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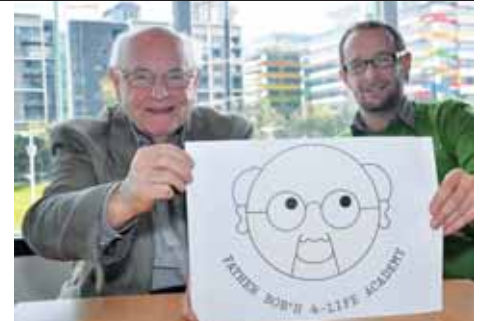


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Council is given planning powers

Friday, June 29 was a massive news day for Docklands with Planning Minister Matthew Guy announcing that planning powers were being returned to the City of Melbourne.

Mr Guy also announced approval for MAB Corporation's revised master-plan which includes new towers and a hotel at NewQuay Central (see our story on page 2).

The City of Melbourne has been lobbying for years for planning control of Docklands but has had to be content with being asked for its comments and recommendations only.

It will now be the arbiter of all developments of less than 25,000 sqm – bringing Docklands into line with the planning rules that exist within the CBD.

For the first time, Docklands planning application will be advertised and residents will be able to lodge objections.

Mr Guy pointed out that the transfer of authority to the council was from the Department of Planning and Community Development and that Places Victoria would retain its role as master developer.

"Places Victoria has created the structure plan for Docklands and they've done a wonderful job. Well this is the next stage – that of community focus," Mr Guy said.

"No developer or Places Victoria can get the nuances right like the City Council can."

He said the developers had to accept the decision as "a bold new way to move it forward".

"50 per cent is built, so the next 50 per cent will have a different focus of how it integrates," he said.

"From today, the residents of Docklands will have a direct connection through their council to planning decisions and will have a stronger voice over decisions that impact upon their community."

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said Mr Guy's decision was very important for consistency of design in Docklands and for using the "great expertise that exists at the City of Melbourne".

"This is a decision of great foresight and it will be of benefit to the residents of Docklands, both present and future," he said.

Docklands News understands that developers will still make their applications directly with Places Victoria, as stipulated by their long-standing and legally-binding developer agreements.

In instances where the development is less than 25,000 sqm, Places Victoria will in the future forward the application directly to the City of Melbourne for determination.

The change means developers will have recourse to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) should they not agree with the council's decision. Docklands developers have not enjoyed this privilege in the past.

Developers were generally resigned to having the council determine their applications. One was openly hostile, while others said it mattered little in the complex labyrinth of bureaucratic overlay.



Falling for the Chamber

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce turned it on at its monthly get-together last month at Wonderland Fun Park.

After the formalities, members and visitors were treated to comedy and aerial burlesque by Elise Joworowski in the historic Melba Spiegeltent under the wheel at Harbour Town.



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Master plan approved

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has approved MAB Corporation's revised master plan for NewQuay.

Included in the master plan are five new towers for NewQuay Central, including a 15-storey hotel at the front of the Waterfront City Piazza - a proposal which has upset some residents who would prefer the building at the rear along Docklands Drive.

But Mr Guy's announcement should not be confused with permission to build the hotel or any of the proposed towers.

Permission must still be granted to build each of the buildings in the master plan.

Mr Guy told *Docklands News* that there would be changes to what MAB was seeking at NewQuay Central.

"There is obviously a way to go with the approvals. This is just the master plan that has been approved," Mr Guy said. "There are a few changes around where the buildings will be. There certainly are some changes."

"Obviously they'll have to go through the next round which is approvals for the actual buildings. There's still a way to go. This is just about the structure plan."

Plaudits for council over forum proposal

Editorial Comment

Shane Scanlan



The City of Melbourne and Places Victoria have to be given credit for their revised proposal for a Docklands Community Forum.

The new proposal, released on June 13, addresses many of the concerns raised by the local community at the last Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting on March 20.

It proposes a seriously-representative membership base, with as-of-right membership for the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Destination Docklands and the Docklands Community Association.

It also seeks membership from young Docklanders, Docklanders with children, commuter workers, waterways operators, corporates and small businesses operators who are not members of existing representative groups.

All up, the forum is seeking up to 12 permanent members and the City of Melbourne has called for expressions of interest from interested parties. Expressions of interest close at 9am on Monday, July 16.

