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It's super baby

Super baby Thomas Mitchell dropped into Docklands to fly the flag on Australia Day.

Two-year-old Thomas from Maidstone arrived on the back of his dad Grant's bike and immediately began exerting his supernatural powers of cuteness.

Docklands hosted a mini Australia Day event on Harbour Esplanade with a fishing experience and pavement chalk art demonstration.

Our shrinking population

Docklands will end up with almost 25 per cent fewer residents by 2020 than was originally envisaged with Places Victoria again revising down its population estimates.

In 2007 VicUrban (which has become Places Victoria) was assuring businesses and investors that Docklands' population would reach 20,000 by 2020 when the suburb would be effectively "built out".

But by 2008, that number was whittled down to 17,000 with both Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne in agreement. This 17,000 by 2020 figure is still reported on the docklands.com (Places Victoria) and the City of Melbourne's website.

But Places Victoria now says that the 17,000 mark won't be achieved until 2025. Its manager for city west Simon Wilson says the 17,000 mark will still be reached but it will take another five years. He said 15,500 people would live in Docklands in 2020.

The downward revision of estimates puts the figure closer to what consultant experts have been saying for years.

In March 2006, when VicUrban was still predicting 20,000 residents by 2020, ID Consulting said Docklands would have just 12,924 people by 2018.

In January last year, ID Consulting was predicting just 12,521 Docklands residents by 2021 - a figure that it has now revised to 13,148. It currently thinks that Docklands' population will be 16,682 by 2031.

In September 2010, Charter Keck Cramer reported in its Docklands Insight that

Docklands would only have a population of 12,260 by 2021.

ID Consulting claims it is better at predicting population figures than either the State Government or the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Forecaster Johnny Barnard told Docklands News that his firm tended to be less "bullish" than development authorities.

"We take a more sober view of what we think will happen than development authorities," Mr Barnard said.

And Mr Barnard disputes that Docklands will be completed by 2025. He says 2031 is a more realistic "build out" date.

"We view what is happening with both supply and demand levels. You have to look at what is happening in terms of competition from Southbank and in the western end of the CBD," he said.

"And Docklands is tricky because there are no absolutes about what will end up as residential and what will become commercial."

ID Consulting has been engaged by the City of Melbourne since 2002 to supply population forecasts to inform future planning decisions.

The council recently used ID Consulting

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Our shrinking population

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estimates in its draft open space strategy. In planning for Docklands open space, the document which was released last November says Docklands will have only 14,205 residents by 2026.

In its 2009 Docklands Small Area Economic and Demographic Profile, the council was predicting a Docklands population of 16,000 by 2021.

Places Victoria's docklands.com website currently says: "By 2020, it is expected that 17,000 people will live in this waterfront precinct." The City of Melbourne's website is in alignment, saying: "It is estimated that by around 2020 Docklands will have 20 million visitors each year, a workplace for 40,000 people daily and a residential area for up to 17,000."

The council says it is waiting for the release of the 2011 census before making any further predictions of population growth.

"Council's city research branch will wait for the release of ABS Census 2011 information before undertaking further work regarding population forecasting," a council spokesperson said.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Keith Rankin said residential population numbers were not particularly relevant to local businesses.

Rather, he said, visitation numbers were the most significant measure of future business confidence and success.

2012 is the year Docklanders all pull together

Editorial Comment

Shane Scanlan



Here is a new year's resolution for Docklands - "This year we are all going to pull together."

We just have to.

Our brand was battered in 2011. And, in a very real sense, our reputation is our most important asset. It is the basis on which people decide to visit us. And if they stop coming, our local economy withers and dies.

Docklands has a two-speed economy. With so many cranes on the horizon, it is clear that construction here is the standout achiever within the Victorian economy. And yet, on the ground those awful lock-out notes that landlords stick inside the glass of failed small businesses are multiplying like in a bad dream.

All our small businesses want the same thing. We all need visitors. Docklands is a tourism-based economy.

So if we all want the same thing, why are we fragmented and inconsistent in our thoughts and actions?

Our chamber of commerce does an excellent job with the resources available to it. And Destination Docklands also punches above its weight, considering the meagre funds it has available.

But why two organisations if we all want the same thing? Imagine what could be achieved if scarce resources were pooled

and shared. We might surprise ourselves.

Docklanders didn't ask for the political structures they find themselves with. We inherited them from the authorities who have done their best to kick-start this new and exciting suburb.

I think the time has come for Docklands to ask for something better - something that gives us an opportunity to work collectively for the common goals that unite us.

As it so happens, the Docklands Co-ordination Committee is in the process of being reviewed by the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria.

It is being reviewed because it doesn't add enough value. In short, the current structure is a waste of everyone's time.

I can envisage a replacement structure that involves Docklanders deciding Docklands' future. In my imagination I can see decision-makers being guided by the outcomes of debates about the issues that really matter to the Docklands pioneers who have committed themselves to this suburb.

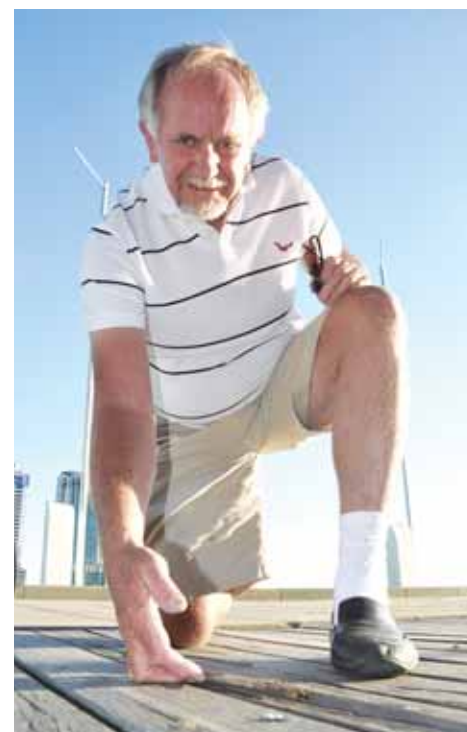
This new committee will work if the authorities open it up to Docklanders - and not just as spectators as in the previous model, but as respected participants.

The committee could become the forum where the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Destination Docklands and the Docklands Community Association finally come together to learn and share first-hand what others are thinking and doing.

And it could become the precursor to a new organisation which was devised, designed and driven by Docklanders who came together after they realised that working in isolation was counter-productive and was damaging to our local economy.



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Council acts on trip hazard

Conder Owners' Corporation chair Warren Mills wants the City of Melbourne to reattach hundreds of screws sticking out of the NewQuay boardwalk.

He said the protruding screws were a trip hazard and needed to be fixed before more people fell. Mr Mills said he had been aware of the issue for a while, but decided to contact the council after his grandson tripped and fell early in January.

In his maintenance request to the council, Mr Mills said: "The timber boardwalk of Docklands NewQuay Promenade presents a high risk of tripping injury due to the projection of screw heads, boards and parts of boards."

"As I walk along NewQuay Promenade regularly, I have tripped several times during the last three years I have lived here and have more recently noticed other people tripping."

Mr Mills said the task required the screws to be removed, the holes countersunk lower than the deck level and new screws attached.

A City of Melbourne's contractor started remedial works on January 25 on the NewQuay boardwalk and a spokesperson said the works would be completed by the end of January.

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Year of the dragon

The Chinese year of the dragon came to Docklands on Australia Day, with this glamorous fellow seeming to break through the pavement on Harbour Esplanade.

The three-dimensional chalk artwork was the creation of champion pavement artist Jenny McCracken who laboured day and night during the week leading up to the January 26 holiday.

The Thornbury-based artist is the reigning pavement art champion from Sydney's annual Chalk Urban Art Festival and has also won international chalk art competitions.

She said the dragon commission from the State Government was a "dream job" and was one of the few times she had been able to create what she wanted to.

"I've always wanted to do a dragon," she said. "Dragons have to be closely-related to rainbow serpents, so there's the tenuous link to Australia Day!"

Ms McCracken said Docklands provided a perfect venue and was a great place to work.

"It's the biggest picture I have ever done," she said. "The pavement has been great. I love it. The locals have loved it and everyone has been really supportive."

"Because it has been so hot I have been doing a lot of it at night and this is when most people have been involved."

She said many people took the opportunity to learn about pavement art and volunteered to help create the work.

"It's been a really successful public event," she said.



Champion chalk artist Jenny McCracken with her dragon on Australia Day.

Harbour Town defies the gloom

Harbour Town Shopping Centre defied the retail gloom in December and posted a healthy growth in sales figures.

When other centres went backwards, Harbour Town sales grew by 4.3 per cent in general over the same period in 2010 and by a whopping 8.2 per cent in apparel sales.

On a "moving annual turnover" basis, the centre recorded a "static" result which, according to manager Shane Brown, was a great result in the circumstances.

Mr Brown attributes the centre's recent success to a number of factors including the recently-completed renovation and continued unique and targeted marketing.

"We are very pleased with the result which goes against the generally reported trend for retail," he said. "It's one of the better results considering

some centres have gone backwards."

Mr Brown said Harbour Town continued to exploit its natural "outdoor" advantage by putting on unique events such as bringing in farm animals. On Australia Day, Harbour Town brought in one of the nation's largest cows for a milking demonstration.

Other activities contributing to strong sales included the centre's first eight-hour sale, when retail leaders slashed prices by up to 50 per cent, innovative Santa promotions and generously funded family competitions.

Mr Brown said Harbour Town's December eight-hour sale was such a success it would probably be repeated every quarter.

Sponsorships also contributed, with great exposure being achieved through the centre's association with the North Melbourne Football Club and valuable TV exposure also being achieved via its relationship with the Etihad Stadium-based Melbourne Renegades cricket team.

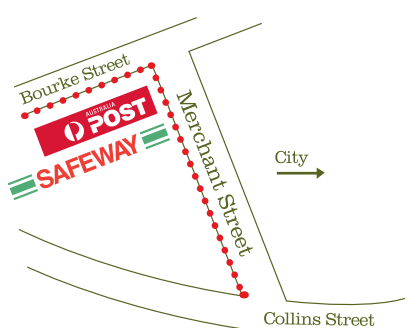
Renovations to the centre, completed last October, have given shoppers more shelter from the elements and greater access to the centre's level one retailers.

And, not content to rest on its laurels, the centre turned up the volume on activities and promotions in January with reptile displays, bucking bulls and surfboard riding to coincide with the school holidays.

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More traffic disruption

Harbour Esplanade will be closed at night this month and also in March as contractors fix strip drains.

Places Victoria's city west manager Simon Wilson said problems with the drains were discovered last September during a final inspection of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

"Following the final inspection of the Stage 1 works in September 2011, it was noted that strip drains constructed along Harbour Esplanade were showing signs of deterioration," Mr Wilson said.

"Remedial works will commence on January 30 and will be completed by the end of April. These works have been discussed with all neighbouring properties to minimise disruption to all concerned."

"As part of these remedial works, Harbour Esplanade will be closed to vehicle traffic from 11pm until 5am Monday to Friday in late February and early March. Traffic diversions will be in place during these times and traffic management staff will be in place to assist pedestrians and motorists as required," Mr Wilson said.

"With the exception of these night works, remedial works are not expected to affect trams, pedestrians or vehicles."



