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## Rabbi takes a leap of faith

*He's the skateboarding rabbi and he's not afraid to take a leap of faith into the best street-skating that Melbourne can offer.*

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## Community to be given a say

*Docklands is to get its own community forum where locals will get the opportunity to come together and influence decision makers at Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne.*

The structure and membership of the forum will be discussed on Tuesday, March 20 and locals are being asked to participate.

The idea of a regular community forum is being championed by City of Melbourne CEO Kathy Alexander as part of a larger reform of how Docklands is governed by Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne.

By law, Places Victoria and the council are required to participate in the Docklands Co-ordination Committee (DCC), but both parties agree that the committee is ineffective and does not involve the public.

Established in 2007, the DCC originally met six times a year. In 2008 the frequency was cut to quarterly and this year it is only scheduled to meet twice – in March and in August. The DCC needs to only meet once a year to fulfil its statutory requirements and Dr Alexander is keen to explore other models which would result in positive community participation.

“The proposed new process is designed to include a more relevant forum for members of the Docklands community to participate in, to raise localised issues or opportunities that will be considered by the relevant management authorities,” Dr Alexander said.

“The need for a revitalised, more participatory governance process has been acknowledged by both agencies.”

“Within the proposed new arrangements, a recommendation will be made to establish a Docklands community forum.”

“This forum will be jointly hosted by the management authorities with the specific purpose to facilitate community input into the implementation of projects identified through the 'second decade' consultation.”

“The information and discussions resulting from the forum will then be fed back into the management authorities as agenda items, and depending on the nature of the issue could subsequently be presented to City of Melbourne's Future Melbourne Committee,” Dr Alexander said.

The matter is to be discussed at 2012's first DCC meeting which is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, March 20 at Places Victoria, 710 Collins St, Docklands.

It is understood that the council has been working on a preferred structure but wants community input before making a decision.

Under the model it is working on, the community forum would meet regularly and would feed local views into both strategic policy matters as well as day-to-day infrastructure and maintenance issues.

The community forum will comprise Places Victoria, City of Melbourne and community representatives and formal meeting structures and procedures will be established.



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## City council wants to use the Hub

*The City of Melbourne is keen to use the Docklands Hub for community services after 2013 when its current activities move to the new library and community centre in Victoria Harbour.*

In a report to the council's Future Melbourne Committee, officers say the building at 80 Harbour Esplanade would be ideal for community services, particularly family services.

The building is owned by Places Victoria and the council has resolved to write seeking permission to continue using the space. The council will also spend \$25,000 putting together a fully-itemised business case for its plans by June this year.

In the report to the committee, the council says Places Victoria has indicated that a three to five-year lease may be possible, but it could not commit beyond this timeline. It reported that "longer term" development of the site was not guaranteed.

*To be in Victoria Harbour these days is to be immersed in the sounds and sights of construction.*

And the sound of pile driving is just not in stereo. If you stand in the right spot, the melodic percussive beats of those big concrete piles being driven down to the bedrock can be experienced in "surround sound".

On the waterfront, "public realm" works are being undertaken (which has resulted in restricted access and the postponement of the March 28 Docklands Dash) and the Concavo site is currently being prepared.

Concavo (50 per cent sold) is the twin residential tower of Convesso (almost 200 apartments sold) which is nearing completion overlooking Victoria Harbour. When completed, the two buildings will be connected via a sky-bridge.

Planning permission is yet to be granted for the Docklands library and community centre which is earmarked for the site between Concavo and Shed 4. A temporary sales suite is currently being removed to make way for the library and community centre.

On the river side of the precinct behind the Safeway supermarket, work is progressing on Exo, a hybrid building of car parking and apartments which Lend Lease reports is 60 per cent sold.

And on the other side of Merchant St and facing Collins St two commercial buildings are coming out of the ground.

On the corner is a 16,000 sqm development which will become the Australia and New Zealand headquarters for Aurecon. When completed next year, this building will bring a further 3000 workers to Docklands.

And next door, the extremely sustainable, strata-titled small business centre known as Lifestyle Working is underway. Lend Lease reports that most of the purchasers in this project are locals, indicating a vote of confidence from the owner-occupier segment.

On the Bourke St side of Victoria Green, the 15-storey Serrata residential tower is due for completion in June. In January, Serrata won a 4 Star Green Star rating and became only the third Australian residential building



to awarded a Green Star residential v1 rating from the Green Building Council of Australia. Lend Lease reports that Serrata is more than 90 per cent sold.

Site works and piling has started between Serrata and the Mosaic apartment building. Lend Lease says it will make an official launch about this project in May but *Docklands News* understands that it is planning a 10-storey building with just four townhouses and 23 apartments.

This building will pioneer "engineered timber" technology and will take a huge leap

in the quest towards a zero carbon footprint and sustainability.

Under its master plan Lend Lease is to construct low-rise timber residential structures along the length of the peninsula between the river and Victoria Harbour so it will be taking its cues from how the market reacts to this innovative construction method.

The "engineered timber" apartments on this "C2 East" site are due for completion before the end of the year.



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Chinese Acting Consul-General Fengwen Huang gets races tips straight from the dragon's mouth in Docklands in February 22.

# Here come the dragons

***Docklands will be awash with dragon boat competitors later this month as the sport's national championships come to town.***

The 2012 Australian titles were launched on February 22 by China's Acting Consul-General Fengwen Huang before a small group of enthusiasts at the Harbour Kitchen overlooking the course in Victoria Harbour.

In his welcoming speech, Mr Huang tied together the history of dragon boating and its Chinese heritage with the local Melbourne dragon boating sporting community.

Some 3000 paddlers are expected to descend on Docklands for the racing between March 31 and April 5.

With officials, friends and family as well as competitors, Docklands' traders will experience a welcome financial injection.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Keith Rankin said the economic benefits to Docklands were only part of the story.

"One of the great things about exciting events like this is that it makes Docklands such a great place to live too," he said.

Mr Rankin said the collaboration of various local groups to assist the staging of the event left him feeling "warm and fuzzy".

He said he loved the fact that the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) and

Dragon Boats Victoria were including the local community in all aspects of the event.

In a first for the history of dragon boat racing in Australia, the event will have a five-day schedule which is testament to the growth and popularity of the sport.

The action will be fast and furious as the dragon boats thrash their way through Victoria Harbour in a show that is a combination of agility, athleticism and unadulterated paddling prowess.

Docklands is home to a number of dragon boating clubs, with five local paddlers winning gold medals at the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) world championships in the USA last August.

Some 16 members of the Melbourne Flames

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

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

AusDBF president Kel Watts said: "Our flagship event's expansion to five days, over two and a half thousand contestants, 80 clubs from every state, and racing alongside the Melbourne CBD, is a coming of age for the sport."

"To celebrate the occasion in Australia's sports capital is a privilege and I am certain the Melbourne public will support the event. We will do our best to treat Victorians to some heart-pumping racing action as well as the colour, movement and noise of spectacular cultural performances."

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# Father Bob brings us some soul

*Often regarded as “soulless”, Docklands got a mega-injection of soul last month, led by the enigmatic Father Bob Maguire.*

The Father Bob Maguire Foundation is one of four groups which have come together with the single aim of assisting Melbourne’s disadvantaged and homeless.

The charities are taking advantage of a City of Melbourne offer to use Docklands’ Hub community centre as their headquarters rent-free for three months.

The 77-year-old priest has become a celebrity in Melbourne largely due to his public unwillingness to conform to the wishes of the Catholic Church hierarchy – culminating in February with his “forced retirement” from official duties at his South Melbourne parish.

With his “secular, humanist” views, the straight-talking priest has been a constant thorn in the side of the church authorities during his 38 years in charge of Saints Peter and Paul parish.

As a pioneer of out-reach work, Father Bob has long-advocated a practical demonstration of Christianity, as opposed to a conservative institutional approach.

He is joined in Docklands by The Big Umbrella (TBU), InterAction and Not My Choice – three like-minded organisations dedicated to charitable works.

TBU founder Justin Dickinson said the temporary home at the Hub would provide a central point for his organisation to concentrate on continuing its important work with street kids, both in Melbourne and in Nepal where it began.

“Our organisation is hands-on, and the Docklands Hub enables us to share administrative resources with other charities and unite our efforts towards the common cause of saving young lives,” Mr Dickinson said.

Father Bob says he is acutely aware that he doesn’t have a lot of time left but that he can help the other groups by leveraging his celebrity status.

Mr Dickinson is already planning a series of future activities under a banner of “Bob’s Place”.

“I think all we can add is some sort of social enhancement,” Father Bob said. “You see, I’m old. I don’t have a minute to lose.”

“So I put on the cape, and it’s an awareness-raising exercise.”

“The core business is working with duds. But I love a dud, you see. I’m a dud myself. But you can’t bring duds to Docklands. So you go the next level up. You’ve learned the techniques and if it works with duds it will work with anybody. So you go up a level and engage young people who, for whatever reason, are not accessing employment or training.”