But, while the representational mix is good, the council and Places Victoria have stopped short of granting Docklanders admission to their Docklands Steering Committee.

Membership of the steering committee was requested so that Docklanders had real influence over decision-making.

Instead, the proposal is for members of each group to report to each other at the start of each other's meetings.

The question of "real influence" was always going to be tricky. The authorities were never keen to grant membership of their inner sanctum to outsiders but, without real influence, the forum will have limited purpose and will not succeed.

The bi-monthly community forum is proposed to meet every other month between steering group meetings. So the idea of each reporting to the other could work well. Ultimately, it will come down to good-will and the genuine desire of City of Melbourne and Places Victoria decision-makers to listen to the community.

The first community forum is not forecast until September and it is expected that it will take two or three meetings for the group to sort itself out.

This is a reasonable expectation as this type of community participation is brand new and there are no existing rule books or conventions.

Still to be defined are issues around how the 12 permanent members interact with the broader community and how community forum meetings will be conducted and how its decisions are made.

It has already been determined that an "impartial facilitator" will chair the meetings and that the City of Melbourne will support the forum by providing secretarial services to it.

The suggestion is that the forum will remain in place until Docklands is completed and is no longer shared between the council and Places Victoria.

One of the roles of the forum is to "model and promote a collaborative working relationship between Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne".

The importance of this role can't be overstated. It has taken the council and Places Victoria five years to build a reasonable working relationship.



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Ministerial story time

Local Government Minister Jeanette Powell took story-time at the Docklands Hub on June 22 when she announced \$400,000 funding for books for Docklands new library.

The funding is over and above \$8.2 million the State Government has already committed to build the library via Places Victoria. The City of Melbourne is contributing \$4.75 million.

Construction of the 2900sqm library and community centre is due to start this month at Dock Square on the corner of Collins and Bourke streets and is expected to be completed by October next year.

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Sam oozes local's confidence

Dockland's Sam Newman was confident of coaching Victoria to victory in its EJ Whitten Legends game against the All Stars at Etihad Stadium on July 3.

As *Docklands News* went to press, Sam's team was just taking to the field, so we can't report the result.

But in an interview before the game, the Docklander expressed confidence that his

side was simply too good for the opposition.

"I predict an easy victory," he said. "Frankly, we don't have much opposition and we're very good at kicking for goal."

The Legends game is an annual charity fundraiser for prostate cancer research, the disease which killed AFL hero Teddy Whitten. The EJ Whitten Foundation was formed in 1995 to raise awareness of the disease which each year kills more than 3300 Australian men.

And, while the Legends game is played for a serious reason, the on-field approach is anything but serious.



Where the bloody hell are we?

By Shane Scanlan

Census collectors found local residents in less than two thirds of Docklands' apartments when they called last August, resulting in an estimated population of only 5090 people.

Census analysts counted Docklanders in only 2262 dwellings – less than 60 per cent of the suburb's residences.

The low population estimate is in contrast to figures from Places Victoria and City of Melbourne, which have for many years put the population in excess of 6000.

Census collectors marked 619 Docklands apartments as "unoccupied" and found interstate and international visitors in a further 685 apartments.

And while collectors apparently found 10 "caravans, cabins or houseboats", they failed to find at least 261 Docklands apartments – the difference between their estimate of 3564 "households" and the 3825 residential properties on the City of Melbourne's rates register as at July 1, 2011.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' methodology has resulted in it claiming that more than 20 per cent of Docklands residences are unoccupied, a figure hotly disputed by local real estate agents.

Last month three new residential buildings opened in Docklands – Convesso, Yarra's Edge, Low Rise Stage 3 and Serrata. In the coming months two new residential buildings will also open – Lacrosse and Yarra's Edge Low Rise Stage 4. By the end of the year Docklands will have welcomed an estimated 1200 new residents to the area.

Proponents of a primary school for Docklands will be disappointed that more children were not identified in the census, with only 493 under-19-year-olds being recorded. Of more encouragement was that 177 of them were under four.

The median age of the suburb is 31, with the largest population grouping being 25-to-29-year-olds (19 per cent of the population, which is nearly three times the national average).