Tower 6 announced

Mirvac is proceeding with its Tower 6 at Yarra's Edge with the Minister for Planning Matthew Guy making the announcement last month.

The 39-storey tower takes a new direction for residential towers in Docklands featuring ground-floor community space with less emphasis on retail.

It will have 680sqm of community space, lobby and gym, in contrast with only 280sqm of retail.

The \$217 million development at 92-100 Lorimer St will comprise 200 new apartments and comes hot on the heels of Mirvac's Yarra Point tower which got underway last year.

Mr Guy said: "The 39-storey development includes a 5-star energy-rated building, the incorporation of urban art, landscaping and ground floor activities."

"As Docklands enters its second decade, the Yarra's Edge development builds upon its premier location with a waterfront lifestyle in close proximity to Southbank and the CBD.

"Yarra's Edge continues to provide for sustained investment and growth for Melbourne in an area that is increasingly becoming a new urban hub."

"I congratulate the Department of Planning and Community Development, Places Victoria, VicRoads and Melbourne City Council for their collaborative efforts in working through the application," Mr Guy said.

The site is located between Tower 5 to the east and Tower 8 and Point Park to the west.

Simply the best

New year's eve went off in Docklands this year with some observers reporting the best celebration so far.

Veteran Docklander Michele Anderson rated it as the best, while Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Keith Rankin said it was "possibly" the best he'd seen in 18 years.

NewQuay precinct manager Simon Duffield said this year was not expected to top the 2011 celebration, but it did.

"Everyone was well behaved and it all went like clockwork," he said. "And it was great to see the retailers smiling."

"The restaurants had two sittings and they were extremely happy," Mr Duffield said.

Ms Anderson said new years eve was the biggest crowd she had ever seen in Docklands.

"And it was a great crowd too. Everyone was happy," she said.

Mr Rankin agreed that the attitude of the crowd was first class.

"I did not see any unsavoury incidents," he said. "It was a real family night - a real winner for Docklands."

"We've had some really good new year's eves over the years but this one was possibly the best ever. The challenge now is to take the next step and work out how to transform this event which has grown organically into a festival over the whole day and night," Mr Rankin said.

Regional Rail Link

Southern Cross

Road closure

Dudley Street, North Melbourne
(between Adderley Street and Wurundjeri Way)

11am Saturday 4 February until 11am Sunday 5 February 2012

Dudley Street will be closed to traffic between Adderley Street and Wurundjeri Way (Melway Ref: 43 D7) for Regional Rail Link-related works on the Dudley Street rail bridge.

Signed detour routes will be in place. Motorists are advised to allow for an additional 15 minutes of travel time.

These works are subject to weather conditions.

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What a great place to wait

If you are going to be stuck in Melbourne awaiting an organ transplant, what better place to wait than Docklands?

This is the view of the Ashton family who are in Docklands while a healthy set of lungs can be sourced for the eldest son Coen.

Dawn Ashton and her husband Mark put their lives on hold last October when they came to Docklands from Maryborough in Queensland.

"We think Docklands is awesome," Dawn said. "The views, the water, the people are great here. We love it."

The family spent the first three months in an apartment at NewQuay but is currently staying aboard their yacht at Yarra's Edge while they find more permanent accommodation.

The trouble is, they don't know how long they will be in Melbourne. They have been told to be within an hour of the Alfred Hospital in case the call comes that new lungs have been sourced for Coen who was born with cystic fibrosis.

Depending on where he is in the cycle, the 14-year-old has between 20 and 27 per cent lung capacity. Independent of this problem, Coen is also a self-injecting diabetic.

Docklands is a great location spot the family as it is half way between the Alfred and the Royal Children's Hospital where Coen spends two weeks of every month.

When in hospital, he is subjected to a routine of medication and physiotherapy so that, when organ donors are found, he is in physical condition to receive his new lungs.

Even though Coen is on the list for new lungs, it is not something that comes up every day. In fact, Dawn said that in 2006 there was only one such suitable donation made in Victoria and only six in Australia. Melbourne is the only place in Australia or New Zealand where Coen can receive new lungs.

He needs lungs from someone generally matching his age (16 is the minimum age at which someone can flag their intention to donate their organs). The lungs also need to be from someone on a respirator so the only potential donors would be an accident victim or a young person suffering a brain aneurism.

But Coen is not the sort of kid to rest on his laurels. Publicity he has generated for the cause has resulted in more than 1000 people signing up to become organ donors.



Coen Ashton came direct from the Royal Children's Hospital to take this sail with his brother Kai on Victoria Harbour.

Most of this came via an astounding achievement for someone so ill – last year he jet skied 2000 km down the Murray River. This also resulted in him being awarded a Pride of Australia medal which recognised his courage. See www.murraycodd.com

Coen wanted to "do something big" to raise awareness on organ donation. "I originally wanted to do something with camels, but Mum talked me out of it when she told me that they bite, spit and fart," he said.

When the Ashtons received the call last October that Coen was next in line for new lungs, they dropped everything and headed to Melbourne. They can't really work here because of the demands of looking after Coen and also because they don't know how long they will be here.

The family dog is being looked after in South Australia by Mark's brother and, apart from clothing, all their belongings are back in Queensland. Mark is currently restoring his boat, which a friend sailed down from Queensland.

The Ashtons' younger son Kai, 6, is enrolled at North Melbourne Primary School. Coen studies by distance education, but would love to attend University High School this year.

He said that, because Uni High was so close to the Royal Children's it would be ideal for him.

"I could go across there during the day from hospital," he said. Coen said he would love to go to school even if it was part time.

When *Docklands News* caught up with the Ashtons, Coen and Kai were enjoying community sailing day at the Docklands

Yacht Club. The family learned of the opportunity via *Docklands News* last year and have now become club members.

It was Coen's first day out after a fortnight in hospital and, rather than go home, they headed straight to the yacht club so he could go for a sail with his brother.

The Rotary Club of Docklands is assisting the Docklands Yacht Club to offer the experience of sailing to under-privileged children who would otherwise not have such an opportunity.

See www.docklandsrotary.org.au

Rotary and the Docklands Yacht Club are hosting another community "Try Sailing" day from Waterfront City marina on February 26. For more information, call Ray on 0429 868 304 or Mark 0418 322 299.

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According to Destination Docklands' executive officer Michelle Kemp, the campaign is designed to generate interest in our suburb.

"Other objectives are to educate the public about what Docklands has to offer, encourage visitation, exploration, repeat visitation and spending," Ms Kemp said.

She said the tram would be wrapped in



colours from the Docklands logo to promote key assets.

"Thanks to Yarra Trams, NewQuay, Black Light Mini Golf, Harbour Town Shopping Centre and Medibank Icehouse, the tram

will tell everyone that 'there's plenty to do at Docklands,'" she said.

Ms Kemp said a City Circle trams stopped at Harbour Town every six minutes.

Dudley St to be closed again for rail works

Docklanders have been advised that Dudley St will again be closed this month to allow works to proceed on the new Regional Rail Link.

Rail Link Authority construction manager Evan Tattersall has written to residents and businesses advising that Dudley St will be close during the weekend of February 3-6.

Mr Tattersall said the full closure was necessary to allow for the installation of concrete panels to the new bridge structure which was installed in December.

"The closure is required to ensure the safety

of motorists, pedestrians and workers. Signed detour routes will be in place during the closure to direct traffic. Pedestrian access will be limited to ensure public safety," Mr Tattersall said.

"In addition to night works, ongoing daytime works, including survey works, piling, installation of services, non-destructive digging, earthworks and associated signalling work, will occur along the rail corridor between Southern Cross Station and Moonee Ponds Creek."

The works schedule outlined in the letter is:

- Thursday, February 2 to Sunday, February 12 - day/night drainage work - car park Laurens St, North Melbourne (Melway Ref: 43 C6);
- 1pm Friday, February 3 to 7am Monday,

February 6 - includes full closure of Dudley St, North Melbourne between Wurundjeri Way and Adderley St (Melway Ref: 43 C7-D7) from 11am Saturday, February 4 to 11am Sunday, February 5;

- 10pm Saturday, February 11 to 7am Sunday, February 12;
- 11pm Friday, February 17 to 7am Monday, February 20; and
- 10pm Saturday, February 25 to 7am Sunday, February 26.

Mr Tattersall said: "Drainage works will be undertaken in the car park in Laurens Street, North Melbourne from Thursday, February 2 to Sunday, February 12. Nearby residents may experience noise during these activities. For safety reasons, and due to the proximity of the work site to railway lines, these

activities cannot be carried out while trains are running."

"To reduce noise impacts the project team will use a piling method that produces lower levels of noise and vibration and will install broadband reversing beepers on vehicles and construction equipment. Generators will be required to illuminate the sites."

"While every effort is made to complete works within specified timeframes, due to unforeseen circumstances there may be occasions where the work schedule changes or additional night works are required at short notice."

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Facilities will be worth the wait

Docklands' first real community facilities announced late last year should prove worth the wait, according to Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour project director Claire Johnston.

Ms Johnston says the new library and community hub needs to be understood in the context of 21st century best-practice.

"A collection of books is only a tiny part of what is planned here," she said. "It's a three-storey building, housing meeting rooms, and is likely to include sound recording studio, outdoor children's play area, teenage gaming facilities, commercial cooking spaces ... the list goes on."

"The context is community growth and development and libraries are one of the few remaining open public facilities," she said.

Ms Johnston said that while the role of librarians was still to connect citizens with knowledge, the delivery mechanisms had evolved by light years in recent times.

"Modern librarians these days are across the digital technologies. They are highly cultured people who are right up with music, books, art and theatre," Ms Johnston said.

The library and community hub form part of a centralised civic precinct to be known as



Dock Square, to be built at the intersection of Collins and Bourke streets.

Lend Lease won a bid against other Docklands developers last year after the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria (formerly known as VicUrban) concluded that they could not afford to build their own facility.

But the new facility is stand-alone and will be built within the \$9 million that the council and Places Victoria have budgeted. A separate budget has to be found to fund the fit-out, expected to cost another \$3 million.

The development was submitted for

planning approval on December 16. It is expected that work will start in April.

Another aspect of Dock Square will be a community boating hub. Ms Johnston says concept designs for this facility are well advanced, but specific funding details are yet to be determined.

An outdoor pool is another aspect which appeared alongside Dock Square in the Victoria Harbour master plan revealed in 2010. Ms Johnston says this facility is still in the plan but, as a lower order priority, is yet to be funded.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the proposed

location of the library and community hub was ideal and would be the cornerstone of a range of community infrastructure to be delivered in this part of Docklands.

"The proposed development is the result of a great partnership between the City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and Lend Lease, enabling us to deliver a first rate library and community centre for the people of Docklands," Cr Doyle said.

"This proposed building is not just a piece of architecture in terms of sustainability and design, it is an important piece of urbanism. This is what the city has been trying to advocate for in Docklands, buildings and places that work for people."

Managing director of Lend Lease's development business in Australia, David Rolls, said Dock Square and, in particular, the proposed library and community centre, would help define the character of Victoria Harbour and the wider Docklands by bringing life to the heart of the precinct.

"Over the past two years we have been refining the Victoria Harbour vision and have placed a strong emphasis on creating vibrant, activated and appealing places for residents, workers and visitors," he said.

"This proposed development at Dock Square will have the ability to evolve over time to suit the diverse needs of its users."