“That product is going to have to be sold the community anyway if the community is going to exist as a community. Or does it want to sentence itself to be forever just a society? Just a whole heap of people?”

“But it’s hard to know these days because people seem frightened to be a community.”

Father Bob has long been a fan of Docklands and was involved in discussions early in the development which could have resulted in him forming a ministry here.

He said “headquarters” prevented him from delivering services to both Docklands and Southbank.

“I just felt that this place was an opportunity. If the Catholic Church couldn’t get off its arse on the corner of Dorcas and Montague and come over here in a mobile way or something and provide basic spiritual exercises, then I couldn’t see that it was fulfilling its bloody mission,” he said.

“I’ve got a soft spot for this joint because my father was a merchant sailor and I was a coopers assistant making barrels in one of those sheds when I was a student,” he said.

“So my interest is both personal and historical. And there is also some sadness that religion is so reluctant to put itself at risk by going to where people actually are.”

Father Bob and Justin Dickinson wasted no time in getting along to their first Docklands Rotary Club meeting on February 21.

The pair discussed with the local Rotarians how their interests and projects aligned and how they could work together in the future.



Justin Dickinson and Father Bob Maguire at home at the Docklands Hub.

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# Cut us some slack – traders

*A group of Victoria Harbour traders wants the City of Melbourne to “cut them some slack” with parking in the area as well as regulations governing signage.*

Led by barber Alex Tabakman, the traders say their businesses have never really got going but turnover has plummeted since the council introduced metered parking at the end of Bourke St late last year.

Wendy Yuan says turnover on weekends is only a third of what it used to be since the council started charging for parking on weekends.

She said customers would book appointments but would fail to appear when they couldn't find anywhere to park.

Ling Shentu lives in Docklands and has two businesses here. But she says she shops in South Melbourne because she can't get a car park near Safeway in Victoria Harbour.

“Things aren't booming here. We just want to survive,” she said.

And Mr Tabakman said he was gaining a new customer everyday when he was flying a promotional flag outside his shop until council officers enforced its removal.

Council bylaws officers have also threatened to prosecute him for illegally displaying



(From left) Alex Tabakman, Ling Shentu and Vicky Zjang near their businesses in Bourke St.

promotional A-frame advertisements around Victoria Harbour.

Mr Tabakman admits they were “cheekily illegal” but says he doubted his business would have survived without them.

“They have to relax the rules for businesses here,” Mr Tabakman said. “There are more businesses closing than opening in Docklands.”

“Even if they cut us some slack on a temporary basis until all the construction was finished, this would give us a chance to get established.”

Mr Tabakman said he wanted permission to display A-frames in positions around Victoria Harbour so corporate workers

would know where he was located.

“When the signs were out there people kept coming in saying ‘I saw your sign,’ he said.

And he also wants permission to put out his promotional flag to attract customers.

“We're all new down here and we just need to be given a chance to survive,” he said.

Mr Tabakman said the council had granted him permission to put a single A-frame sign outside his business, but that this was costing him \$600 per year for the privilege.

He said he had another store in Bentleigh where an A-frame sign cost only \$95 for a year to display.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said consistency was needed across the municipality and a special case could not be made for Docklands.

“In a capital city, consistency is very important and if every business was putting up multiple signs throughout Docklands and the CBD then we'd have some very cluttered and hard to navigate streets,” the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson also defended the council's decision to introduce metered parking in Bourke St.

“These conditions are in place to ensure that the on-street parking spaces in the precinct are not occupied by long-term parkers either working in or attending events, such as the football, held in Docklands,” the spokesperson said.

“Given that there are around 450 on-street spaces in Docklands it is important that these public car spaces provide as much parking opportunities for visitors as possible and consequently these spaces are metered on weekends to achieve this necessary turnover.”

“If the on-street spaces were unrestricted or unmetered these spaces would be taken up by all-day or long-term parkers very early in the day and would not allow other opportunities for others to park in the precinct.”

“The on-street parking fee of \$2.40/hour is also very reasonable when compared with the CBD and other metropolitan on-street parking fees.”

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# A long journey to excellence

*The Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) came to Docklands via a collaboration more than 10 years ago between Kangan Batman TAFE and the Fox Trust.*

Former Kangan Batman CEO John Parish said an almost-chance meeting between two organisations sharing a common objective planted the seeds of the idea.

He said automotive trade training in Victoria had become consolidated into a single educational facility in the late 1990s. But with two run-down campuses in Coburg and Richmond, the search was on for a single, central site for a show-case facility.

The Fox Trust, on the other hand, had been vested a large amount of land in Docklands and was seeking opportunities to establish automotive educational facilities.

So when Mr Parish met Fox Trust chairman Bill Kely and they both realised their ambitions were aligned, a strong and enduring partnership was formed.

A wide-ranging board was formed, feasibility studies conducted, land sales were made and government funding secured.

“The idea was to create something special for the automotive industry to showcase Victoria and the rest of Australia,” Mr Parish said.

Mr Parish said the journey was often difficult but Mr Kely was unwavering in his support for the centre.

“Bill would tell us that we had to hang in and pursue the dream because it was the right thing to do,” he said.



Bill Kely (left) and John Parish at the launch of stage two of the ACE in Docklands last month.



## ACE part II opened

*Docklands’ state-of-the-art automotive training facility was last month officially opened by the Victorian Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall.*

After six years of planning and construction, Mr Hall opened the \$84 million second stage of Kangan TAFE’s Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) on February 22.

The campus has achieved a 5 Star Green Star environmental rating and is home to 3500 automotive apprentices, with up to 530 of them possibly being on site at any one time.

The centre is the largest and most advanced automotive training and research facility in the southern hemisphere.

Mr Hall said the Victorian Government’s contribution of \$40 million to secure the very best facilities for supporting and developing skills for the Victorian automotive industry was money well spent.

“It is appropriate this fantastic new facility is located right here in Victoria because our state is the heart of Australia’s automotive industry,” Mr Hall said.

“The Government’s investment represents one of the largest capital investments in any TAFE infrastructure project in Victoria and demonstrates the Victorian Government’s commitment to this vital industry.”

The ACE contains leading-edge technology including:

- A world-class vehicle and engine testing facility encompassing motorcycle, light and heavy vehicle dynamometers and associated engine emission test units;
- A state-of-the-art auto electrical lab with the latest simulation and diagnostic equipment; and
- Specialised workshop spaces, including a dedicated workshop for industry training.

“The new centre has been built in close consultation with the automotive industry to ensure the training, research and development that takes place further drives the competitiveness of the sector, encourages future investment and supports jobs growth,” Mr Hall said.

Training offered at the ACE includes apprenticeships, traineeships, post-trade specialities, industry training and short courses with qualifications from Cert I to Diploma level across all currently recognised automotive trades.



## Come and network

*The quarterly Docklands News Networking Lunch is being held at the Harbour Town Hotel on March 16 and everyone is welcome to attend.*

Over recent years, the lunches have attracted between 50 and 80 guests with participants reporting great local business networking opportunities and plenty of business being conducted over a wonderful meal.

Guests are encouraged to sit with people they don’t know in an effort to foster the beginning of new business relationships within the Docklands business community.

The lunches cost \$60, which includes a three-course meal and beverages. To book and pre-pay by March 9, ring 8689 7979 or email [lunch@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:lunch@docklandsnews.com.au)

The lunch starts at midday (for 12.30) and Harbour Town Hotel can be found between the wheel and the Icehouse at the rear of the Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

The March lunch menu is:

**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-crust 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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# Docklands company lends a hand

*A Docklands software company is lending a helping hand by providing training to staff at community inclusion organisation Annecto.*

When Stephanie Sanassee joined TransformIT Systems, she brought with her the experience of volunteering at Annecto.

Annecto assists people with disabilities and older people to achieve goals and valued roles in the community.

While still at Victoria University, Stephanie was inspired by the stories of people Annecto worked alongside on a day-to-day basis.

"I really enjoyed the VU digital story-telling project at Annecto. When I started at TransformIT Systems, Andrew and the team were really keen to learn more about how they could assist the organisation."

Partnerships manager Joan Cooney recognised a need for staff to have access to computer training which wasn't previously available.

"We have been delighted with the relationship with Andrew and the team at TransformIT Systems. Staff at our David House Community Hub in Yarraville now enjoy classes conducted by Stephanie."

With staff now able to access more information online from Annecto and through the internet, a confidence in seeking out



Stephanie Sanassee gives Terri Filtness some computer tips while Gino Talary and Leigh-Anne Rochow get on with the training session.

information to assist the people they work with, has been one of the positive results.

Annecto community development worker Manuel Orellana is out on the field most days and has little time to improve his computer skills.

"I was interested in joining the classes. We had classes every Wednesday and I really

enjoy it. It has really helped me and has been important for me to learn and practise skills."

Manuel has been particularly delighted as Stephanie has now set up his computer so he can access the internet and other computer programs most people now take for granted.