By contrast, elderly Docklanders are an elite group with only 100 residents being over 70-years-old. They make up only 2 per cent of the population, in contrast with a national percentage of nearly 10 per cent.

Docklanders are also far less likely to be married, with only 38.1 per cent being married (against a national percentage of 48.7) and nearly half of us never having tied the knot (against a national figure of 34.3 per cent).

And Docklands will have to throw off its moniker of "Divorcelsands", having recorded less than the national average for divorcees. It does, however, have more men (52.6 per cent) than women (47.4 per cent) – which also bucks the national trend.

There are far fewer families in Docklands than in "average Australia". While 71.5 per cent of Australian dwellings contain family groups, in Docklands the figure is only 53.4 per cent. In Docklands "group households" inhabit 11 per cent of dwellings – against a national trend of only 4.1 per cent. And 35.7 per cent of Docklanders live alone – compared with a national average of 24.3 per cent.

Docklands households are nearly twice as likely to bring home more than \$3000 per week than the national average (19.7 per cent compared with 11.2 per cent).

Docklanders are more educated than the average Australian, with 31.7 per cent indicating that they were tertiary-educated (against a 14.3 per cent national figure). But nearly half of people surveyed in Docklands did not state their educational level.

Ethnically, only 37 per cent of Docklanders were born in Australia (compared with the national average of almost 70 per cent) but Aussies are still the largest group. The next largest group are Chinese-born (8.7 per cent), Indian-born (6.5 per cent), England (3.9 per cent), New Zealand (3.4 per cent) and Malaysia (3.1 per cent).

While 27.9 per cent of Docklanders said they had no religion, nearly 18 per cent of us are Catholic, 8.4 per cent Anglican, 5.9 per cent Buddhist and 5.7 per cent are Hindus.

Docklanders are less likely to do housework, care for children or do any voluntary work compared with their fellow Australians.



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Life is working out for Coen

Docklands' YMCA gymnasiums are doing their bit to help Coen Ashton prepare for a double-lung transplant when a suitable donor is found.

Fourteen-year-old Coen was born with cystic fibrosis and will die without new lungs.

His parents and brother uprooted their lives in Queensland last October and moved to Docklands to be close to the Alfred Hospital for when the phone call comes alerting them that donor lungs have been found for Coen.

But if Coen is not strong enough to recover from the operation, the whole exercise will have been in vain.

And with only 20 per cent lung function, Coen can't exactly go out for a jog. His mum Dawn explained: "The only way he can build strength is in a gym because he can't do cardio."

But gymnasium users generally have to be 16 and Dawn said Coen was prevented from using the gym at Yarra's Edge where the family is staying.

YMCA gym manager Andrew Ward came to the rescue after speaking with Dawn during a regular fitness class she was participating in.

"We were able to make a special arrangement for Coen to use our facilities," Mr Ward said. "We're just happy to help."

Coen said: "It's a good place to come and hang out and build a bit of body strength. And it's good to get my frustrations out too."

Coen spends one or two weeks every month in the Royal Children's Hospital where powerful antibiotics are fed directly into his heart in an attempt to keep his failing lungs free of infection.

Dawn said the YMCA was not the only Docklands business to support the family. She said Lucas Real Estate had been fantastic in finding the family an apartment to live in.

The Yarra's Edge community conducted a fundraising evening in February and raised \$10,445 towards rental accommodation which allowed them to move from their boat in the marina.

Patient Travel Transfer Scheme funding to support the family has now come through from the Queensland Government so finance has now been removed from the long list of their concerns.

Of more fundamental concern is Coen's deteriorating health and the anxiety that goes with not knowing when, or if, a suitable organ donor will be found.

"There's been older and younger lungs come through but no one of Coen's size and blood group," Dawn said.

In the meantime, the Ashtons deeply appreciate the support they have received from the Docklands community and just love living here.

"We're feeling very much at home in the apartment," Dawn said. "What a great place to live."

"The local businesses have been astounding in their support for us."

"And being able to use the gymnasium will make a huge difference to Coen's survival."



Docklands YMCA manager Andrew Ward supervises Coen's gym session.

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Our trust has been abused

By Shane Scanlan

Housing Choices Australia (HCA) has abused the trust that Docklands placed in it a year ago when we embraced The Mariner building into our community.