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Docklands 1118 / 60 Siddeley Street
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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 and gym.



Docklands 404 / 60 Siddeley Street
MASSIVE ENTERTAINERS TERRACE
2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$660,000
Inspect By appointment

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 toilet and separate laundry facilities.



Docklands 1106 / 15 Caravell lane
WHAT A LIFESTYLE
2 bed 2 bath 1 car
Private sale \$600,000
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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. What a lifestyle !! The apartment itself consists of 2 spacious bedrooms with BIR's, contemporary styled bathrooms with laundry.



Docklands 1108 / 15 Caravell Lane
WATER VIEWS, HARBOR LIFESTYLE
2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$549,000
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 1604 / 60 Siddeley Street
3 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$800,000
Inspect By appointment

This apartment is located in the stunning Flinders Wharf building is a must see. Consisting of 3 spacious bedrooms including master with WIR and ensuite. The large dining and lounge opens to a balcony that has views a plenty. You can see the entire docklands precinct with views also across to the bay. You have full access to all building facilities which consists of large lap pool, spa, steam room, sauna and fully equipt gymnasium.



Docklands 18 Waterview Walk
WATERGATE LIVING
2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$549,000
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.

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Roger fires up over council open space strategy

The president of the Docklands Community Association Roger Gardner has dismissed the City of Melbourne's new draft open space strategy as "misleading window dressing".

Mr Gardner said the 36-page strategy released late last year did not provide for significant land-based open space in Docklands.

"I am critical of it because I think it is largely misleading window dressing. It says a lot but delivers little," Mr Gardner said.

On Docklands, the strategy says: "A new local park in the NewQuay area is to be developed, along with additional local open spaces in the Yarra's Edge and Victoria Harbour precincts. These spaces are proposed to be connected with a continuous public open space reserve along the waterfront with access to the water's edge celebrating Victoria Harbour and the Yarra River as key strengths of Docklands."

"Moonee Ponds Creek linear open space corridor will continue to be improved, providing recreational connectivity to the future municipal open space, north to E-Gate and Arden Macaulay urban renewal areas and to NewQuay Promenade," the strategy says.

But Mr Gardner said: "The plans (as) per the maps do not provide for any significant land-based open space in Docklands - for the simple reason that there is no land left."

"The same applies to other areas of the city outside of the existing major parks/ gardens, with no new major parks planned."

In explaining the strategy to DCA members, Mr Gardner said: "The area marked for a park in Docklands ... is the small 2 ha strip down off Docklands Drive near Bolte Bridge which may well go to the Melbourne Football Club. The size of the blue circle is exaggerated."

"The map does show another blue circle for open space provision in the proposed redevelopment of the rail yards known as E-Gate on the other side of Footscray Rd and at the northern end. This is not close for Docklands and the size again is dubious."

"The nearest major gardens for us will continue to be Flagstaff," he said.

"It is disappointing to say the least that whilst extolling the virtues of open space 'within easy walking distance' the plans provide very little," he said. "The plans provided in the link site say that water is open space which, whilst technically correct, does not provide for land based open space for leisure and recreation for a growing population."

The chair of the council's Eco-City Committee, Cr Cathy Oke, said the strategy sought to do as much as possible with the available space.

"Of course it would be ideal if we could have large spaces of available land to meet recreational and wellbeing needs," she said. "But this is not the case and, as such, we also have to think creatively how to use the little space we do have."

"I am especially excited about the opportunities that rehabilitating Moonee Ponds Creek will bring. I have seen the amazing transformation of similar derelict spaces overseas into truly active urban open space in cities with limited or no land."

"Many of the proposals in the draft strategy are creative design solutions to use existing spaces better, to better match the recreational needs identified in the research without relying on huge amounts of non-existent land."

"Small changes in existing spaces as identified in the draft strategy should achieve positive recreational outcomes for Docklands while we work towards and advocate for larger spaces to become available in new sites."

"I strongly encourage anyone interested to provide feedback to the draft Open Space Strategy before 1st March via www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ParksandActivities/Parks/Pages/OpenSpaceStrategy.aspx," Cr Oke said.



Stephen and Niki Filipovic will have their hands full if they are granted approval to turn this into a market.

A new market force for Docklands

There's nothing here now but if siblings Stephen and Niki Filipovic fulfil their dream, this is the site for a dynamic and chic Saturday market.

The brother and sister team have an application before the State Government to transform the derelict and deserted western end of NewQuay into a hip and happening destination.

They say that their vision, passion and energy for what they are calling the Melbourne Flea is just what Docklands needs. Who would disagree?

The Filipovics and business partner Jesse Saunders believe they have their finger on the pulse of what's hot and what is going to attract a new generation of shoppers to Docklands.

Part of their "People's Market" brand is the innovative use of shipping containers for stall holders. They are working with architects to customise the containers to the particular stall-holding artisan and the goods being sold.

The downside to their planning is that the site has been promised to Cirque du Soleil at the end of the year and they will have to move out. Whether they return or whether they find another site depends on the success of the market in the months ahead.

"It is our intention to transform 453-507 Docklands Drive, into an open-air market, incorporating a variety of market vendors and refurbished shipping containers. In this instance the market we are proposing will have the title "Melbourne Flea", and consist of three main sections. These parts may be defined as the flea market section, container section and wholesale farmers," Niki Filipovic said.

"Each container design will be a product of its context and the development will accommodate (for) makers, artisans and food producers to enter uncharted markets, and for pre-established businesses to further promote and enhance their success, both, with little financial risk," Ms Filipovic said.

"Most of our site will consist of flea market vendors selling pre-loved items or unique and quirky pieces. It is our intention to turn this into the largest flea market in the CBD."

"We anticipate that our business proposal will attract people to the NewQuay vicinity, and create a stronger sense of community. We hope that our innovative container refurbishments draw much-needed attention and interest to the area, and that the flea is profitable and affordable to a broad range of people."

"We have been developing our concept for over a year now and we are rolling out a similar concept in Brisbane, whilst also establishing innovative twilight markets across Melbourne," Ms Filipovic said.

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Work resumes on wheel

Work is proceeding on rebuilding the Southern Star Observation Wheel following a setback in late November which disrupted its progress.

The incident, in which the wheel tore loose from its restraints on November 28, resulted in Worksafe placing a "non-disturbance notice" over the site. Now that the wheel has been restrained and secured, and the site has been inspected, Worksafe has lifted the notice and work is again underway.

Southern Star management reports that a revised "work method statement" is currently being prepared to rotate the wheel to enable winching and the erection of the remaining rim sections. Southern Star expects this work to start soon. Once the rim is completed, the 21 cabins will be reattached.

The company says it cannot estimate a completion date because the intricate work required cannot be performed in adverse weather conditions.

"This and various other challenges make it difficult to declare an opening date at this stage," a company spokesperson said.

The replacement and re-build of the wheel is being undertaken under warranty by Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation.



DCA Christmas celebration

The Docklands Community Association (DCA) held a successful Christmas breakup early in December attended by about 70 people.

In this picture the DCA committee gets into the festival spirit. They are (from left) Graeme Mercer (general assistance), Paige Jay (social activities), Shaun and Rebecca McCarthy (general assistance), Jessie Xin Xu (treasurer), Roger Gardner (president), Kathy Speakman (memberships) and Kath Harris (general assistance).

Community garden is underway

Work on the new Docklands community garden, to be located on the corner of Geographe St and Keera Way in Victoria Harbour, is set to start this month following the appointment in December of contractor Haylen Group.

Places Victoria's city west manager Simon Wilson said the garden's governance structure would be announced shortly.

Mr Wilsons said the design and management of the garden had been informed by six rounds of community consultation - three rounds on design and three rounds on governance and management.

"The community garden will include more than 20 communal planting areas, productive plants and trees, a fire pit, barbecue and seating facilities, compost bays and a children's garden area," Mr Wilson said.

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On what was Melbourne's coldest January day in three years, Docklands was battered by hail and gale-force winds which had even

the most hardy souls confined indoors.

In NewQuay locals were amazed to see two chairs fly from a Conder balcony and land in the middle of the Harbour Esplanade tram tracks.

And next door, MAB's large outdoor advertising banner was ripped from its hoarding and flapped like a giant whip in the tempest.

The hoarding bent at 45 degrees but MAB says there was never any danger to the public as it was firmly anchored at its base.

The cold spell brought snow to the alps and storms and rain to much of Victoria.

When it comes to south-westerly weather, Docklands is Melbourne's first line of defence. Docklands shelters the CBD from the worst of the weather.

One local was heard to exclaim that if Docklands' new Norfolk Island palm trees could survive the storm, they could survive anything. And they were certainly tested – bending like springs – only to bounce back between gusts.

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'Casino' is a popular choice

Geelong painter Phil Suter's work SS Casino – That Fateful Day was the most popular at last year's ANL Art Prize and Exhibition at the Mission to Seafarers.

Mr Suter won \$2000 from Asset1 WTC for his work being adjudged the People's Choice at Australia's leading maritime art award which is held every year in Docklands.

The People's Choice award is the show's fourth category and was not known until it had finished and all the votes were counted.

Asset1 WTC strategic director Philip Hill presented Mr Suter with his award on December 1 at the World Trade Centre Gallery.

Mr Suter's painting depicts the SS Casino steaming into Apollo Bay on July 10, 1932 before capsizing only 400 metres from shore with the loss of 10 lives.

The artist explained that in poor weather, the Casino's anchor sheared a massive gouge in

the side of the ship and it simply keeled over and sank.

"The Casino's importance was pivotal for the local communities along the southern Victorian coast as it was probably a very welcome sight to those who lived there and depended on it and its loss and the loss of life would have been greatly mourned," Mr Suter said.

"This vessel had not only caught my imagination but had also become a very engrossing story I wanted to tell to a wider audience through the traditional medium of painting."

"I feel grateful for the opportunity of having commemorated an important aspect of our Australian maritime history."



Artist Phil Suter and Asset 1 WTC strategic director Phil Hill at the People's Choice announcement.

"Thanks to the sponsors - the World Trade Centre, thanks also to the Mission to Seafarers and again to the voting public who, with their support, give an artist like myself

the encouragement to continue to create artwork that hopefully reflects a universal connection about people, places and events that everyone can relate to."

New banking concept for Docklands



Docklands has been chosen as the site for the National Australia Bank's first ground-breaking, hi-tech concept store.

It is the first of five concept stores to be opened across Australia this year as NAB discards the term "branch" and re-focuses on "retail and customer experience".

Combining state-of-the-art security, cutting-edge technology and a revolutionary open plan layout, the Docklands store also aims to re-connect with the local community.

The in-store technology includes free wifi and internet access, free use of Apple Macs and iPads, and a "kids' zone" showing an animated feature. An invisible scent – "jasmine with a hint of grapefruit" – is being

trialled at Docklands.

Launching the prototype store last month, manager Vinit Ajmani said local groups could come into the store and add community notices on a free Apple app.

"Creating a link with the Docklands community is the most important thing to us," Mr Ajmani said.

"We encourage local community groups to come in and add their notices on our free app," he said.

"Live advertising will be flashing on three

digital screens to promote our community, showing local events and notices."

NAB has adopted a "less is more" approach to security. Gone are the obvious security barriers and pop-up windows, as the bank believes an open-plan layout deters offenders who prefer concealment to being in sight.