TransformIT CEO Andrew Forbes is pleased his company has been able to help.

"We were looking for an opportunity to put back into the community and when we were introduced to Annecto, we recognised we could really help out," he said.

Andrew says the support has been well received and the company will happily continue to provide training.



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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. 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  
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# Another redevelopment authority perspective

By Peter Crowley

*Having worked in Docklands for eight years, seven of those with VicUrban and nearly four on the Docklands project, it was interesting when I recently worked for another redevelopment authority in Perth.*

For family reasons I moved west for most of 2011 and spent six months as the senior policy officer with the East Perth Redevelopment Authority (EPRA). VicUrban is now Places Victoria and EPRA is now the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA) but their work is fundamentally very similar – with a focus on planning and urban renewal

MRA is a smaller organisation than Places Victoria but currently has 10 large and important Perth projects on its plate, ranging from waterside developments such as Riverside and the Perth Waterfront, through renewal projects such as Subiaco, to developing new areas created by undergrounding freeways and rail lines, as in the case of New Northbridge and Perth City Link. None of these was such a large project as Docklands but many were significant, billion-dollar-plus projects.

MRA does excellent work integrating affordable housing into its developments. New buildings must provide 12 per cent of dwellings for affordable rent or purchase and these are pepper-potted through the buildings rather than grouped together. In this way they “blend” in and create community diversity. This stands in contrast to Docklands’ provision of key worker housing in dedicated buildings such as the Merchant.

MRA is particularly strong on place activation. As the Northbridge area has developed after the undergrounding of the Graham Farmer Freeway, MRA has retained ownership of some buildings and facilitated occupancy by a diverse range of businesses that increase the attraction of the area.

Walk along William St and spaces that would



This shop in William St, Northbridge, is a micro-cinema.

otherwise have been empty have been filled by artist studios, a micro-cinema, a herb shop, art supplies and a music store. These sit nicely in a district full of restaurants, bars and cafes and add significantly to local attraction. When the authority divests itself of these assets they will be thriving business settings rather than empty buildings.

MRA also facilitates street performances, outdoor lectures and speakers, markets, temporary gardens, and outdoor film screenings, all of which adds activation to the Northbridge precinct.

Docklands is a very large redevelopment project but after working on other redevelopments in the west I am struck by the scale of Docklands. Our wide promenades and broad pavements create

space but there’s often a lack of intimacy and “human scale”.

This may change in time and is exacerbated by spaces between Docklands precincts, but, after visiting warm, atmospheric developments like Claisebrook Cove and Subiaco, I was struck by the thought that the open space which was one of Docklands’ hallmarks might actually work against the development of local character.

My personal viewpoints aside, MRA is very aware of the Docklands development and regularly casts its eyes to the east to monitor progress here. Hopefully Places Victoria also keeps abreast of the work of Australia’s other redevelopment authorities with a view to seeing what succeeds in other places.

## Yarra’s Edge Jazz Festival

*Yarra’s Edge could become the home of a national school band competition if Destination Docklands has its way.*

Destination Docklands account manager Bill Reid has organised the first event to take place on the weekend of March 3 and 4 as part of the opening weekend of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival.

Mr Reid said up to eight school jazz bands would perform on the weekend and he hoped that the event would grow into a national competition in future years.

“We think that school bands and jazz are a great fit for Yarra’s Edge and we can see the event growing into something really significant in future years,” Mr Reid said.

He said the Yarra’s Edge Jazz Festival came about in response to a belief that the precinct needed to create something compelling for the public to want to discover Docklands’ hidden secret during the opening weekend of the Food and Wine Festival.

“It came about during a discussion about what was going to get people off the boats when they stopped at Yarra’s Edge,” Mr Reid said. “We wanted to come up with something that would present a point of difference and the answer was jazz.”

He said local businesses and developer Mirvac had got behind the idea with sponsorship dollars.

“Special thanks to local sponsors – Kinya, Loading Dock, Apartment Genies, Bistro Vite, Papillon Day Spa, Marina YE, Mad Duck Café, Kingston Management, Barry Plant and, of course, to our major sponsors Melbourne Food and Wine Festival and Mirvac,” he said.

Mr Reid said Yarra’s Edge was Docklands’ hidden secret and was not well known.

“In many ways it is hidden in the shadow of Southbank and South Wharf and it also can’t really be seen behind the towers from the freeway and Lorimer St,” he said.

“We think that promoting Yarra’s Edge in this way is a win-win situation. It will result in positive exposure for the precinct and high schools are very pleased to be given the opportunity to perform in public.”

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# Local real estate agent shake out

***Docklands real estate agent Daniel Cole opened a second office last month in a move which further consolidates the local market into a few key players.***

At least three smaller agents have closed their doors over the past 12 months with plenty of speculation that there may be more to come.

Mr Cole opened his second Barry Plant office in Harbour Town on February 13 in an office formerly occupied by a short-lived Coldwell Banker agency.

The move puts him diagonally opposite rival Lucas Real Estate which was the first local agent to open two branches (Yarra's Edge and NewQuay).

After five years in a small office under the Watergate building in Bourke St, Mr Cole moved into larger premises in Victoria

Harbour almost two years ago.

Mr Cole said he was motivated to increase his presence on the northern side of Docklands because of the increasing number of apartments being built in NewQuay.

"I always liked the spot. It's a very prominent position," he said. "So when I saw Coldwell Banker close I made enquiries."

Prime Vision Real Estate and Century 21 have also closed offices in Docklands in the last year.

On the other side of the coin, North Wharf-based agent City Residential is moving to prominently-located premises on Lorimer St, Yarra's Edge. The building has been used most recently to display classic used cars.

Glen Lucas said: "We believe that prices in the Docklands have bottomed, in fact the RBA leaving rates on hold demonstrates to me their underlying confidence in the Australian economy. Now really is a great time to be purchasing in this fantastic area of Docklands."

Mr Lucas said 2011 had been a strong year of growth for his business.

"We are very lucky to have developed such a great team at Lucas Real Estate and we continue to heavily invest in training of our people to maintain our record as the most active real estate agent in Docklands," he said.

Mr Cole said he had no doubt Docklands would become "the premier place to be living in apartments in Melbourne".

He said he was able to succeed in Docklands where others had failed because he got in early and knew the market.

"Docklands has always been in demand," he said. "We've never had any trouble letting a residential property at a market level."

"It's an up-and-coming area which is moving along nicely and the property market is growing."

Mr Cole said Docklands was fortunate to have strong, quality local agents to choose from.



Daniel Cole outside his new Harbour Town office.

## Educational Docklands

Victorian primary school students are likely to grow up with a positive view of Docklands thanks to an education kit produced by Lend Lease.

Lend Lease Victoria Harbour project director Claire Johnston said the kit came about after it was noticed that many students were visiting Docklands on school excursions.

"We thought it would be useful to develop a resource kit that would help bring the Victoria Harbour and Docklands story to life," Ms Johnston said.

"When we designed the kit, it neatly fitted the Year 5 primary VELS curriculum for history and science."

"We hope the resources will be valuable to schools and we'd love them to road test the kit for us and provide some feedback."

Ms Johnston said Lend Lease and the City of Melbourne were now working on an oral history project to interview former wharf workers and capture their stories.

## Romantic Michael

***Romantic Michael from Rosebud won himself a Macbook Air last month when his poem was adjudged the best in Harbour Town Shopping Centre's "Love is in the Air" competition.***

His poem, together with those of four runners-up are on display around the centre this month.

Centre manager Shane Brown said the competition had received huge interest and many entries. In addition to Michael's win, the four runners up each received a gift voucher valued at \$400.00.

Michael's winner entry was:

*Oh, please be my Valentine!  
I'll love you if you do!  
And I'll try not to embarrass you  
As I stick to you like glue!*

*Oh, please be my Valentine!  
Say, "Yes!" and make my year!  
Or I'll have to drown my sorrows  
In a swimming pool of beer!*

*Oh, please be my Valentine!  
And then make me your spouse!  
My mum will be ecstatic 'cos ...  
I'll move out of her house!*



Justin from 4Evermen presents Michael with his computer.

*Oh, please be my Valentine  
And here, accept these flowers!  
I stole them from my neighbour's yard  
It took me seven hours!*

*Oh, please be my Valentine!  
And smile! (Please don't frown!)  
And just to make this day perfect  
We'll shop at Harbour Town!*

## Docklands is a drawcard

Docklands' sustainability credentials are bringing an international contingent of interested experts to Melbourne this month.

The City of Melbourne is hosting a C40 workshop on collaborating, planning and delivering sustainable communities on March 28, 29 and 30.

C40 is the Cities Climate Leadership Group, a network of major world cities concerned with climate change.

In 2009 Victoria Harbour was announced as one of 16 exemplary projects around the world demonstrating positive contributions to the battle against climate change.

Victoria Harbour is the main drawcard for this month's workshop. C40 delegates will learn about Victoria Harbour on March 28 when a panel discussion will be conducted.

