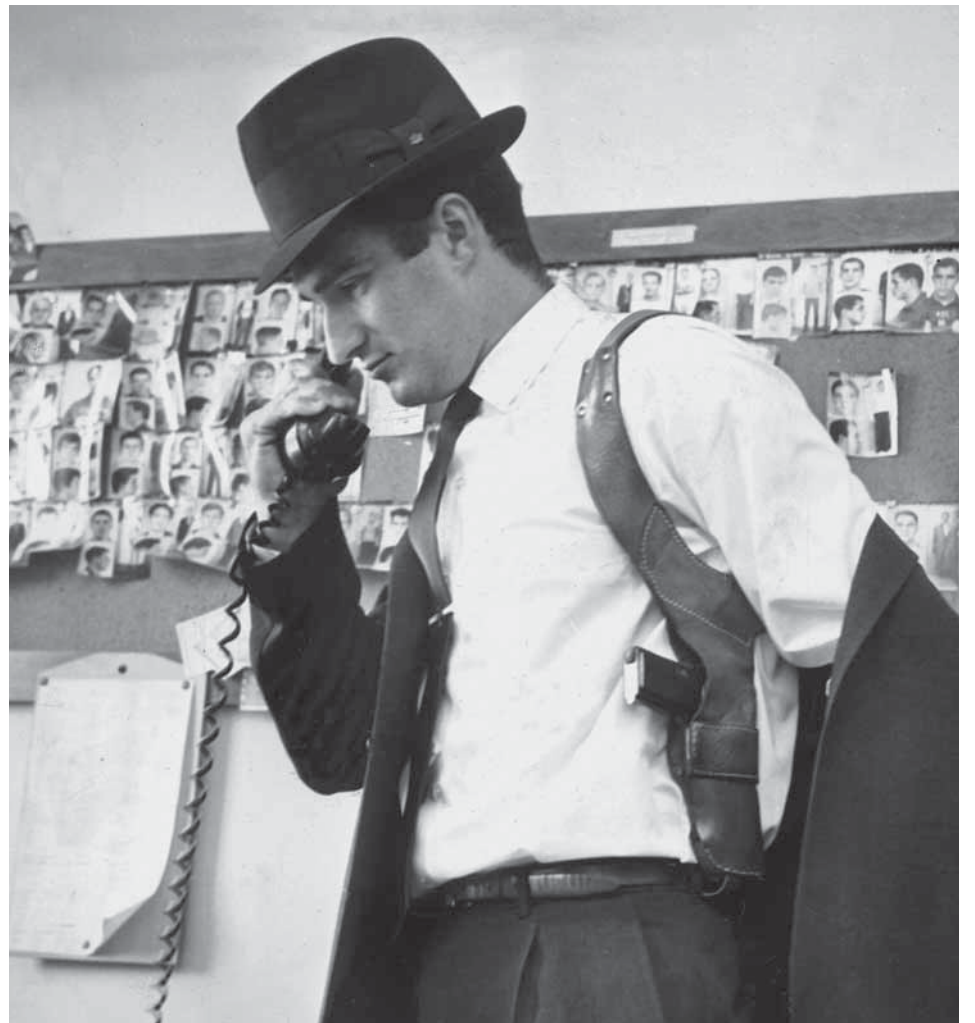
Kate says this is an important element of the contemporary setting and allows visitors to get "a feel for the diversity of the job".

Dockland residents can expect two new exhibitions to arrive in the museum this month. One is the "Horses to Horse Power" exhibition. The other is "Morgues, Murder and Mayhem", a 3D display which focuses on crime committed along the Yarra River and will be running for the next 12 months.

The Victoria Police Museum is free and can be enjoyed weekdays from 10am-4pm.



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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

Alexander Raw

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

I'm wearing jeans, a white t-shirt from Cotton On, a grey and black patterned cardigan and a black scarf, which are both from Factorie and black Doc Martin boots.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I'm from Tasmania and over there my style seems to stand out quite a bit. It seems to fit in a bit more in Melbourne. I like clothes that are neat and have a more formal or tailored look. For me an outfit doesn't have to be comfortable or casual as long as it looks nice.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I'm on holidays so I thought I'd come down and explore Docklands and do some shopping.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm visiting from Tasmania.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

I would say a good pair of shoes or jacket.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

The way the clothes fit.

Lucy Mactier

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Today I'm wearing a tan coat by Manning Cartell, a black asymmetrical hem dress from Asos, a necklace from Dinosaur Designs and black lace-up shoes from Tony Bianco.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

It's a bit eclectic. I'm a uni student so pretty much whenever something catches my eye and I can afford it, I buy it.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at Harbour Town.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I live in Richmond.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

This coat, I absolutely love it.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

I think you've got to know what suits you and know how to dress to suit your figure.