The Docklands store is piloting "an invisible toxic solution featuring a unique synthetic DNA solution that sprays offenders when leaving the premises".

Also, tellers will have no access to cash until after a transaction has been made and identification is accepted.

An "intelligent deposit machine" can accept up to 50 notes and 30 cheques at once,

and issue a receipt with an image of each deposited cheque.

But Mr Ajmani said staff numbers would not be reduced from the current "nine or 10".

NAB head of network planning and design, Peter Holmes, said: "The store will have the same number of staff, who can come out and interact with customers."

"We think customers will always want face-to-face banking. This is a multi-sensory experience."

The store features piped music, which changes in volume between the store's three sections.

The store is in the NAB building at 800 Bourke St, Docklands, and is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



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No councillor for Docklands

Docklands seems unlikely to get its own city councillor as a Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) review has recommended against it.

While the VEC has not made a final decision, it clearly favours an unsubdivided municipality where councillors are elected "at large".

In a recently-released preliminary report, the VEC has, however, recommended that the City of Melbourne be given an extra two councillors to share the workload of a capital city municipality.

Its recommendation against subdividing the municipality into wards is likely to upset local resident groups which were unanimous in their preference for local ward councillors who, they say, are more in touch with local residents and local issues.

The VEC admits that the vast majority of submissions it received supported the local wards model, but it rejects the notion largely on the basis of what is going to work best for Melbourne as a capital city council.

"A key part of the Council's role is to develop and implement strategies to further the interests of Melbourne and indirectly of the whole state," the VEC said in its report.

"The risk of a reversion to a ward structure is that councillors may become preoccupied with local issues that they lose sight of capital city strategies, causing the council to lose momentum."

"Unlike other Victorian councils, Melbourne City Council has a statewide, a national and even an international dimension."

The VEC also points out that residents (state electors) comprise only 40 per cent of eligible voters within the City of Melbourne, with non-resident property owners and corporations having a combined entitlement of 60 per cent.

The VEC noted the City of Melbourne's claim that it already consults closely with residents. It repeated this statement from the council's website:

"We run public consultations on any major strategy or plan which affects the public spaces of the city or the wellbeing of residents, businesses or visitors."

"We advertise a period of consultation in newspapers, local community publications and on our website. We will tell you how you can get a copy of the document, how you can respond to it and about any public meeting

held to discuss it."

The VEC says it will receive submissions on its report up until February 23 and is conducting a public hearing at 5pm on February 29 at the Melbourne Town Hall. Only people who have previously made submissions can speak.

One of those wanting to speak is likely to be Docklands Community Association (DCA) president Roger Gardner.

Mr Gardner said: "The VEC response is disappointing and rejects all the submissions by the city's various community groups who unanimously requested a return to a ward structure."

"Councillors at large can become lost in trying to deal with issues city-wide and major local issues can be overlooked."

"I know from my experience in a ward-structured council that whilst ward issues can compete, it is the whole council that decides on proposals when they come up to be voted on. It is a matter of balance and council officers play a major role in that process with their expertise and recommendations."

"In terms of the city's large business and commercial interests, it needs to be remembered that some suburban councils also have major assets such as airports, sporting venues and shopping centres which they manage along with ward issues. Commercial interests can be represented on council."

"It appears from the VEC response that they have been influenced by views expressed by the current council. The inference that so-called public consultation makes up for lack of a ward representative is a weak argument."

"Experience indicates that decisions are made before the public is 'consulted' which becomes lip service. I therefore believe that the possible loss of macro considerations is overstated and outweighed by the significant benefits of ward representation."

In its submission, the DCA told the VEC Docklands needed a councillor who lived in the area who had:

- A close knowledge of the issues of the ward area;
- An obligation and an interest to represent those issues at council; and
- An obligation to follow up and keep the ward community informed.

The DCA said: "Docklands in particular requires ward representation because of being a newly developing area, including unique waterways, with special planning and infrastructure needs."



Fran Welsh says she is surprised no one has been killed or seriously injured.

Intersection pedestrian risk

Docklands' Harbour Esplanade bike path is so attractive it seems that drivers can't resist it when turning right from Bourke St - which is a major problem for pedestrians waiting to cross the road.

Local worker Fran Welsh says she is surprised that no one has yet been killed or seriously injured due to the confusion of drivers.

"The other day I had an old lady coming straight at me," she said. "You should have seen the look on her face. Her look was priceless when she realised she shouldn't be there."

It wasn't so funny during another of Fran's lucky escapes when a truck driver drove behind a temporary barrier and parked in the bike lane before realising his mistake and just kept going down the track and back out onto Harbour Esplanade.

Places Victoria (formerly VicUrban) says it is aware of the problem and a number of remedial measures have been tried. It says it is the City of Melbourne's responsibility but that it was working with the council and VicRoads to find a

permanent remedy.

VicRoads is believed to be currently reviewing design modifications for approval and implementation.

Ms Welsh says nothing short of a curved steel barrier with a large arrow will protect pedestrians.

Ms Welsh works as a community management assistant with Stewart Silver King and Burns at 102 Harbour Esplanade. She says the crossing only became dangerous when the new bicycle path was opened about six months ago.

"I'd say it happens to me (a vehicle heading for pedestrians waiting to cross the road) six or more times a week," she said.

"The authorities obviously know it's a problem, otherwise they would not have put this temporary bollard here. But it needs a better solution than this temporary measure."

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Networking lunch success

Fifty privileged Docklanders experienced Bob's Steak and Chop House at the December 2011 Docklands News Networking Lunch.

Numbers were restricted for catering purposes and the lunch sold out well in advance. As usual, participants enjoyed meeting new contacts and catching up with other people they knew.

The feedback from these lunches is very rewarding and it's great to know that

business is done and products and services are bought and sold.

There is no restriction on numbers for the March 2012 lunch which is being held at the Harbour Town Hotel on March 16.

As usual, it is 12 noon for a 12.30 start. Also as usual, bookings and payment must be made in advance either by ringing Docklands News on **8689 7979** or by emailing **lunch@docklandsnews.com.au**.

The cost is \$60 and includes a three-course meals and drinks.

Menu

Entree: Prawn and avocado timbale served

with rocket salad and marie rose dressing; OR Rare seared duck breast on parmesan risotto and thyme-infused jus.

(Greek salad for vegetarians)

Mains: Oven-baked chicken breast stuffed with zucchini, capsicum and feta on garlic butter chat potatoes with honey sesame-glazed carrots and gravy; OR Rosemary-crusted lamb rump on sweet potato puree with buttered beans, wilted spinach and minted jus.

(Wild mushroom risotto for vegetarians)

Dessert: Chocolate mud cake with double cream and chocolate dip strawberry; OR Passionfruit cheesecake with mango coulis.



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Foodies to take to the water for festival

Docklands will be front and centre on the opening weekend of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival on March 3 and 4.

This year's festival is focussed on Melbourne's waterfront and Docklands is the perfect place to start a gastronomic journey.

Food lovers can take a free river shuttle from Waterfront City Marina or Yarra's Edge to other festival locations up-stream on both Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4.

Docklands organiser "Good News" Bill Reid said events would be held within Docklands

at Harbour Town Shopping Centre, NewQuay and Yarra's Edge.

He said the local contribution was relatively modest, but it would successfully put Docklands on the festival map for coming years.

"It makes sense for people coming from outside Docklands to park at Harbour Town for \$5 for the day and then take the free river shuttle," Mr Reid said.

"There will be activities around Yarra's Edge and NewQuay where local restaurants will offer tasting plates from \$5 to showcase their particular cuisines."

"In Harbour Town there will be cooking with kids, so a really great weekend to be in Docklands."

Mr Reid said the free river shuttle was the key to the success of the weekend, with

various locations along the river contributing to the cost.

He said another benefit of the exercise would be to demonstrate how a permanent river shuttle could boost Docklands' local economy and benefit local businesses.



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From left: Lyn Kelly, Leonie Fryer, Darrell Hewton, Julie Hewton and Gary Fryer. (Photos courtesy Elizabeth Kelly)



From left: Sam Kelzi, Peter Kelly, Nicqui Merlina, Peter Crowley and Rick Gersh.



From left: Joy Trimble, Rosemary Leslie and Lydia Kaya.



From left: Houda Kelzi, Lyn Ireland and Wendy Gersh.

10 year celebration at NewQuay

Docklanders old and new celebrated the 10-year milestone of the first residents moving into the suburb on December 21.

It was 10 years to the day that Peter and Lyn Kelly, Tony Smarrelli and Lyn Ireland and Rick and Wendy Gersh (the event organisers) moved into their apartments at NewQuay.

About 70 people attended the reunion at Oscar's Table and were welcomed by owners Matt and Brett.

Peter Kelly reported that everyone had a great time at the reunion.

"Guests came from all precincts and had a wonderful time chatting and catching up," Mr Kelly said.

The four speakers of the night, Peter Kelly, Rick Gersh, Vince Muscatello and Peter Crowley, spoke of what Docklands had meant for them.

"It was great hearing from each of the four about how they have experienced the 10 years to date and how they all felt very fortunate to be part of such an important part of Melbourne's recent development," Mr Kelly said.

"What has happened in 10 years has been remarkable and we're only half way there."

"Guests were made up of residents (new and old), investors here in Docklands and those

who have left and wanted to come back and celebrate. It was great to see Sam and Houda the original owners of the IGA store."

Declan Sykes, now 15 years old and most recently seen on Channel 10 as a top five contestant in the *X Factor*, performed. Declan lived in the Arkley with his mum when he was aged between 4 and 7.

"It was great to welcome him and his mum back for the night," Mr Kelly said. "Another youngster Jessica Ness, aged 13, sang a couple of her own songs. It was great to have them both perform for us on the night."

"All in all it was a great get together with friends of Docklands who have shared this wonderful journey together."

Former VicUrban staff Peter Crowley and Nicqui Merlina attended, as did former Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Brian Tanti.

NewQuay owners corporation chairs Michele Anderson, David Wolfram and Roger Gardner attended and MAB director Andrew Buxton sent his apologies and best wishes. Apologies were also received from former MAB connections Steve Buxton, John Darmody and Don Jones.



From left: Helen Ditty and Sharon Forrest.



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INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Oscar's Table

A welcome addition to Docklands ...

Sometimes, when you love something very much, you place higher expectations on it than you would something you barely care about.

I'm the first to admit I can be this way about Docklands. The minor transgressions or disappointments cut deep – but a good experience at Docklands is like basking in the brightest of sunshine, the kind that leaves you warm and glowing with memories that linger for days. The kind that rights all wrongs.

Oscar's Table did this for me – truth be told, some girlfriends, some wine and some sunshine also played a big part. But this new tapas-style restaurant with its fabulous menu and wonderful service certainly set and nurtured the scene.

Located in NewQuay, the space is barely recognisable as the former home to Liquid. A slick refurb has added warmth and a European touch inside, while the outside can be enjoyed in all conditions, with clear

weather protection keeping the elements out while letting the views in.

Offering breakfast, lunch or dinner – I believe Oscar's Table will become known for its "share plates". They are perfect for groups and/or long lunches.