Among the panellists will be Lend Lease's head of development David Rolls, City of Melbourne CEO Kathy Alexander and Places Victoria CEO Sam Sangster.

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# It's time to get your hands dirty

By Callie Morgan

***Docklands' new garden is all but constructed. It now just needs community involvement and it will be complete.***

The new garden is on the corner of Geographe St and Keera Way in Victoria Harbour and is virtually connected to the nearby Victoria Green park.

The new space is quite sunny and protected from the wind. So it should provide great growing conditions.

The garden follows a seaside theme with a large anchor standing in the middle, a rowboat sandpit for children and a number of wooden beach chairs.

One of the garden's most attractive features is its horseshoe-shaped fire-pit that will provide a relaxing seating area for residents to eat their meals and socialise.

The fire-pit overlooks barbecue facilities, several vegetable gardens and a row of fruit trees. A sandy path winds around the garden and will provide residents with access to every tomato, orange, cherry and strawberry.

A small garden shed is being constructed at the southern end of the garden, which will house plants, compost bays and gardening equipment.

The project has been delivered by Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne and, so far, it is not clear how the garden is to be managed.

The City of Melbourne has advertised for a part-time co-ordinator for the garden and is yet to propose a management structure. What is known is that the council and Places Victoria will be looking for the Docklands community to take ownership of the space.



The new Docklands garden is only missing the human element.

The future of the garden is by no means secure. If the Docklands community doesn't show interest, don't expect the garden to last.

A community planting exercise is proposed for Sunday, March 25 – to neatly coincide with National Neighbour Day.

Specific details were not available as *Docklands News* went to press. We suggest you come on down on the day and see how many new neighbours you can meet.



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# Rabbi takes a leap of faith

***He's the skateboarding rabbi and he's not afraid to take a leap of faith into the best street skating that Melbourne can offer.***

Rabbi Dovid Tsap articulates what all Melbourne skateboarders know – that outside of the many skateboard parks, Docklands offers the best skating around.

He can be found skating Docklands until 3 am some mornings, taking care to avoid residential areas so as not to disturb sleeping residents.

Rabbi Tsap, 34, is a mystic who spends his intellectual energy exploring the “more conspicuously spiritual side of Judaism”.

He writes a blog (<http://spiritualskating.blogspot.com.au/>) and communicates his thinking with people from all over the world. And he has recently published a book exploring the depths of Kabbalah.

Being a skateboarder has dual benefits for Rabbi Tsap. Apart from the health and wellbeing benefits he derives from the demanding sport, he clearly opens a respectful channel of communication with young people.

“The kids have some degree of admiration for me and pay attention to what I say,” he said. “They think of me as a friend. There is affinity and rapport.”

And while he has been a Rabbi for many years, he has only been the “Skating Rabbi” in recent times. Rabbi Tsap explained that he skated as a kid but gave it up when he was 15 years old.

He was encouraged by his friend Raph Brous to get back into skateboarding less than two years ago.

Since then he has seen the barriers between himself and young people diminish drastically.

“It was almost like they had too much



reverence for me then,” he said. “It was a barrier to effective communication.”

He said it was now very easy to speak with young people about life, drugs and God.

“At last now I am starting to feel like a real rabbi,” he said.

Rabbi Tsap said that he wouldn't have any particular credibility with youths if he was merely just able to just ride a skateboard around.


“I'm actually quite good at it and can land a number of difficult tricks,” he said.

He said skateboarding was cathartic for him.

“It an aggressive thing to do and you need a lot of guts to attempt lots of these tricks. When I land a trick it just feels so good. The accomplishment makes me feel so happy,” he said. “And so I can transfer these feelings into other aspects of my life.”

He said the camaraderie and affinity between skateboarders was a revelation. He said when he was at Melbourne's skateboarding parks he had friends from all religious and ethnic backgrounds.

“Skaters have a strong capacity for brotherhood,” he said.



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# Meet Mr Docklands

*Keith Rankin is one of those lucky few that has found a beautiful place to live, a great job where he is constantly meeting new characters and an important role in a developing community.*



Keith has been working and living in the Docklands longer than nearly everybody else. He came here in 1995 as an engineer to work and skipper a charter boat and fell in love with the area.

By 2000 he was one of the first people to put down a deposit for an apartment in one of Docklands' brand new buildings.

He recalls NewQuay being very different to the place it is today and said when he arrived there were just three buildings standing along the waterfront.

Keith enjoyed his job here so much he

eventually bought the Mandalay and the Challenger, his current charter boats, and began his own charter boat company. Rather than finding business in the established and bustling waters of Sydney and Queensland, he decided the Docklands would provide a unique and exciting opportunity.

Since purchasing them, Keith's boats have been all over Docklands.

"My charter boats started in the river, then moved to Berth 16, which is known as NewQuay, then moved to Berth 15 and then to Berth 14, where you can see them today," he said.

Keith led the way for dozens of others to open successful charter boat companies around Docklands.

Keith's boats offer perhaps the most beautiful office in Docklands and his weekends are spent cruising away from Central Pier, sharing the sights along the water's edge all the way to Hobson's Bay and Williamstown.

As relaxing and ideal as his weekend job sounds, Keith works harder than everyone else to represent and lobby for the Docklands community.

As president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Keith knows everything there is to know about what is going on in the area. He works tirelessly to attend meetings and represent his fellow Docklanders, smaller traders and larger businesses in front of government and semi-government authorities such as the City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and Yarra Trams.

"It's nice to know, for instance from my business perspective, that if I can't go to a meeting with the City of Melbourne ... someone else from the chamber can attend on behalf of everybody," he said.

Keith is also the vice president of the Victorian Charter Vessel Owners Association where he assists in making decisions relating to the environment and boat safety in the Port of Melbourne.

To add to his busy schedule Keith also took on a role with the Melbourne Business Precinct Board, where he aims to represent all business precincts in Melbourne's CBD.

As a resident and a business owner as well as a member of the chamber Keith hopes for a brilliant future for the Docklands.

"Like any place that's developing it's difficult to see what the future holds. We like to see the beautiful buildings. We like to see people getting to know the area," he said.

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## Did you say, Bon Iver?

You probably won't hear or see them on the commercial channels here in Oz but wow, has Bon Iver made an impression on the world.

With four Grammy nominations in the US from their last album, *For Emma, Forever Ago*, the nine-piece band hit number four in Australia with its latest album and has just sold out three nights each at the Tivoli Theatre in Queensland and a smallish venue called the Sydney Opera House.

The creation of *Bon Iver*, the self-titled new album was a three-year process led by front man Justin Vernon. Recorded at a remodeled veterinarian's clinic in Falls Creek, Wisconsin, with too many magical musicians on the album to name, it was given 9.5 out of 10 by *Pitchfork*. Not bad.

Good news is, you can catch Justin and the gang that is Bon Iver at "The Bowl" here in Melbourne and the outdoor venue should match their signature sound.

**WHAT:** Bon Iver Live in Concert

**WHERE:** Sidney Myer Music Bowl

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 8

**WEB:** [www.boniver.org](http://www.boniver.org)

## Food...Wine...Festival!

What three things does Melbourne do super splendidly? Food, wine and yes, festivals.

It's totally like the festival capital don't ya know! For 20 days in March the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival will celebrate its 20th birthday.

With almost 300 events happening across Melbourne there will be plenty to get involved with. The Hub in Queensbridge Square will feature lunchtime live-cooking demonstrations on the main stage with some of Melbourne's top chefs giving you the low-down on how to chef-up the ultimate Barbie. Yummo!

One new exciting addition to the festival for 2012 is the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival Greenhouse by Joost. A living, breathing greenhouse will rise up from the banks of the Yarra. Welcome to the future – it tastes delightful, two, four, six, eight, bog in don't wait!