Vaness Querk

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

I'm wearing an orange calf-length skirt, a white singlet, a cream crocheted top and black ballet flats. I bought the entire outfit from an online store.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I would say that my style is comfortable and chic.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I am visiting some friends who live in Melbourne and we thought we would do some shopping in Docklands today.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM:

I'm from Singapore.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Whatever you feel comfortable wearing. Clothes that match and have a nice cut to them.



Dress up for the races

By Nicola St John

Spring Racing Carnival seems to bring the inadequate dresser out in all of us.

Ladies are seen en masse clutching their heels in one hand, glass of champers in the other leaving nothing to stop the windy gusts and flimsy short dress combo. The feathers begin to look limp, sequins lose their sparkle and you end up looking like a disheveled peacock rather than a dignified female on the field.

Some advice for the gents. Don't wear the same suit you wore to your graduation, your job interview, a funeral or to work that day. There are more options for you. A boxy black or navy suit with an outlandish tie is not race wear. That's what 16-year-old-boys wear to their school formals.

The races are a rare occasion to dress up during the day that isn't for a wedding and to show that hats are not just for the royals. It should be seen as an opportunity, rather than a web of potential pitfalls.

For those gents daring enough, head wear is not just for the ladies. As well as protecting you from the sun, a panama hat teamed with a linen suit, brogues and well-placed handkerchief will have you feeling a bit jaunty.

Ladies do have things a bit tougher. How to master stilettos in soft grass, wear a suitable concoction of flowers, feathers and flimsy head wear without looking like an adorned cocktail and how to simultaneously manage a race guide, glass of bubbly and clutch bag can be difficult.

Perhaps we can all try to study the form, gamble less, drink better champagne and try and look decidedly good doing it. But that sounds all a bit too serious, doesn't it?



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Docklands' canine royalty

Say hello to John Jackson's little princes Harry and Willy.

These precious pooches have the run of Docklands and can be seen out and about whenever the weather is fine.

The two-year-old Maltese shih-tzu cross puppies are walked more than most Docklands doggies because John is retired.

John has previously lived in San Francisco and Turin but says Docklands compares favourably with the best places to live in the world.

But he admits he was skeptical before actually living here.

"It will still take time to fully develop. But how good is it living here?" he said. "You

don't need a car and it's just beautiful to be on the water."

John is becoming more involved in the local community and is on the owners' corporation of the Merchant building in Bourke St.

John describes his puppies as loving and playful.

"The smaller one, Harry, is the boss," he said. "But they both drive me crazy inside the apartment."

"I walk them five times a day if the weather is favourable," he said.



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FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

Fleeting

By Rose Mercer

(Excerpt from a work-in-progress - working title: Dora's Mark)

Delia Cooper stabs the upper unmarked button. You can only go up or down in the air traffic control tower lift – just like aircraft, up or down. The doors rattle and falter closed and the old lift staggers into grating action, flickering dull light accompanying her to its sole destination. They had cured the tower's concrete cancer a few years ago, but had not updated the lift mechanics. Of course the company wants to be seen to be doing, not actually doing, God forbid.

A movement catches Delia's eye. A small creature detaches itself from the shadows blurring the join of wall to floor. It creeps closer. She fights the crowd of butterflies in her stomach marching through her chest, to her throat. She hates creepy-crawlies. Her feet arch up onto tiptoes, trying to touch as little of the surfaces as possible, left arm extended, middle finger against the wall to steady herself.

But the cold, slimy creature is getting larger and closer to her. It's longer now too, transforming itself. Ever larger, more threatening. Delia moans with the


effort to stifle a screech. It would not do to embarrass herself on her first day. Air traffic control humour is of the shark-pack variety and she knows she'd never live it down if anyone heard.

From the nearby rivets in the wall, something with a large dark, shiny carapace emerges. What the hell? How did these things get in here? Delia doesn't dare blink. To close her eyes even for a nanosecond is unthinkable now.

She keeps a wary eye on both these threats inexorably making their way towards her. She swallows hard. Swallows again. I will not scream. I am in control. I can stomp on them if they get too close. That's silly, they're not real. I am okay. I can do this.


It takes a slow count of forty-five to get to the top. Nineteen, breathe, twenty, breathe ... Delia stabs the up button again and again and again. Thirty-three, thirty ...

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ALEX WONG, 27
Director, MYO

Alex loves the location of Docklands and thinks it is very easy to get to. He enjoys working in Docklands because of the diversity of the area. Alex said he had many regular customers and he enjoyed meeting all kinds of people on a day-to-day basis. Tourists, tradies and office workers all frequent his store.

Alex has been working in Docklands for two-and-a-half years and in that time he has seen the area grow and develop. He thinks that it won't be too much longer before Docklands is seen as a completely established area.