We started with a small selection and then just kept ordering, until we'd finally tried all of the below:

- Pork empanades with chipotle mayo (\$9);
- Son-in-law eggs with tamarind and chilli caramel, dried prawn and crisp leek (\$9, and I'm salivating again just writing that one);
- Croquettes (\$8);
- Salt and pepper calamari with aioli and lemon (\$11);
- Ceviche of market fish with coconut and paprika crisps (\$14);
- Grilled prawns with chorizo, roasted peppers and sweet sherry (\$16); and the real winner
- The perhaps-inappropriately-named chicken ribs, with lemongrass, chilli and shallots (\$10). These were nothing like what you'd imagine chicken "ribs"

to be (you've got to admit – they don't sound too meaty or appetising) but "Oh. My. God!" Chunky meat and a delicious marinade that made the tongue sing. They're a must.

This column doesn't have enough space to go through each dish in detail, but let me just say that all were cooked to near perfection and bursting with flavour when they should have been, yet had subtle balance where required. Touches such as the paprika crisps added intrigue and texture and no dish, even those of the deep fried variety, suffered from too much oil.

The wine list was refreshingly affordable, a bit heavy on the sauvignon blanc, with bubbles, riesling and pinot gris also outnumbering the lone chardonnay option – but those are the styles that better suit the food. The reds include some Spanish styles, including a rioja – which is a style I'm quite fond of and would recommend as safe for red lovers to try.

With just one lunch, Oscar's Table revived my love of Docklands and I'm already planning my return with a much larger group. I want to show as many people as I can what my beloved Docklands is capable of.

Summer-time is the time to do it people

– get down to Docklands and witness this sometimes (admittedly) still gawky "teen", taking increasingly assured steps towards playful sophistication – with no doubts as to how to entertain a crowd.

Location:

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Bend and Stretch!

Not a huge theatre fan myself, I once made an usher extremely mad when I texted during a play at Her Majesty's Theatre – awkward. But I do have two words for you after watching a number of video clips of the Guangdong Acrobatic Troupe and those two words are, “holy crap!” These guys are phenomenal. The acrobatics that they perform are next to impossible and they execute their moves with flawless precision, sort of like me on the dance floor after a few cordials. From juggling tennis balls to juggling each other, there's a reason why these guys have won China's highest honour, the “Wenhua Great Prize” not once, not twice, but three times ... “holy crap!”

WHAT: Cultures of China Festival of Spring Acrobatic Spectacular

WHERE: State Theatre @ The Arts Centre

WHEN: Sunday, February 5

It's pre-season already?

They've drafted new players, switched up coaching roles, gone to the outback and overseas for some pre-season training and are ready for some controversy... kidding! The AFL boys are ready for pre-season goodness AKA the NAB Cup. Round 1, week one kicks off when Hawthorn, Richmond and North Melbourne go head-to-head on Friday, February 17. Then the following Friday premiers Geelong, St Kilda with their new coach, and Sydney will battle it out on the Etihad green. But let's face it, we're all just trying to beat Collingwood!

WHAT: NAB Cup

WHERE: Etihad Stadium

WHEN: Friday, February 17 and Friday, February 24

WEB: www.afl.com.au

Fire on Ice

I'm fairly sure that it should be illegal for someone as tall and lanky as myself to ice skate either by myself or worse yet, with others where I could do bodily harm. So we'll leave the speed skating to people who could do it in their sleep – like the world junior short-track competitors who will be carving it up the last weekend of February in this leap year. Speed skaters from across the planet will be competing at the Olympic-certified venue, Medibank Icehouse, for medals in distances including the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and the men's and women's relay. I wonder if they'll let me compete in that one if I wear a skirt ...

WHAT: ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships

WHERE: Medibank Icehouse

WHEN: Friday, February 24 to Sunday, February 26

WEB: www.2012jwcmelbourne.com



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody and welcome to 2012.

The DCA Christmas Party held on December 7 at the Harbour Kitchen on Victoria Harbour was a great success, with a crowd full of cheer on a balmy summer's evening.

Members are being kept informed of coming events in the area. The new year's eve fireworks were spectacular as usual. The crowd was well behaved. The number of police and security arrangements were well sourced.

Myself and two representatives from other areas met with Planning Minister Matthew Guy in his offices on December 14. I reiterated our community's strong objection to MAB Corporation's plan to erect a hotel in the Waterfront City Piazza, together with its plans for extra tall buildings and with no extra traffic management. Mr Guy referred to MAB's plan to put a park at the rear of the proposed hotel. Hopefully he was just being rhetorical, but it would be annoying if he had been “taken in”

by MAB's proposed “park” which we had already advised was a sham, as it would be a small overshadowed strip with traffic lanes on both sides to the hotel, with water views blocked. I repeated this. The City of Melbourne is siding with us and has sent written objections to the department, which I referred to in the meeting. Councils get overridden, but the fact that it is the City of Melbourne may carry more weight. Developers have done what they like in Docklands. The community's profile has been raised and we have to continue to fight for what's left. The Minister gave no indication of a decision at the meeting, which was to be expected.

Council has released plans for future open space in the municipality including Docklands. This has been forwarded to DCA members. Feedback is encouraged. A link is available for readers on www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/openspace. The plans as per the maps do not provide any significant land-based open space in Docklands which is not surprising, since there is not much left. The same applies to other areas of the city with no new major parks/gardens planned. It says a lot but delivers little.

Apart from token strips, the largest space

shown is the known patch off the end of Docklands Drive at the Bolte Bridge which may be allocated to the Melbourne Football Club. The sizes of the blue and orange circles (on their maps) are exaggerated.

Some salvation could lie in the redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade between the newly located tram tracks and the water. This is a fairly large area. We will be following up for concept plans which so far have not been forthcoming from the council or Places Victoria. This area should become a walking esplanade with lawn, paths and trees. We will oppose any plan to put buildings on it.

Their maps do show another blue circle for open space provision in the proposed redevelopment of the railyards known as E-Gate on the other side of Footscray Rd and at its northern end. This is not close for Docklands and the size again is dubious. The nearest major gardens for us will continue to be Flagstaff.

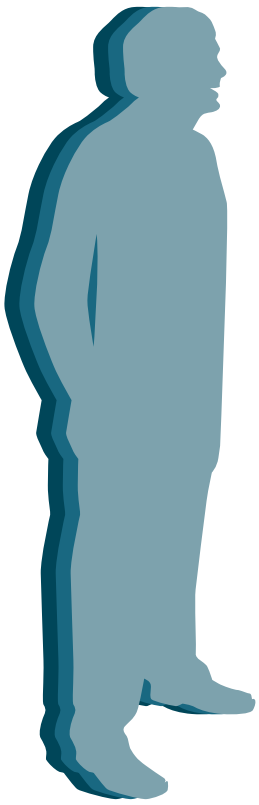
It is disappointing to say the least that whilst extolling the virtues of open space “within easy walking distance”, the plans provide very little.

The chair of Places Victoria (formerly VicUrban), former city councillor Peter Clarke, has stated a desire to liaise more closely with the DCA which is welcome. We hope that this will result in us gaining more facilities and redress for the community, including open space, recreation and other facilities, improved traffic management and more control over developers.

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

Great to be in touch again.

Sincerely
Roger Gardner
President DCA



DOCKLANDER

Maria is doing her bit

Palladio resident Maria Norris is one of those people that you meet every now and again who does everything in the community.

You know the type – they put their hand up for committee roles when everyone else is looking at their shoes or at the ceiling.

Maria (who most people know as Maree) is highly energetic and committed and continues to work tirelessly for the community. The NewQuay resident's latest charity is the Lady Mayoress' Committee.

Maria explained that she was currently a member of two Probus Groups, but was rationalising back to just one. She attends the University of the Third Age (UA3) and is taking botanical art classes at the Docklands Hub.

Her community work started almost from the moment she started her family as an 18-year-old mum. She said the local maternal and child health nurse convinced her to become secretary of a fundraising group and she hasn't stopped since.

In 2003 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to law. Far from being a lawyer, Maria was recognised for her service to northern suburban legal services.

She was the inaugural chair of the Broadmeadows Community Legal Service and went on to hold all the executive positions within this organisation over the years. She was also active with the Broadmeadows Community Resource Centre and Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG).

Maria grew up in North Fitzroy. She was living in a ladies hostel in Albert Park when she started her working life in the Department of Supply and Defence.

In 1953 she married Trevor Norris as a 16-year-old and proceeded to produce and raise three daughters and two sons. The family lived briefly in West Footscray before moving to Dallas. Before establishing a post office, Maria worked in a TAB, was a consultant for Gloria Marshall and spent two



Maria and her brother Norm at the last 2nd/4th AIF Field Regiment function.

years managing a hotel.

It was during her time in the post office that she suffered a fall and broke both an arm and a leg. Recuperation was difficult and it was not until she discovered the benefits of swimming that she made any progress.

"I thought I was going to have the live the rest of my life with my leg in a brace," she recalled.

In 2005 her husband Trevor died suddenly, and the following year she moved to Docklands.

"I enjoy my lifestyle here," she said. "I have lots of friends here and I am certainly not going to sit at the window and watch the world go by."

Another of Maria's interests is doing her bit for her big brother's regimental association, having been treasurer for the past two years.

Maria says that, as the old soldiers slowly fade away, it's been up to friends and family

to pitch in to the keep the various regimental associations alive.

Her brother Norm Parfitt, 94, served as a gunner in the 2nd/4th AIF Field Regiment in the Middle East, in New Guinea and in Borneo during World War II.

"I went away from Australia three times and was lucky enough to come back each time," the sprightly Norm said at a bi-monthly function at Middle Park Bowling Club.

Despite his age, Norm drove to the function and has no plans of slowing down. He's looking forward to both a new hip and to many more association functions.

Maria said she'd always been community minded and put her hand up to help in the light of a diminishing membership base.

Association secretary Pat Cahir said only 54 veterans remained Australia-wide.

"What we say is that when the last man goes, we turn out the lights," he said.

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Ahh another year begins.

Well, it's actually well and truly begun. In fact, one twelfth of it has already passed and we're rushing headfirst into the **serious** part of the year.

That's the part where we still have absolute unwavering faith and determination that "this will be THE year" that our goals are achieved, that we find true love, that we'll be headhunted for the dream job, that our small business will be bought by a major corporation or genius business guru that marvels at our entrepreneurial concept (that one is a bit close to my heart), that ... well you get the drift. Largely, we're all wishing that things will change.

Now if you're sitting there quite smugly thinking "nope, not me" and believe there is nothing you want to change, well I take my hat off to you.

And please email me and let me know what that feels like, to be 100 per cent content with things being *exactly* the way they are.

There are definitely people who feel that they have achieved their heart's desire, and are living the dream. They are certainly an inspiration and, from my experience, certainly the privileged few. Then there's others, like myself for example, who approach each new year a little like a small child returning to school - complete with brand new shoes tied to blister-producing correctness, a complete set of carefully sharpened pencils, and a bright-eyed eagerness to know what the year will bring. A new friend? The boy on the bus to look your way? A new school policy that abolishes homework? Childish as it may seem, we approach the year with great *hope*.

In looking back on previous years, it's hard to determine when the disappointment set in and the longing-ness for the year to be over, began. But it's probably safe to guess,

that it was around about the same time each year. And that would be at the time when you felt you weren't going to achieve everything you had set out to do - when you first started to let the idea of "defeat" enter your mind.