**WHAT:** Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

**WHERE:** Queensbridge Square, Southbank

**WHEN:** Friday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 21

**WEB:** [www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au](http://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au)

## Can you reverse swing

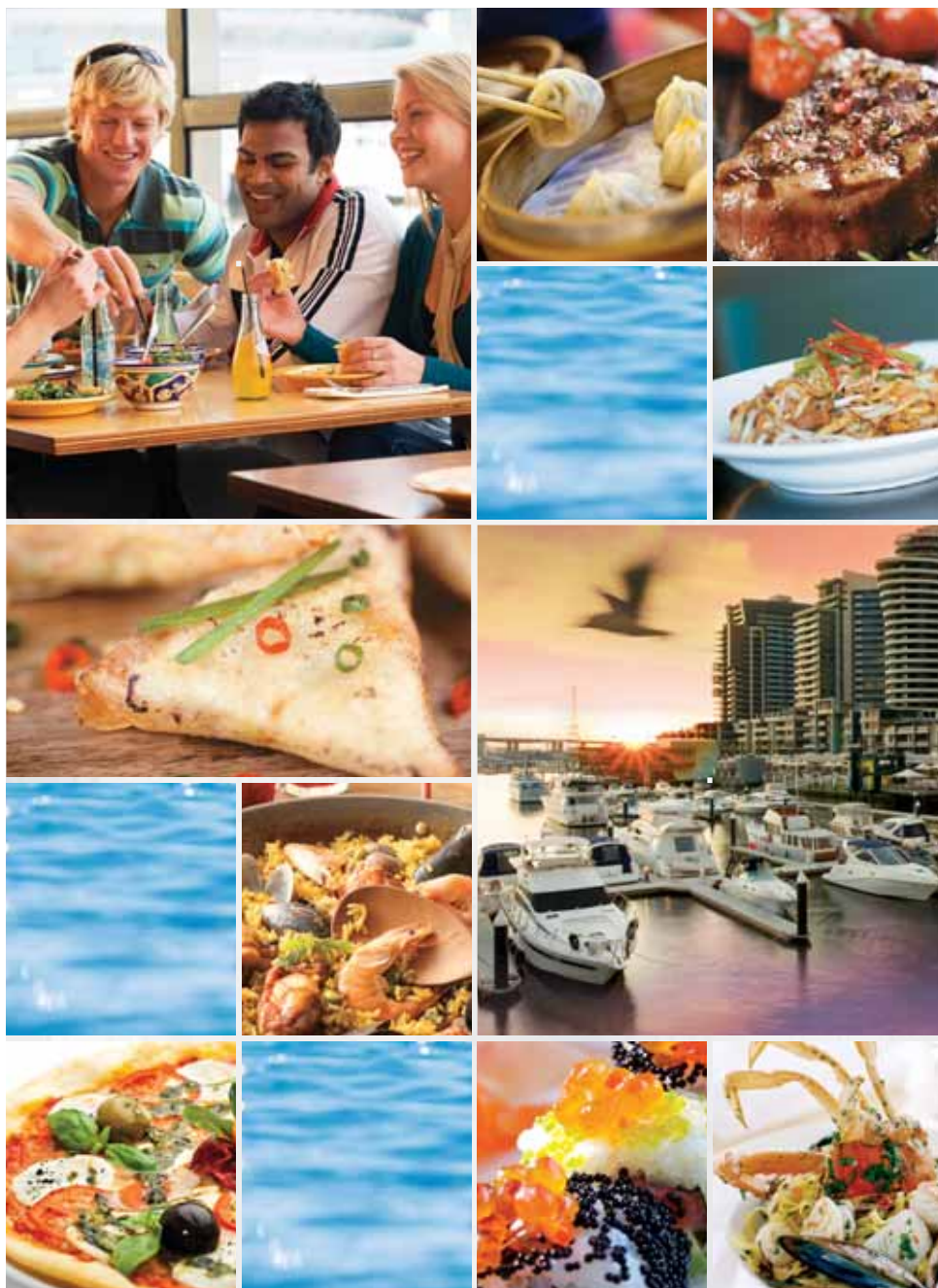
Not only do they ensure that our oceans and coastlines are in safe hands but The Mission To Seafarers at 717 Flinders St in Docklands provides some pretty awesome entertainment. Starting on March 8, then every Thursday thereafter in March, the Seafarers will be hosting Reverse Swing. Reverse Swing is a band with national and international experience and includes artists such as Heather Stuart, John Scurry, Eugene Ball, Mike McQuaid and Leigh Barker. Monthly residents at one of Melbourne's premier music establishments The Paris Cat, the band will feature fresh rhythms and juicy new melodies on the night, along with its already-loved playlist. Beautiful vocals, fiddle playing and influences such as Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole ... What a great way to spend a Thursday night here in Docklandia!

**WHAT:** Reverse Swing

**WHERE:** Mission To Seafarers, Docklands

**WHEN:** Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29

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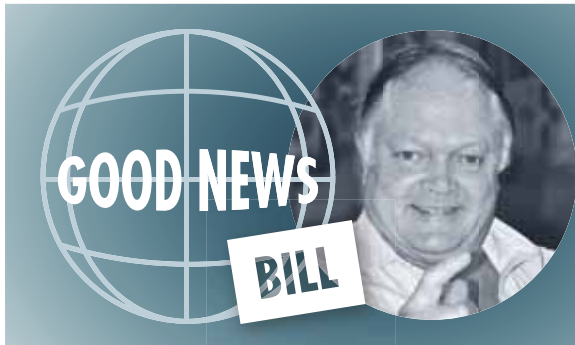
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# NewQuay





## March madness in Docklands – pagan festivals, good food and wine, jazz, hot rods and a free river shuttle

March is my favourite month. It marks the beginning of autumn in the southern hemisphere (spring in the northern hemisphere) and typically brings the best weather to Melbourne. I love March for a number of reasons.

St David's Day (Dydd Dewi Sant) is on March 1 and effectively kicks off the best month of the year. St David is patron saint of Wales. The day is celebrated by the wearing of either a leek or a daffodil. The leek became a Welsh symbol after a troop of Welsh were able to distinguish each other from a troop of English enemy dressed in similar fashion by wearing leeks (true story!). For those who are a bit confused, the British Isles consists of a number of countries – Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

The Ides of March falls on the 15th and is famous as the date on which Julius Caesar was killed in 44 BC. The ides comes from the

Latin word "idus" meaning "half division". So in the Roman calendar the word is used to indicate the approximate day that is the middle of a month. Thus the word ides is used for the 15th day of the months of March, May, July, and October, and the 13th day of the other months. So what is the Ides of March? Apparently Wikipedia tells us it is a festive day dedicated to the god Mars and a great day for a military parade. It is also the most well known of the ides. Beware the Ides of March!

March 17 is famous for St Patrick's Day (Lá Fhéile Pádraig). Most of you will know that St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and he is famous for getting rid of their snakes. This day is traditionally celebrated with the attendance of church services, wearing of green (usually a shamrock), and the lifting of Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol. Thus St Patrick's Day is a great day for restaurants and pubs. St Patrick's Day is undoubtedly the most celebrated saint's day in the world.

In Docklands, March brings the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival over the weekend of March 3 and 4. This is a not-to-be-missed festival. And let me tell you why!

MotorMania is coming to NewQuay. The promenade and piazza will be alive with hot rods and classic cars. There will also be live music and, of course, an abundance of good food and wine. There is \$5 all day parking at Harbour Town and you can find plenty of entertainment in the shopping centre. Look out for the cow milking and learn how to make your own cheese and butter!

The free river-shuttle departs from Waterfront City/NewQuay Marina and will service all the major food and wine destinations to Federation Square. This is a first for Melbourne. A river shuttle service has often been talked about, and here you have it – brought to you by the efforts of Docklands and Yarra businesses who have got together and made this great opportunity a reality! Make sure you get on board and experience Melbourne's greatest asset and access all the riverside destinations by river. Doesn't it just make a whole lot of sense?

Once you have seen Harbour Town and NewQuay, get on the free river shuttle and head off to the other side of Docklands – Yarra's Edge. Here you will discover a feast of entertainment in Docklands' greatest hidden secret. Not only is there great food and wine to be sampled but also a unique jazz

experience. For the first time in Melbourne's history the very best of leading Melbourne secondary colleges will be putting forward the cream of musical talent to perform live at Yarra's Edge over the two days. If you enjoy music, food and wine, then Yarra's Edge is the place to be, and you can get there courtesy of this first-time opportunity to ride a free river-shuttle servicing Docklands and the Yarra River businesses.

If you are a yachting, then why not bring your boat and berth overnight at Waterfront City/NewQuay Marina or Yarra's Edge's Marina YE. Imagine experiencing the delights of Docklands and then retiring to the comfort of your yacht for the rest of the evening. Docklands has it all. You just need to discover all that Docklands has to offer. Happy March everyone!

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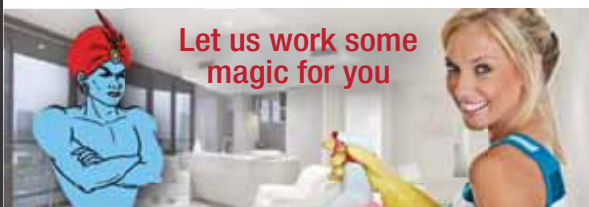
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# GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Greetings everybody

Following the Minister's announcement of plans for Manhattan-style skyscraper developments in parts of Melbourne, I was invited to join Jon Faine, ABC Radio on air, on Friday, February 17 to comment from a Docklands perspective.

Whilst saying that Docklands is a great place to live I stressed that in the first decade there were a number of inherent problems, including lack of town planning, no control over ugly exterior designs, traffic congestion, cramming buildings in, wind tunnels and lack of open space, adding that we are pressing for major improvement in the second decade. I managed to get in our objection to the proposed destruction of our piazza. Faine gave me a good go.

There has been no decision yet from Planning Minister Guy re: objections to MAB's development plans for NewQuay Central / Waterfront City, including destruction of the piazza. It is worth noting that on Sunday, February 12 some 8000 people attended the Japanese cultural festival held in the piazza.