ASH-LEE MICK, 20
Manager, Lonsdale

Ash-Lee has been working in Docklands for seven months. She enjoys the shopping in the area and the variety of restaurants and cafes to choose from. Her favourites include Le Cirque and NewQuay International Buffet and Bar.

"I love the international buffet, that is definitely my favourite," Ash-Lee said. When the weather is nice Ash-Lee also enjoys eating ice cream and taking a walk along the waterfront.



CURT KITEAU, 24
Manager, Industrie

Curt works at Harbour Town and loves the fact that he can see daylight in his store when he is at work. He said that the outside nature of Harbour Town made Docklands a pleasant working environment. Curt also said everyone in the area was really friendly and easy to get along with.

After work Curt likes to enjoy dinner at Groove Train, where he is a regular customer.



RACHEL FITIAO, 29
Part-time sales assistant, Between the Sheets

Rachel has been working in Docklands since May and thinks that the area provides plenty of opportunities to meet new people. She said a wide variety of people visited Docklands and she was constantly interacting with different cultures and people of all ages.

Rachel enjoys spending time with her daughter in Docklands and said there were lots of things to keep her entertained.



ALEX McNICKING, 21
Sales assistant, Novo

When Docklands News spoke to Alex it was only her second day of working in Docklands. Before starting work here, Alex had not spent much time in the area.

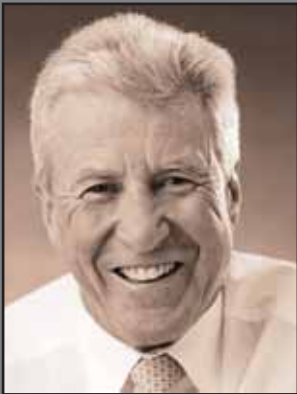
However, Docklands has already won Alex. She thinks it is one of the best shopping areas she's been to. She also said she thinks Docklands would be a great area to live.



TATIANA MORE, 29
Sales assistant, Sterling and Viceroy

Tatiana has been working in Docklands for one year. She enjoys the atmosphere of the area and likes interacting with the tourists who visit. Tatiana said she spent a lot of time in Docklands.

She likes to go out for coffee, lunch and dinner and she said Docklands had lots of different dining options to choose from. Tatiana said the area was beautiful and that the people who live and work in Docklands were too. "I've made lots of friends," she said. "It's a great community."



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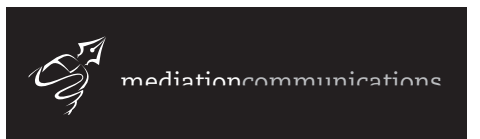
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Based at Etihad Stadium, the Renegades are a brand new team and in December will play their first game in what is known as the Big Bash League.

Big Bash is a new term for the most abbreviated version of the game which, according to coach Simon Helmot, can be all over in three hours.

With both teams facing just 180 balls, Simon says fans will see more attacking play and "amazing skills" that are not present in longer versions of the game.

"With our red colours and some of the most exciting players in the world we can guarantee some very entertaining cricket," Mr Helmot said.

The Renegades are keen to sign up as many Docklanders as possible as members.

With brand values that include a "healthy streak" of anti-establishment sentiment, Mr Helmot says this is a good fit with Docklands, which is also the new kid on the block.

"We love the idea of being in Docklands and we can't wait to get out and explore the precinct," he said.

Mr Helmot has been coaching the Victorian



(From left) Renegades all-rounder Will Sheridan, coach Simon Helmot and fast bowler Jayde Herrick at Etihad Stadium.

one-day cricket team and will continue in this role as well as taking on the Renegades.

He was appointed coach of the Renegades in April. But, instead of being introduced to the players, he was assigned \$1 million and told to go out and buy 18 of the world's best.

He has a solid core of Victorians and has recruited South Australian paceman Shaun

Tait as well as Pakistanis Shaid Afridi and Abdul Razzaq.

Mr Helmot said his fast bowlers Shaun Tait and Dirk Nannes were the world's fastest.

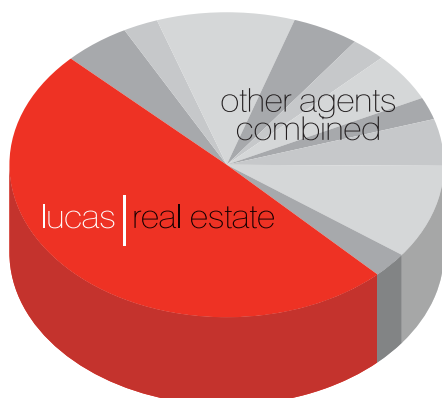
The players won't come together for the first time until December 10 when they will attend a camp designed to bond them into a team in time for the first game against

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The Renegades' first home game in Docklands is against the Perth Scorchers on December 22.

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