As each year passes from those childhood years of first disappointments - the year ending in scuffed shoes, lost pencils and the boy on the bus holding hands with your best friend - we start to recognise the signs of defeat earlier. We remember when things hurt or failed before, and we don't need much more than the scent of them to recognise it again. And we back away. All too often our resolutions are dusted off and simply re-presented at the start of the year, with us not believing a word of it in our hearts.

So here's my challenge to you for 2012. Go for a BIG walk, have a refreshing shower, put on some super-comfy clothes, have a glass of wine and sit down. Let's do this whole new year's resolutions all over again. Only this time, let's make them count.

Make them real - to you. Something you truly want. It could be just one thing, but make it something you are determined to make happen. Be prepared to commit to it.

When you get that first hint of an obstacle, overcome it. When you feel like giving up, find your strength. When you want the year to be over - remember what your heart told you.

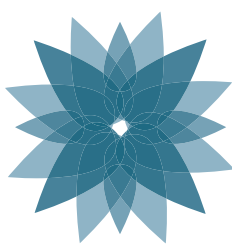
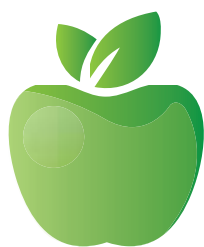
Go back and remember making that commitment to yourself. Visualise yourself achieving this goal and visualise yourself getting to the end of this year - celebrating. Let's make the changes, let's be proud of our efforts, let's enjoy the victory of realising our resolutions.

My resolution? After eight long years of flying solo, I want the love of a partner.

This is the year. We're going to make it happen.

Let the journey begin.

Abby x



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with Sandra Vernuccio

from Active Melbourne City Sports

Corporate Challenge

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www.melbournecitysports.ymca.org.au.

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The Corporate Dragon Boat Challenge is the greatest workplace challenge that Melbourne has to offer.

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Take on the rest of the corporate community and rally your colleagues for an afternoon along Harbour Esplanade, Docklands for a team-building activity which everyone can enjoy.

Celebrate with your team after the event with presentations taking place at Watermark where you can enjoy a celebratory drink and meal. Register your team of 21 today at www.melbournecitysports.ymca.org.au.

Tan Team Challenge Relay

The Tan Team Challenge Relay is back for 2012.

This year's Tan Team Challenge Relay will see a format like no other.

Teams of four are required to complete three laps of the Tan Track. Strategy is the key to winning as runners will need to pre-determine their start and finish legs of the race. This means teams will need to decide the distance around the Tan that each runner will run.

Here are some ways to increase your team's racing strategies:

Choose at least one or two runners who can complete at least one lap of the Tan Track at a comfortable pace.

Take advantage of strong sprinters who can dominate the Anderson Street Hill or pick up ground and take over in the final stretch.

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The Tan Team Challenge Relay will be held on March 14. You can register your team of four at www.melbournecitysports.ymca.org.au



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Docklands Writers meet at The Hub fortnightly on Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm. We are a group of supportive and enthusiastic writers who enjoy workshopping each other's writing, discussing writing issues and now writing a serial story to be published in "WordPlay", *Docklands News* in 2012. Minimal fees cover room rental. Enquiries to rose@grahammercer.com.au

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Bill's left holding the puppies

The Reid dogs don't see much of their real owners. But they see a lot of Docklands' own Good News Bill who bought the dogs for his children but has become the canines' number one carer.

Bill explained that each of his three kids has a dog - but only when it suits them.

For most of the time it is good old dad who walks them, feeds them, cleans them and picks up after them.

But for those of us familiar with parenthood, Bill's story is unsurprising. It's what dads do.

And regardless of the ownership issues, Bill wouldn't be without his beloved pooches. Currently he is spoiling Angie (left) and Bonnie (right) who are both from the same litter.

He said he was reminded of the movie 101 Dalmatians when he went to buy them nearly four years ago.

"They opened the garage door and all these animals came pouring out," he said. "These two were wrestling so I managed to grab them."

Bill says Angie and Bonnie are "probably" border collie crossed with a terrier mix. In other words - fairly unique!

He said they displayed herding instincts as well as hunting characteristics.

"They are very fast and they really do like hunting," he said.

Despite not living in Docklands, Bill says Angie and Bonnie love the place - especially Yarra's Edge where our photo was taken recently.

"The Webb Bridge is now one of their favourite haunts," he said.



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WORDPLAY

FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

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We trust you enjoy it; feedback is always welcome as are membership enquiries to rose@grahammercer.com.au

1. RENOS by Sonya Robinson

Tom squatted in the kitchen in front of the freshly-replastered wall. He tried to convince himself it was flawless and ended up staring at it so intently that it seemed to pulse.

Earlier that afternoon he had taken a hammer to this thin strip of wall squashed between the tiny pantry cupboard and doorway leading

into the hall. He then spent the rest of the afternoon desperately trying to fix it before Kate got home. It was nearly six o'clock.

He heard the sharp scraping of a key in the lock then her voice, "Hey! I'm home."

He looked down the hall from where he crouched, the last few shafts of sunlight streaming past him from the kitchen windows. He felt cold, his work-shirt gritty and damp. "Hey!" he managed, then quickly stood up and stepped into the hallway blocking the kitchen doorway. Kate screwed up her nose at his stench and kissed him.

"Weekend at last, today was so foul I could have walked out of that office for good." She smiled and raised her shopping bags, "Curry from that place in Rakaia Way, I need comfort food."

"Great," he reached out, "I'll unpack it."

"How did the pantry go?" she asked then looked past him and frowned. "Why is the wall still there?"

"Slight problem, we have to rethink extending the pantry."

"No! Why?"

"It's ... too difficult." He was struggling. All afternoon he had thought of reasons, lies to tell her about the patched-up wall, but none came to him now.

Kate shoved past him and pressed a finger into the moist wall accusingly. "The wall cavity isn't as big as we thought." Tom closed his eyes as he lied.

"Any extra space is better than none. Show

me," she demanded. She was being a bitch but didn't care. Her head ached from the arguments she'd had that day. Tom didn't move. She grabbed the trowel from the bench and thrust it brutally into the soft plaster. The childish destruction felt good.

"Oh great! Well done Kate, happy?" Tom rarely got mad, but now his face was red with angry frustration. He had lost and there was nothing he could do to stop her finding out.

Kate continued her attack, plaster crumbling to the floor. "Tom, what the hell is that?" She had become suddenly still, her face unsure and wary. She moved to reach the trowel in further into the hole.

Tom grabbed her elbow, "Christ, don't touch it! Just leave it."



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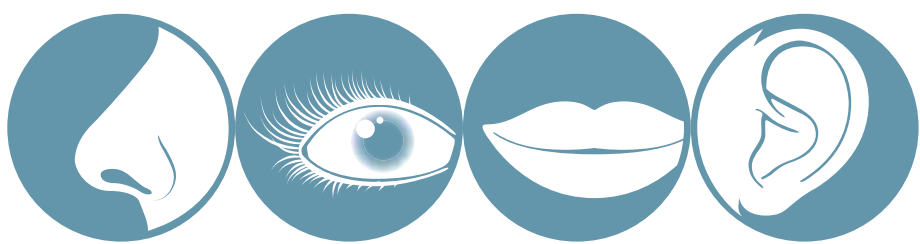
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DOCKLANDS SECRETS



What the?

What is this strange object slowing sinking at its mooring in Victoria Harbour?

It is perhaps Docklands' smallest boat.

The little red vessel was purpose-built at the Wooden Boat Centre in Shed 2 so that workmen could get up close and personal with the "crop" of piles at the end of Merchant St which are now all wearing stainless steel spinning head wear.

The vessel was designed like a horseshoe. The workers were able to manoeuvre it around a pile, secure it with ropes and get to work at extremely close quarters.

The piles were all "renovated" late last July before being capped with the new wind-vane-type hats. Divers added steel rings to their bases and used stones and concrete to secure them.

But after the work was done, the little red boat seemed to be abandoned. It languished at a nearby jetty for some time and incorrect mooring resulted in her taking on water.

And then she disappeared. Had she gone to the bottom of the harbour?

Docklands News is pleased to report that she was seen last month safe and sound in the doorway of the Wooden Boat Centre. And she was out again in late January assisting with some maintenance. The artwork's stainless steel hats were off, presumably to quieten them down.

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What are the working dynamics of your relationship?

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This month we feature two fellow Docklanders who work together daily and would like to know a little more about their working relationship. As I researched their working relationship it became obvious that there may be a little more to this relationship than meets the eye!



Jason Thatcher Estelle Cooper

November 22, 1985 December 19, 1988

Sun in Sagittarius Sun in Sagittarius

Moon in Aries Moon in Taurus

Venus in Scorpio Venus in Capricorn

Jason

Jason's challenge in life is to have a proper "prosperity mindset". You have a core belief that you cannot have money and retain a sense of spiritual freedom. On the contrary, and in particular for you, this lifetime can bring you great material comfort, whilst maintaining your spirituality. It is a tough lesson for you to learn but the people you meet and the experiences you go through will ultimately lead you there. By taking a thorough step-by-step process to build wealth, comfort and stability (while allowing yourself to explore life and its wonders), you will gain great satisfaction in this lifetime. On a deep level, you recognise the need to learn how to handle money and possessions and develop a sense of comfort and ease.

Estelle

Estelle's challenge in life is to learn to deal with sensitivities. You know instinctively the right way to organise and arrange people and situations to work together as a whole, but fail to see or understand others' true motives and desires. You know what works for you, but need to remain sensitive to others' deeply-ingrained values. This is what you are here to learn and master. Once you do this you have the capacity to be a true inspiration to your fellow beings. From this place of deep awareness you are able to attract a true, deep and lasting bond with a special soul mate. That is your goal in this lifetime, to be the power behind the throne of your special mate.

As colleagues:

Intellectual compatibility, optimism and creativity are key products of this aspect. As a team you are very adept at transforming goals and dreams into solid realities. Your intellectual life should be lively and full of pleasant surprises. Light-hearted competition between the two of you will help keep things interesting as well. Sometimes, due to your very different values, the competition may become more provocative, but this too is part of learning to respect individuals' values whilst maintaining your own.

In astrology, it is often said that the only true companion for a sagittarius is another sagittarius! You both have a shared love of adventure. Following day-to-day routines is not likely to be your style. Each of you understands that life is a voyage of exploration and new experiences from which to learn and grow. Boredom will rarely be a problem for your relationship.

You share many of the same interests and are likely to be very interested in social and/or spiritual issues, which may lead to activism. You should have lots of fun together. You already share the same social interests, or will learn to enjoy novel interests each of you bring to the relationship. You have a strong intuitive sense of each other that should help maintain a harmonious, forward-looking balance in your day-to-day environment.

Outcome of relationship:

You are well suited to be involved in businesses and investments. Stability, longevity, and trust - all qualities that make for a successful relationship/friendship - exist. Dare I also say that romance, lust and other not-so-work-friendly desires may also be present. So both of you may have to keep this in check at the office or at least be discreet!

Featured terminology:

North Node: Major lesson to be learned in this lifetime. Once we have mastered our personal challenge, life becomes wonderfully fulfilling!



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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

Blair Cooper

LOCATION?

Harbour Town

WEARS?

I'm rocking a Cotton On open shirt. Alpha 60 top and skirt, Zomp shoes and glasses from a little boutique in Adelaide

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Always all black. It's the designers uniform of choice.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work here at Cotton On.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm originally from Sydney but moved to Melbourne for work.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Icy poles.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Layering and drape. They add interest to an outfit and means you can dress anything up or down.