Last month I referred to council's recently-released open-space strategy and that it was largely window dressing. It contains no new sizeable parks or gardens and references only token strips in Docklands - given that there is little space left. What is given scant attention in the report, however, is the redevelopment of the widened Harbour Esplanade which, on the contrary, is the only real solution to our open space problems.

The DCA is responding to council to this effect and I will be one of the community representatives invited to address council on the strategy on March 8. The Esplanade is the focal point of entry into Docklands and should be redeveloped accordingly. The DCA has requested that a committee be set up to for this specific project, comprising representatives of the council, Places Victoria [new name for VicUrban], the DCA and Chamber of Commerce.

It is only right that we should have input as stakeholders. Too often unfortunately we

are "kept in the dark" only to be "consulted" after the event. That is not good enough! It is high time we were supplied with concepts under consideration; rumours include putting an old "heritage" wharf shed on the strip. Heavens, we've already got enough of those lining Central Pier. What is needed is a holistic re-development with parkland down to the water, walking paths, possibly a kiosk and some recreation area.

Council has released a tree replacement program for the city including Docklands saying the existing old trees will last only another 20 or so years. Community information nights are being held, including one organised for 7.30pm on March 7 at the Hub, to which you are invited.

The gracious elm trees planted by our forefathers have done a beautiful job. The concern is what "progressive" types in council are planning to replace them with. This doesn't apply to Docklands so much because of our trees being new but we can have a say on types of new trees to be planted.

We are requesting council to let us have details of the size and internal layout of the new community/library centre. So far we know only about the building and its location. We had requested that there be an adequate space included for community meetings. Currently, the small Hub facility is continually fully booked.

Lastly, we and other groups are continuing to push for council to return to a ward structure despite the VEC saying they propose a retention of the existing non-ward structure.

We continue to keep members informed of events and activities.

If any reader would like to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward regarding activities or issues, they are welcome to contact us on [docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.docklandscommunityassociation.com)

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## From Tassie with love

*Docklands dogs Zoe (right) and Jemma (left) moved here from Tasmania five years ago and couldn't be happier about it.*

According to owner Leita Snow, the animals just love the Docklands lifestyle - people watching, walkies and meeting the neighbours.

Leita said the dogs got out for a walk at least daily and felt right at home in Melbourne's premier waterside suburb.

Leita and her husband raised their family in Hobart but when their children Nathan, 36, and Natasha, 34, moved to Melbourne they decided to follow.

They had a year in the suburbs before moving into the Conder tower at NewQuay five years ago.

"It's just beautiful here, we love it," she said. "It's so close to everything. I even ride my bike to work."

In between baby-sitting grand-children, Leita works part-time at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She looks after her four grand-kids on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Of course her other "children" are Maltese-shih tzu Zoe, 6, and Chihuahua-terrier Jemma, 8.

She says the dogs have fitted in with Docklands and just love going for walks. And walking is good for Leita too.

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

*I've been doing a lot of cleaning up lately. It's been strangely exhilarating, a buzz that I certainly wasn't anticipating.*

The spiders sitting in their expansive cobwebs in the corner of my house weren't expecting it either, judging by their cocooned collection of bugs, they were expecting to make it through the coming winter quite nicely. Not now, no sir, they have made a dash for the great outdoors to rethink their residency. And they're not the only things that have been "shoo-ed" from my house.

Next to go – things that don't match. And clearly, the only place to start in such a situation is the Tupperware drawer. Well I was amazed at how many odds and ends of things I had, how long I had been trying to operate in an environment that clearly was set against

me. I didn't have enough lids for containers!

Right, action taken, things that didn't function were tossed and within an hour (okay, a few!) I had the drawer sorted and all that remained were clean, colour co-ordinated, complete sets. Victory! But it didn't stop there. Ohhh no.

I threw out the tops that didn't *quite* fit, the pants with the missing button I was never going to purchase, the favourite Ugg boot whose partner I was still hoping would turn up one day and the leaking toothpaste. I cleared the study of pointless files, old magazines and dried out pens. Then I tackled the bigger messes – like my accounts (shudder). Receipts were filed, accounts brought up to date, budgets were written, I even got my tax return organised! Boy, this was feeling GOOD!

It was feeling so good to de-clutter, so amazing that things were organised, so fantastic to be in control (well of my

cupboards anyway), that I went that extra step further. I decided to de-clutter my mind and soul.

Wow, now that is something else. This takes a little more than just throwing away things that don't fit. But feeling empowered by the impact of my house being in order, I sat and looked deep inside to try to make some order of my goals, my mindset, to try to take stock of what I wanted and to work out where I wanted to spend my time, my energy.

And I realised I had been spending a lot of energy on things that weren't right for me, things I didn't want or need in my "house". And I realised that I felt under just as much pressure from people's expectations and what they needed from me, as when you're (very) overdue with your tax return, you feel slightly anxious under the cloud of burden. The difference is, we all need to pay our taxes, but we shouldn't be "taxed" by the people we choose to have in our lives.

So I am cleaning my heart and soul from those who are creating an unnecessary burden on me – those who are taking more than they are giving, those who are just too needy – those who are taxing me. And it feels so nice to realise the things that weigh you down and then release them. There's enough things in life (like paying taxes, and meeting your own responsibilities) that we stand up and soldier on with. But in your own house and in your soul, it's good to clean up every now and then!

To look inside is to grow and, just like spring cleaning, it's all very well and good to get in there and vacuum – the trick is keeping it the way you want it so it doesn't weigh you down!

Have a great month,

*Abby x*

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## "What I am learning about leadership" (Part 1)

In February this year City on a Hill started a new teaching series called *The King's Cupbearer* – looking at the book of Nehemiah.

It's the story of a cupbearer who served the king of Persia 500 years before Christ. It was a role that required him to drink the King's wine should someone try to poison the cup. It was a position of sacrifice and service.

Yet one day he heard news that placed him at a crossroads. He learns that Jerusalem, God's city, was in ruins. The walls were down, the temple destroyed. The people were in trouble and they walked in shame.

This was not new news, but it hit him in a new way.

God moved in his heart and Nehemiah sees for the first time the severity of this situation, the concerns of the people and the need for him to do something about it. He's an ordinary man, faced with an extraordinary need walking with an almighty God.

It's a gripping narrative that highlights not only God's power but also what can be achieved when we unite and make a stand for him. As Nehemiah learns, the broken walls of our life and city are never beyond His repair – God is able to do immeasurably more than we ever think or imagine.

We discover a number of invaluable leadership lessons here. I seek to lovingly lead my wife, children and our church – these insights have proven invaluable and in the next three editions I will share them.

**First – Effective leadership requires action.**

Confronted with the news about the broken walls and the concerns of his people, Nehemiah (like us) could've responded in a number of ways.

He could have denied it, saying, "It can't be that bad, I'm sure they'll be ok."

He could have moved into a state of apathy. Apathy is not a denial of reality; it's the

decision to do nothing about it. We say: "Oh I'm busy, there's a lot happening in my life – career to think about, I met a new girl, my Facebook account needs to be managed and I have a stack of Farmville requests to answer. I'm very busy."

Another card Nehemiah could have played was blame. Nehemiah could have pointed the finger at the Babylonians who trashed the city or his Jewish brothers who abandoned God. He could even have blamed God himself – after all isn't God in control?

Nehemiah could have taken the path of hopelessness – which understands the severity of the situation and the need to do something, but believes nothing can be done. We hear ourselves saying, "this has always been like this, nothing will change, nothing can be done".

In Nehemiah's case the bible tells us he wept, he fasted and he prayed. These were powerful steps of action.

**Second – Effective leadership requires God's strength.**

Nehemiah was not ignorant. He knew that the situation was much bigger than him. He also knew that strength doesn't come from within but above. And so when the walls of the city (or our life) are down it's time to lift our prayers up.

This has been an invaluable lesson for me. There is both godless inaction (blame, apathy, hopelessness, etc) and godless

action (acting in our own strength instead of God's strength). Personally, I tend towards the latter and see a need assuming (in my arrogance) I can be the one to save the day. This "messiah complex" is rooted in pride and leaves people burnt out and disappointed.

**Third – Effective leadership requires a servant heart.**

In Nehemiah's opening prayer (Chapter 1) he refers to himself as "servant" eight times.

Nehemiah is a leader who under God achieves amazing success. But it starts on his knees, with tears in his eyes, confessing in his heart and a surrendering of his hands as servant before God and his people.

Many want to be king. We want to be the one with the throne, who wears the crown and has control. It's evident in the cars we drive, the jobs we take and the language we use. Few sign up for the role of servant. Few want the position of cupbearer.

The cupbearer drinks a cup that could cost him his life. And amazingly, in God's order, it is the humble that are lifted up. It is the humble who find success in his kingdom.

This finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus.

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2. LOOT by Rose Mercer

Kate drew back in disbelief, her eyes seeing what her brain rejected.