Karli Hancock

LOCATION?

Harbour Town

WEARS?

Vintage Hawaiian print shift dress from Retro Star, Ruby peep-toe shoes and Chanel glasses.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

In a word - Rockability. I guess it's the easiest way to describe my style.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work here at Cotton On.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Brunswick

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Air conditioning.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Individuality is the most important thing about what you wear. I also love mismatching prints and experimenting through colour and contrast.

Alissa

LOCATION?

Harbour Esplanade

WEARS?

Pattern dress from China, Nine West espadrilles and bag from Rosetti

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I work in the fashion industry so I like to keep things versatile and quirky.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I live and work here.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Russia

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?

Being in a good mood!

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

You have to start with great shoes and work from there.

Surf rider

With Melbourne weather heating up, then cooling down, then pouring down, then heating up again, a common problem for fashion-savvy Melburnians is "what the heck do I wear during these unpredictable summer nights?"

Take your inspiration from the classic Australian surf film *Puberty Blues* and slip into neon colour and kitschy prints to channel a surfer babe vibe this summer.

The "surf luxe" trend is being fast-tracked to the forefront of fashion this season, with acidic yellow, fluorescent green and neoprene pieces all infiltrating recent Australian collections.

For those of you surf neophytes like myself, neoprene is a synthetic rubber typically used when making wetsuits. Australian fashion prince Josh Goot has based an entire collection around neoprene fabrics, showing graphic print versions, as well as structured black, as seen on celebrity fashionista Lara Bingle.

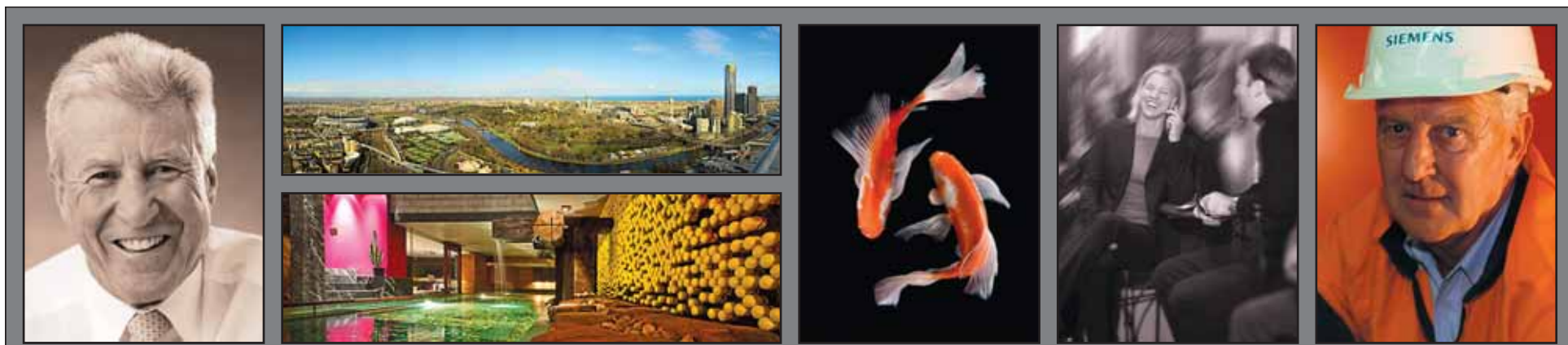
The arrival of UK chain store maven Topshop to Melbourne shores has also brought with it a slew of affordable surf-chic pieces.

For the cooler nights, throw on a pair of baby pink or printed skinny jeans, a good basic grey t-shirt and a fluorescent knit for when the winds pick up - it's part '90s grunge, part Gold Coast surfer and perfectly on-trend for the current season.

Melbourne boutique chain Green With Envy offers a more high-end version of the trend, for those who want to inject a summer vibe into their wardrobe yet aren't quite surfer chic.

Its in-house label Nicholas has offered up neon-lime green sheer blouses and electric blue dresses which, when teamed with their rose-gold neck plates, create a high fashion take on a cool street trend.

You don't need to be a Blue Crush surf hero to pull off this trend - just sport some neon colours, cool prints and a laid back attitude. Surfboard optional.



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Mad Duck Cafe's menu offers luscious food made from fresh ingredients and includes vegetarian and gluten-free items. The cafe is open for breakfast and lunch seven days. You have to try some of the cafe's popular dishes like feta and avocado toast, homemade gourmet meat pies or big breakfast.

Mad Duck Cafe takes pride in its coffee and only uses organic and fair-trade coffee beans. For the serious coffee drinkers, this cafe is worth a visit.

The cafe offers a range of organic products including bread, herbal teas, and fruit and vegetables juices.

Mad Duck Cafe also provides catering around the local area. The catering menu brings to your event the fresh and sumptuous food the cafe offers.

The outdoor dining area is enhanced by the magnificent backdrop of the Yarra's Edge Marina. With a seating capacity of 40 inside and 30 outside, the cafe can be hired privately for dinner functions, corporate events or private parties.

For this month, Mad Duck is offering Saturday breakfast for two for just \$35 - including the popular big breakfast and orange juice for two. For more information, visit www.madduckcafe.com. Bookings essential and you need to mention this promo.

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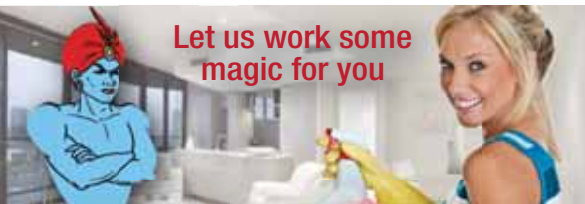
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THEY'RE BACK



Last September Docklands sadly lost its Kobe Jones restaurant after six years at Waterfront City following the sale of its premises.

But Kobe Jones is back and opened for business on December 29 at WTC Wharf at Northwharf.

And the even better news is that it has added teppanyaki to its menu via a separate venue.

The new Kobe Jones and Riverside Teppanyaki both overlook the Yarra, and the restaurants look great. They offer a great opportunity for a lunch, dinner, cocktail party or corporate event. With lots of local parking, free WTC water taxis from Federation Square, and a tram right next door (Spencer Street bridge) it is easy to get to and hard to resist.

Kobe Jones' food philosophy has always been that food should be easy to eat and always shared with friends and family. The food is designed to bring the simplicity and beauty of Japanese cooking and meld it with

nuances and surprising flavours of the west.

Nothing has changed at Northwharf and all the favourites like No1 Special and Volcano roll are still on the menu. The menu is still huge with a selection of sushi and sashimi hot rock, rolls, small plates, signature dishes and set menus for couples and groups.

Riverside Teppanyaki has been custom-designed and chefs cook in a traditional Japanese teppanyaki style. Part of the allure is to watch the chef's knife and cooking skills while your meal is being expertly prepared.

Whether you are seated as a couple or in a group, you are involved in all the action as your menu is cooked to order. The table is like nothing else in Melbourne and is the newest and largest teppanyaki table in Australia, featuring 19 cooking stations and seating for up to 44 people at the same time, using the latest technologies available for induction (electromagnetic) cooking and all-ceiling ventilation,

Lunch - Monday to Friday 11.30 - 3.00 Dinner - Monday to Saturday 5.30 - Late (Sunday operations will commence later in the year).

BECAUSE SHOES MATTER

Michael Avina puts his heart and sole into his work.

Because we all become attached to our favourite, comfy pairs of shoes, Mr Avina approaches his shoe repair business with the utmost care and attention.

"We do the same high-quality repair work on all shoes, from high-end to medium-low end," he said.

"It's all the same to us. The shoes are important to their owners, so they are important to us."

Mr Avina and his business partner, Alex Shinder, opted to open their Phil's Shoe & Bag Repair outlet at Victoria Harbour because of Docklands' potential.

"It was an opportunity for us," he said.

"Docklands is a growing area, and we provide a service that was missing."

"Here in Bourke St, we are perfectly situated for the many office workers at NAB, Myer and ANZ, as well as residents and visitors."

They have merged Brown Gouge Dry

Cleaning into their shoe care and repair business, and also provide key cutting, engraving, clothing repairs and alterations, and watch batteries and servicing.

"We also specialise in the repair of all leather goods, and emergency hand bag repairs," Mr Avina said.

They bring a long tradition of quality service, with the Phil's brand.

Mr Shinder's father, Phil, opened the first store 35 years ago when he migrated to Melbourne from Russia.

The Shinder family can proudly boast of six generations of shoe makers in eastern Europe and now Melbourne.

Mr Avina said he had received a few odd requests over the years for repair work.

"A magician's straight jacket was about the weirdest thing I've repaired," he said.

"He was anxious that I did not stitch up certain areas, or he wouldn't be able to get it undone!"

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Happy new year to all Docklanders wherever you are and wherever you have been.

Great to see you all back and looking forward to a great 2012. Docklands is set to grow in popularity as a destination this year.

The exciting news to report this month is that Docklands is readying herself to participate in the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. On the weekend of March 3 and 4 there will be activities around Yarra's Edge and NewQuay where local restaurants will offer tasting plates from \$5 to showcase their particular cuisines. In Harbour Town there will be Cooking with Kids, so a really great weekend to be in Docklands.

The very best bit of news is that there will be a Water Shuttle Service operating from Federation Square to NewQuay, taking in all the Melbourne Food and Wine destinations. This will be a free service and open up access to everyone from wherever they choose to park or come in by public transport. You can park in Harbour Town all day for \$5 then use the free water shuttle to explore Docklands and the river - what a great day

for Docklands and Melbourne's waterways. Keep your eyes (LIKE is good!) on our Facebook page "Docklands is Beautiful" because we will publish details there as we get closer to that first weekend in March. Twitter Beautiful_Dlands.

Docklands was abuzz in December and January. Once again there were fireworks put on by City of Melbourne. There has been the launch of the Twenty20 Big Bash Cricket with the Renegades out of Etihad Stadium.

Wonderland Fun Park held its Santa's Christmas Spectacular with the man-in-red himself! Look out for its next extravaganza it is calling water balls. They are giant inflatable balls. Children can run, roll, spin and flip on top of the water without getting wet.

Did anyone go down into Harbour Town over the festive season? Harbour Town has run eight-hour sales, shopping spree giveaways, family fun and activities. There has been live music all through January at the Piazza stage every Saturday and Sunday.

Who came to Docklands on Australia Day? Out on Harbour Esplanade you would have seen the 3D chalk art expo by Jenny McCracken. She brought her Year of the Dragon to life through some clever chalk

See it all by water shuttle

pavement art. There was a moment of horror as we learned the artwork was to be washed off the pavement on Thursday night. A bit of last-minute diplomacy with the Office of Premier who sponsored the event and Melbourne City Council saw the deadline extended to Monday. Common sense prevailed and we all breathed a sigh of relief.

So, next door to the 3D art there was the Australia Day Fishing Experience. Here visitors could get advice on fish types, fishing techniques and sustainable fishing.

The last week of January saw the *Crack a Fat Circus* come to town with shows out of the Melba Spiegelent. Direct from Brazil, Ruby and Sharon (Circo Medrano, Soleil, Knie, Oz) were joined by some of Melbourne's most illustrious and radical performers.