"Is that ..."

Tom grabbed the trowel out of Kate's hand, his body shaking slightly. "Just leave it, love. I'll close it up and we'll forget we ever saw it.

I told you I had a bad feeling buying on the 13th floor."

Kate leaned forward, fascinated. She enlarged the hole with her hands, dropping wet plaster on the floor. The wall was crammed with bundles of notes, hundreds, thousands, bound with wide tape as though from a bank but sporting something like a Maltese cross with an Egyptian-style symbol. As the light hit the bundles, the symbol on the tape around the money changed colour and glittered, almost alive.

"It's crammed full. A fortune! We could buy anything we want, go anywhere. You know how you've dreamt of a black Maserati? You can have one. Hell, you can have two. We can buy the upstairs apartment and put a staircase between them. Anyone visiting can have their own space ... oh the

possibilities ..." Kate's eyes took on an eerie, demented sparkle.

"For fuck's sake Kate. Don't you realise what this is? It's cursed ..."

"Curses aren't real; don't be silly. Let's get it out fast," Kate said reaching in but Tom grabbed her arm urgently.

"Then don't call it a curse. Call it whatever you want, but you have no idea what that symbol means. Don't touch it! I'm going to fix this wall and first thing tomorrow I'm phoning the King Real Estate office. We're outta here." Tom realised he was spitting his words now. Fear and anger and yes, disgust at Kate, were warring in his mind.

"I'm not leaving all this!" Kate's chin jutted out as it always did when she meant to have her way.

"I'm not staying here. I'm fixing this wall and I'm out. You have no idea what you're playing with here. I cannot, I will not touch that stuff and I will not sleep here. Stay if you want, but I'm sleeping at Allan's tonight and every night. I'm not coming back here. Ever! You hear me? Ever!"

"Now Tommy darling. Be reasonable. Look at that view - Victoria Harbour and Bolte Bridge ... we'll never get it anywhere again." Tom shook her clinging frame off him. She was using her body to get what she wanted and this time, finally, it wouldn't work.

"You have no idea, do you? Well I do." With that Tom grabbed the trowel and set to work fast, controlling his rising dread as best he could.

"Wait, Tom! Please, let's have a drink and talk about this. I have an idea ..."



HEALTH & WELLBEING

with Kiki Tjia

from Active Melbourne City Sports

Make March your Sports Active month

What springs to mind when you think of March in Melbourne? Start of the AFL season, the Melbourne F1 Grand Prix, Moomba Festival? Why not add Sports Active month in your workplace for 2012. With so many activities and events on offer, we can easily be distracted and fitness and exercising may take a back seat.

At Active Melbourne City Sports, we have created Sports Active month which involves delivering a month-long health promotional initiative creating awareness of the importance of grassroots sports.

The primary aim is to encourage new participants to a wide variety of sports and activities by providing a number of events and programs throughout Melbourne.

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Running on your own can be boring and repetitive, so why not get three of your mates and compete in the revamped Tan Team Challenge Relay.

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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Emma

### LOCATION?

Harbour Town

### WEARS?

My entire outfit is from Forever New. We are required to wear Forever New's clothes but luckily we get a discount.

### DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I prefer to wear flowing items rather than tight and uncomfortable. A pair of skinny jeans looks great with a loose-fitting shirt.

### WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at Forever New.

### WHAT WILL YOU BE WEARING THIS AUTUMN?

The latest fashions are light and loose not tight fitting. Teal and burgundy will replace the reds and bright blues we are currently wearing in summer and there will be lots of gold. Animal prints keep reappearing but there will be more snakeskin rather than leopard print.

## Julie O'Brien

### LOCATION?

Harbour Town

### WEARS?

We are meant to wear Sisco clothes at work but today only my shirt is Sisco. My jeans are from Grab and my shoes are from Novo.

### DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

I wear a lot of maroon and I'm always wearing wedges and jeans because they are so comfortable.

### WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at Sisco

### WHAT WILL YOU BE WEARING THIS AUTUMN?

I will be following European trends. Fashion gets darker in autumn and a lot more comfortable than summer. I will wear soft dark pants with comfortable shoes and lighter shirts.

## Queenie Jiang

### LOCATION?

Harbour Town

### WEARS?

Everything I'm wearing, even the accessories, I bought at Cocolatte.

### DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Bright, cheap, simple and comfortable.

### WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at Cocolatte

### WHAT WILL YOU BE WEARING THIS AUTUMN?

As it gets cooler there tends to be more greys, whites and blacks which seems a bit boring, but dark outfits can be made more interesting and bright with loads of accessories.

# Elegance is back

By Callie Morgan

Although it feels we just stepped into 2012 the promise of autumn is already in the air and Melburnian women will be faced with the enormous challenge of teaming loose, flowing outfits with Melbourne's typical gusty autumn weather.

Your tight neon dresses from summer can be discarded but hopefully you saved the sheer burgundy shirt purchased at the beginning of last year, as fashion trends from 2011 will reappear this autumn.

Many autumn fashions are elegant and offer a relief from the minimalistic summer clothing – typically reserved for scorching days at St Kilda Beach, and this year will be no different.

Melbourne stores, such as Forever New, will replace the reds, floral and bright blues of summer with flowing teal and burgundy and we can expect to see gold everywhere.

Boutiques will again offer animal print, as they have for the last few years, however, the leopard print, which decorated just about every Melbourne woman in 2011, will be replaced with a sleek and chic snakeskin print.

The wide-leg pant we wore last winter will also step out in 2012.

You don't need to be Giselle Bundchen to pull off this trend as the wide-leg pant flatters most body types.

Until winter hits, these pants can be paired with a light sheer blouse and a comfortable wedge heel for a casual occasion or dressed up with gold accessories to create something a little more haute couture.

As we move into late autumn the rounded '60s collar, reintroduced last year by Louis Vuitton, will again be a key fashion trend. Matched with a pair of soft jeans and last season's wedges this trend flaunts casual sophistication.

You won't have to be a millionaire to afford elegance this autumn. Reacquaint yourself with those items you threw to the back of your wardrobe last September, team them with gold accessories and, now that it's physically possible, breath a sigh of relief that you're no longer wearing a fluorescent green "body-con" mini.



City clouds - Photo by Donna Nutter

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What do you bring to the relationship and what gifts does your partner bring. I thought it appropriate to discuss the relationship of two of my favorite people, given the recent Valentine's Day celebration. Hope you all enjoyed your day and if you didn't maybe it's time to find out why?



Alissa	Joseph
October 18, 1989	October 3, 1987
Sun in Libra	Sun in Libra
MC - Aries	North Node in Aries
Mars in Libra	Venus in Libra

## Alissa

You take your relationships seriously but are torn between a compulsive desire for close permanent ties and a fear of intimacy. Power is sexy to you and even when a relationship is not a romantic one, you find ambitious go-getters in positions of authority very magnetic and fascinating. You are passionate, competitive and high-spirited and enjoy relationships with assertive, independent people. Alissa, you are creative and charming. You speak well, live well and are fond of people who have taste, wit, good manners and share your appreciation of beauty, art and culture. Always curious and quick to learn new things, you are often perceived as "ahead of your time". You abhor the provincial or confined and aspire to participate in something which will be of benefit to many. You most probably will attract the public eye.

## Joseph

You are a dreamer - emotional sensitive and intuitive. You like to think of your partners as perfect so you may not mind it when they are critical of you. You like a partner who is bright, verbal and curious but not necessarily emotional. You prefer to share intellect and that then inspires intimacy. While you may not be overly demonstratively emotionally, you take close personal relationships very seriously and always feel a strong sense of responsibility and loyalty. You are not a fair-weather friend. You love deeply, lastingly and loyally. Joseph, there is a quality about you people tend to trust. They confide in you and generally feel better in your presence, which has a kind of healing quality. Anyone close to you would have to share your love of music, art and spirituality.

## Featured terminology:

MC for Alissa is in Aries = Life Purpose- To be innovative, a leader and ahead of the crowd  
North Node for Joe is in Aries = life Path - To be innovative a leader and ahead of the crowd

## Outcome of relationship:

Together you both share a strong common attraction to your shared social or public image. Each of you is genuinely proud of the other's successes and you both trust each other as a sounding board when making decisions. Even though your ideas may differ at times, you are both intuitively and emotionally in tune.

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Ms Sullivan, 28, manages the Optus store at Harbour Town in Docklands and has always stayed with the same Optus franchise, with stints at stores in Richmond, Knox, Chadstone and Southland.

"I like working at Optus because we focus on customer satisfaction," she said.

"I love working for this franchise group - we have nine Optus stores - because I like the people. That is reflected in training."

"Our staff always go that 'extra mile' for customers."

"I am lucky because not only do I get to make sales and meet customers, I also have the opportunity to train staff here at this store. We are open Saturdays and Sundays."

As well as the tourists and visitors that Harbour Town draws in, Ms Sullivan says she has bonded with Docklands locals.

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# FACES OF DOCKLANDS



**RENEE HARRISON, 25**  
*Property manager, Lucas Real Estate*

Renee has only been working for Lucas Real Estate for seven months but she already loves the area. “I love how it’s central to the city but it’s not quite in the city,” she said. Despite not living in the area, Renee thinks everyone in the Docklands is “really lovely” and she likes to see so much diversity in a small area. “There are students, business owners and international travellers everywhere,” she said. “Everyone is here!”



**ALBERT MORCOS, 41**  
*Owner of Le Cirque*

Albert doesn’t live in Docklands but, after working in Harbour Town for nearly three years, is starting to consider moving to the area. “It’s just such a great atmosphere around work,” he said. “The people, the customers and the retailers are all very friendly.” Albert thinks the vibrancy and sunshine of the outdoor shopping centre make his half-hour commute each morning worthwhile.



**GARY ECHELLEBECK, 36**  
*Building Manager, Aquavista*

Gary has been building manager at the Aquavista Tower for the past year and appreciates the “family-orientated” feel about Docklands. “The building managers actually care about each other, compared to where I have worked previously, where people wouldn’t even look at you,” he said. “There’s always been a good feel about Docklands though. I see people helping each other all the time.”



**JUSTIN BOYLE, 24**  
*Sales assistant, 4ever Men*

Justin has come to Docklands all the way from California and has been working at Harbour Town Shopping Centre for just seven weeks. While he is hoping to do some travelling around Australia throughout the year, he is enjoying his work in Docklands and “can’t wait to see the wheel rebuilt”. Justin is also becoming a big fan of Melbourne’s nightlife and hopes to continue going out and making the most of his time in Australia.



**KRISTIN LEMURA, 31**  
*Manager, Harbour Town Hotel*

Although she is brand new to the Harbour Town Hotel, Kristin is thriving on the “new challenge of a completely different environment”. Kristin previously worked at a pub in Geelong and finds her new workplace has “more of a restaurant vibe to it.” Kristin commutes to work from Werribee each day and says there is always something going on in Docklands. “The events along the waterfront and the growing number of businesses are attracting more people from within the Docklands area as well as tourists,” she said.



**HASSAN YASSINE, 26**  
*Manager, Oscar’s Table*

Hassan has lived in Australia for just four years but already he knows 80 per cent of the Docklands locals. Hassan moved to the United States from Lebanon at 14 but returned briefly years later before coming to Australia. Although he believes the Docklands needs a lot of improvement in attracting visitors, Hassan says he loves it here. “I’ve had job offers with higher pay in other areas but I’ve turned them down because of the people here.”

# Letters to the Editor



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## Cut the chatter

This is an open letter to Places Victoria, the City of Melbourne, the Victorian Government and the Boating Industry Association.

I am over 70 years of age and have three loves: my family, books and boats. I have messed about in boats all my life – both sail and power – and we currently share a 40-foot motor boat kept at Pier 35. I am a serious boatie! My wife and I have lived in the Palladio building for four years.

The boat show held at Docklands is superb. I walked through the exhibitions several times over the three-day event and could not be more impressed with the organisation that has gone into it. I congratulate them.

I (we) do have a problem however. The public address system! I have a business which involves exhibiting at several trade

fairs throughout the year – throughout Australia. All of them have PA systems. But few of them have the incessant chatter that goes on at the Docklands boat show over the PA system. There is no need for it!

I was trying to hold a conversation on the first day this year with two different exhibitors and we could not hear ourselves think, let alone converse. One of them rolled his eyes and said “it is not going to stop”. I can only say: “It has to!” The PA system is intrusive – indeed, offensive. If one is trying to hold a conversation about exhibit A, they do not wish to have the virtues of exhibit K rammed down their throats via a PA system. We do not need loud speakers mounted every 40 feet or so down the boardwalk.

The other thing is that it becomes a peculiar kind of “white noise” after a while and cannot be understood anyway. If you live above it,

it develops another dimension altogether. It is intolerable to be subjected to this blaring sound which is bad enough at an open trade fair site, but when it is projected into your own home, it is another thing altogether.

Can I suggest that the system be only used in future to announce that a small child has been lost or found, or perhaps that someone has fallen in the drink. Failing that, it be used for say five minutes at the top and bottom of the hour. The way it is, the only business to benefit is the one supplying the system.

I would welcome any support that fellow residents may wish to offer. We will have to be quick as these things move slowly, and we have only another 12 months.

*Tony Mitchell*  
Docklands



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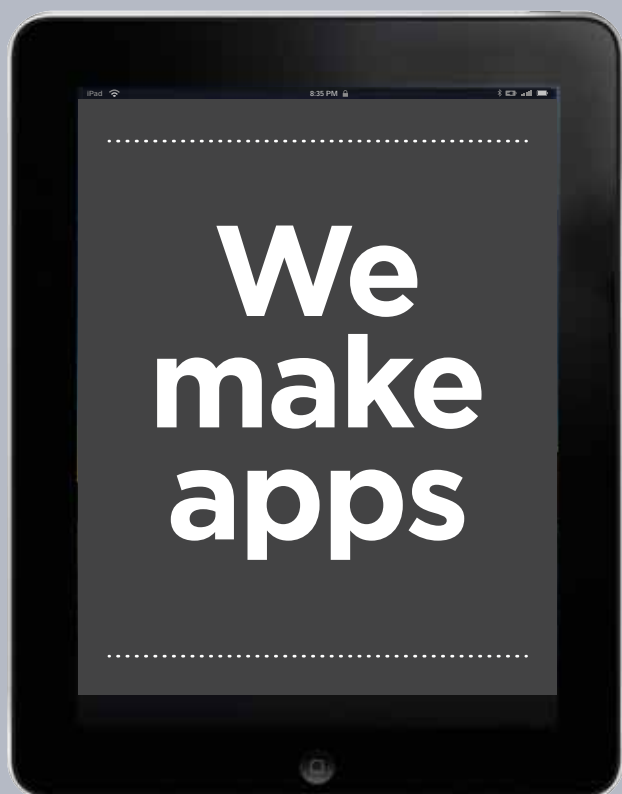
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## Fitzroy finds a home in Docklands

*The 'ghost' of the old Fitzroy Football Club has been wandering the wilderness for the past 16 years but has now found a home here in Docklands.*

Etihad Stadium has provided a prominent location for the former club's impressive collection of memorabilia – which tells the proud story of a club which won nine premierships before it merged with the Brisbane Bears in 1996.

Collection custodian Arthur Wilson said retiring stadium CEO Ian Collins initiated the museum after coming across some of Fitzroy's material which had been in storage at the ground.

"We'd been searching for a home for many years so when 'Collo' said he thought the stuff should be on show it was just fabulous," Mr Wilson said.

Mr Wilson said the collection was potentially the most travelled ever – having moved from the old Fitzroy ground in Brunswick St, to the Junction Oval, the Lakeside Oval, to offices in St Georges Rd, Fitzroy and to a club hotel in Northcote before the merger in 1996.

He said 40 per cent of the collection was "lost" following the merger but much of it had now been returned.

The club's material was most recently on display at the Manningham Club in Bulleen.

"It's amazing how much material has



Fitzroy champion and Docklander Garry Wilson with the night premiership cup he held aloft in 1978. Museum custodian Arthur Wilson holds a photo of the occasion.

surfaced since the word has got out that we now have a permanent home," he said.

Arthur was on the Fitzroy Football Club committee between 1968 and 1979 and was club secretary/manager between 1980 and 1985. He was the club's football manager between 1985 and 1991.

One of Fitzroy's favourite sons, Docklander

Garry Wilson (no relation to Arthur) has also offered some of his personal material for the collection.

Garry, now 58, won the club's best and fairest five times over a 268-game career which spanned 14 years.

Garry and his wife have had an apartment at Yarra's Edge for six years, but use it as

a holiday house. They are currently in Docklands full-time, but only while their new home is being constructed.

"We love it in Docklands," he said. "It's great to be able to walk into the city or to games at the MCG."

"It's a lovely, quiet residential area."

Garry is vice-captain of Fitzroy's "team of the century" and in 1984 captained Victoria in interstate football. He was runner up in the Brownlow Medal in 1979 (by just one vote) and was third in the VFL/AFL's premier award in 1978.

"I played for Victoria 14 times for 14 wins," he said.

During the last four years of his career Garry played in a helmet on medical advice due to the number of times he had suffered concussion.

Garry couldn't make the launch of the museum late last year to illness and saw the collection for the first time on February 28.

He was quick to point out to Arthur that there was an error in the section highlighting the club's best and fairest players.

"Here Arthur, you'd better fix this," he laughed. "It says here I only won it four times!"

According to Arthur, Garry was one of the best players to ever pull on a Fitzroy jumper.

Garry grew up in Middle Park as a South Melbourne fan before his family bought a new agency and moved to West Preston. That put him in Fitzroy's recruiting zone.

The rest is history.



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