February 3-5 sees the Melbourne Summer Boat Show come to NewQuay Promenade. It is Melbourne's only on-water event featuring a colourful display of yachts, power vessels, trailer boats, personal water craft and more.

Look out for the Summer Japanese Festival or 'natsu matsuri'. This is an annual event throughout Japan and comes to life this February at Docklands. Since its inception in 2010, the festival has grown enormously,

doubling its attendance to reach 10,000 people in 2011. Look out 2012!

More information on these events can be found at www.destinationdocklands.com.au

Entertainment venues throughout Docklands have reported good business from the many people out and about enjoying the festive season. There are great places to stay in Docklands and there is no need to use the car whilst you are here. This is why more and more visitors are choosing to stay in Docklands. Not only is she a beautiful setting, she also has proximity to excellent cafes and restaurants and easy access to the CBD. Wait till we have a permanent water shuttle!

There was much excitement over my challenge to find the multitude of elephants in Docklands - I had quite a number of responses and I have rewarded those who responded correctly with free coffee vouchers from Le Cirque Cafe and a small gift kindly donated by Wonderland Fun Park.

My challenge this month is to find two places in Docklands. The first has some great gift ideas and flowers and the other is where you can get keys cut. Correct entries will win prizes. Email bill@docklandsnews.com.au.



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WENDY YUAN "50+"
Owner Aust China Eastern Health

Wendy has been providing eastern medicines and treatments to Docklanders for more than three years now. She loves the idea that more people are coming to live and work in Docklands and is a great fan of the water views. She says Docklands is becoming Australia's Wall Street, considering the concentration of financial organisations here.



MILTON REBOE, 39
Chef, Loading Dock

Milton has worked at Yarra's Edge for 14 months and just loves it. He says the locals are great. He sums it up as: "Great people, great customers, great views." He says it is a close community and just keeps getting better. "Everyone is very supportive," he said.



ANITA LEMAN, 23
Admin assistance, Lucas Real Estate

Anita has worked for Lucas Real Estate for only seven months, but she knows a lot about Docklands because she has lived here for five years. She used to live in Tower 5 at Yarra's Edge but is a Boyd resident in NewQuay these days. "It's just beautiful in Docklands," she said. "It's like a separate city."



CATISIA LIM, 17
High School student

Catisia recently moved with her family from Spencer St to Village Docklands. "I like it here because it is so close to the city, but it doesn't have that city feel," she said. She says you can't beat Harbour Town for shopping. Catisia is on the Victorian under 18 table tennis team and she and her family want to start a regular casual table tennis session in Docklands.



AARON GARDINER, 38
Contractor, PC Diagnostics

Aaron doesn't live in Docklands, but he'd love to. He was on a computer repair job when *Docklands News* caught up with him. He says apartment hunting in Docklands in recent weeks has given him a good understanding of what \$1.3 million can buy - "a beautiful place with the best view close to shops and the city." "It's a perfect place to live," he said. Aaron also thinks it would be a great place to locate a business.



DITA ELMAZI, 33
Owner Papilion Day Spa

Dita has lived in Docklands longer than nearly everyone. She moved into Tower 2 nine years ago when it was still undergoing its final touches and still thinks Docklands is the best. "It's still the best place to live," she said. "I love to sit on my balcony and watch its progress. It is amazing." Dita likes Yarra's Edge so much she started her business there three years ago.



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<p>DOCKLANDS DASH Tuesday February 28, 6.30pm - 7.30pm <i>Waterfront City Piazza</i> Now in its third year, the Docklands Dash aims to promote health and wellness in the Docklands community by encouraging workplaces and residents to participate in a 4km fun run/walk around Docklands. www.ymca.org.au</p>	<p>MELBOURNE JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL February 11, 4pm - 8pm <i>Waterfront City Piazza</i> The Summer Festival or 'natsu matsuri' is an annual event throughout Japan and comes to life this February in Melbourne at the Docklands. fest.jcci-jsm.org.au</p>	<p>JEWISH MYSTICISM... A WEEKLY INSIGHT Every Thursday, 7.30pm <i>Chabad Jewish Community Centre, 198 Clark St, Port Melbourne</i> The path of life is full of hidden treasure ... do you know how to find it? Please contact Rabbi Shlomo Nathanson 0433 810 313 or rabbi@cjcc.com.au</p>	<p>SUMMER SALSA January 8 - March 25 <i>Waterfront City Piazza</i> Enjoy salsa and Latin dancing every Sunday from January to March, 2012. These free dance classes feature Latin DJ Mick Williams from 3PBS Latin Connection. www.dance101.com.au</p>
<p>KARATE CLASS Monday and Thursday <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Run by 'Sara Karate Academy' contact Sara on 0431 526 270 or email sara.sohrabi82@gmail.com.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> BJJ is a style popularised by media such as the UFC and is proven as an extremely effective form of martial arts. Phone 9016 8471, email info@docklandsbjj.com.au or visit www.docklandsbjj.com.au</p>	<p>FINE LINE DRAWING AND BOTANICAL ART CLASSES Monday and Thursday <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> The University of the 3rd Age offers two classes on Mondays and Thursdays. To make an enquiry regarding the classes, please ring U3A on 9639 5209</p>	<p>DRAGON MASTERS DRAGONBOATING Wednesdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 8.30am <i>Shed 2 North Wharf Road Victoria Harbour (Melways map 2E B6)</i> Dragon Masters has something for anyone. Please contact Jeff Saunders 0417 219 888 email Jeff.saunders@digisurf.com.au or visit www.dragonmasters.com.au</p>
<p>THE DOCKLANDS SOUNDWALK 25th November - 13th March 2012 Take the Docklands SoundWalk and discover the area's fascinating past. Armed with a smartphone and headphones, follow a walking route and encounter audio episodes. www.docksoundwalk.org</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS ROTARY Every Tuesday, 6.00pm <i>Watermark</i> First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome.</p>	<p>LEARN TO SAIL Every Sunday, by appointment <i>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd</i> Docklands Yacht Club is an accredited Yachting Australia Training Centre and offers Get Into Small Boat Sailing courses. Contact Ray Allen 0429 868 304 dyctraining.yatc@gmail.com</p>	<p>MELBOURNE MOTOR MANIA Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4 <i>Waterfront City and NewQuay Promenade</i> Presented by the Lincoln Mercury Car Club - Now in its fifth year. Saturday - all makes and models (250 cars). Sunday - Born in the USA. Bands and roaming Elvis. All welcome. Free public event.</p>
<p>YOGA IN THE DOCKLANDS <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Cost: \$20 per class or \$165 for a ten-class pass. Hatha Yoga suitable for all ages and levels of experience. Ph Nadine 0404 025 041 or visit nadinefawell.net</p>	<p>MY GYM KIDS Every Tuesday, 8.45am & 9.30am <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Cost: \$126 for a seven-class pass Learn, Jump & Tumble with award winning exercise classes for babies and tots. Visit www.mygym.com/mobileaus Ph 0434 020 310.</p>	<p>PILATES FOR MUMS Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> \$15 casual class, discount for mutiple. Specially designed Pilates classes for all ages and stages. Call 0432 252 278 or email jane@pilatesformums.com.au</p>	<p>CITY ON A HILL Church Services Sunday 10am <i>Hoyts, Melbourne Central</i> Sunday evening 6pm <i>Arrow on Swanston (488 SwanstonSt)</i> Contact cityonahill.com.au</p>
<p>TALL SHIP ENTERPRIZE SAILINGS <i>Evening cruises of 1.5 hours at 6pm and 8pm from 4 - 26 Feb. One hour public sails from 11am on Sunday 19 Feb. Overnight Adventure Sails on 4/5 and 10/11 Feb.</i> Sailings from Victoria Harbour locations on Melbourne's own replica www.enterprize.com.au or P: 9621 1294</p>	<p>ALMA DOEPEL SUPPORTERS MONTHLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE Third Saturday of every month 5pm - 7pm <i>Alma Doepel Restoration Site Shed 2, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour, Docklands.</i> Learn about our restoration project and see if you would like to get involved.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm <i>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</i> Discover treasures from the hoards of some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro-clothing, vintage books and car-boot sales.</p>	<p>2012 RUN FOR THE KIDS April 1, 9.15am start <i>Starting in Kings Domain</i> The 2012 Herald Sun/CityLink Run is held as a fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital. R4K includes a short and long course option. www.runforthekids.com.au</p>
<p>THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) Every Sunday 11am-12pm <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i> Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards. Ph: 9827 3595 or visit www.victoria.quakers.org.au</p>	<p>RICE FOR CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER Wednesday March 7, 7pm <i>Bopha Devi Cambodian Restaurant, 27 Rakaia Way, NewQuay</i> Rice for Cambodia Australia invites you to a banquet to raise funds for orphans and vulnerable children in Cambodia. P: 0438 055 348 or 0407 055 348</p>	<p>MELBOURNE LIBRARY SERVICE PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Mondays at 11am <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Pre-school Storytime has returned to the Hub. Come along to meet other local parents and kids. Enjoy some books, songs, and a craft activity.</p>	<p>MINI MAESTROS Tuesdays and Thursdays <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Introduce your child to the magic of music with Mini Maestros. Music programs for babies and children aged 6 months to 5 years. Contact Karen Dunlop on 9503 0056 or visit minimaestros.com.au</p>

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Renegades look to next season

Docklands-based Renegades cricket team had a less-than-satisfactory conclusion to the Twenty20 Big Bash season but coach Simon Helmot remains upbeat about next year.

The Renegades finished at the bottom of the ladder but Mr Helmot thanked Docklanders for their support and urged them to get on board again when the limited-overs season returns in December.

He said, while the Renegades could find the winning formula only twice, they were close to winning every game except one.

"In only one match were we not in the contest," Mr Helmot said. "In the rest of them we did everything but nail a win."

"In our last game we lost it on the last ball. In the others, it went down the last over."

Mr Helmot said: "Everything is magnified in this short version of the game and on too many occasions we failed to capitalise."

"The support we got from Docklands was excellent. The local community attended the matches and became members and our major sponsor was Harbour Town Shopping Centre."

Mr Helmot said Renegades management would now review the season and look carefully at the player list.

"Hopefully, we will retain the majority of our list," he said. "I thought we had a good blend of pace and spin."

Mr Helmot said he hoped to again have spinner Shahid Afridi in his next team.

"It was great to have Afridi in the squad and I hope we can retain his services next year," he said.

Ahoy boaties and others

If you like boats, Docklands is the place to be on the first weekend in February.

The 2012 Melbourne Summer Boat Show is being held at NewQuay from February 3 to February 5 and organisers are promising a bumper event with all types of boats on show as well a wide range of family activities.

The Coast Guard and Water Police will be running mock water rescues featuring the Westpac rescue helicopter. There is plenty to do on land too, with roving street performers entertaining the crowds and face painting for the kids, with crowds also guaranteed to be amazed by the stunts and acrobatics in a waterski show.

A "supertank" fishing show will help people to hone their fishing skills whilst cooking demonstrations will provide recipes for cooking fish to perfection!

Other features of the show include boat licence courses, the Bream Fishing Classic and weigh in, dragon boat races, observing the restoration of the Alma Doepel and cruises on the tall ship Enterprize.

Many of the show's attractions are free to the public with only a small charge to access the boats on the marina with tickets available online.

Dock tours are on again

The Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) is again conducting port boat tours departing from Waterfront City during March.

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