The Mariner is a complex of 113 apartments at the end of Docklands Drive in NewQuay West, in which 85 units are owned by HCA as social housing.

When the building was opened last August, the HCA's chief executive at the time Michael Lennon said: "For our tenants at The Mariner, we hope they find their way home to a place which is safe."

"We want it to be indistinguishable from the rest of the market," Mr Lennon said at the time. "It's important for the children living here that their place is no different to the rest of the community."

As it turns out, Housing Choices Australia is harbouring a man who has been terrorising the Docklands community.

This man is accused of exposing himself, making threats to kill and extreme sexual harassment.

HCA staff refuse to discuss the case, claiming its client's right to confidentiality is the dominant paradigm.

Last month we published a letter from a Dockland's resident who feared the HCA's tenant was going to potentially rape or kill her.

Docklands News understands that NewQuay precinct management has attempted to raise the problem with HCA but has been told that the organisation takes no responsibility for its tenant once he is outside of its property.

In May, Housing Choices Australia told *Docklands News* it had maintained its obligations to the Docklands' community under residential tenancy legislation.

Last month a 20-year-old Docklander made a formal complaint to police about the man.

The young woman said she was terrified when the man boarded the number 86 tram into the city at the corner of Spencer and LaTrobe streets.

She said the man sat next to her, made obscene suggestions and effectively trapped her in her seat - later refusing to let her pass when she wanted to alight in the city.

"He put his leg up, so I could not get past," she said. "When I asked whether I could get past, he smiled and said 'no.'"

She said, when she attempted to climb over him at her stop, he grabbed her from behind, ripped her jacket and flung her to the floor of the tram. The woman said she sustained bruising to her hands and knees but managed to escape.

She said she was assisted by Yarra Trams staff who told her: "This guy is a psycho."

Current HCA chief executive Rosemary Hartnett told *Docklands News*: "Your article alleges that a person, whom you claim is one of our tenants, harasses other people in the Docklands precinct. We take such allegations seriously, not just for the victims of such behaviour but also to ensure that all of our tenants in our two developments are able to live in a safe community."

"We strongly encourage all residents of Docklands to report all such incidents of harassment to the police without delay."

"If a tenant of ours acted in the manner alleged in your article whilst in the foyer, hallways or units themselves, then this would be a breach of their tenancy. In those circumstances we would take the appropriate steps under the tenancy agreement and residential tenancies legislation."

"Where harassment takes place outside of our property, we have no legal authority to take any action against the person involved, even where that person is a tenant of ours. In this respect, we are no different to any other private landlord in the Docklands. Such matters are appropriately the responsibility of the police."



Police "suit up" in protective equipment before tackling the explosives.

Docklands bomb scare

The Docklands community Hub was evacuated and the surrounding area sealed off for several hours on June 12 after police allegedly found explosives in a vehicle parked outside in Harbour Esplanade.

The incident followed the apprehension of Docklands man Samuel Jackson, 31, and a routine search of his car. Jackson was sought in relation to alleged theft of mail from Watergate apartments.

When the explosives were found in the front passenger compartment at about 9.45 am, police interrupted the regular Tuesday "Mini Maestros" session at the Hub and the children were evacuated.

The group sang their "goodbye song" from the Waterview Walk footpath as more police converged on the area and the bomb disposal unit sent in a remote-controlled robot to further investigate.

An area bounded by Waterview Walk, Bourke St, Navigation Drive and Collins St was taped off. Watergate residents were prevented from using Waterview Walk entrances and Waterview Walk businesses were closed.

For the next few hours, the robot and police in protective gear probed the contents of the car before re-opening Harbour Esplanade to car and tram traffic.

Jackson appeared in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on June 13 charged with conduct endangering life, possessing explosives and a number of other charges.

He was remanded in custody to again appear on August 6.

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Docklands' fundraising champions

Docklands doesn't do things by halves, and so it was also when it came to fundraising for the annual Vinnies CEO Sleep Out with local CEOs Hatem Saleh and David Hall blitzing the field.

Leveraging their "home ground advantage" at Etihad Stadium, the pair were placed first and third on the fundraising scoreboard as *Docklands News* went to press.

Atlantic Group [V] CEO Hatem Saleh was streets ahead of the field with \$33,901 to his name and MAB Corporation chief operating officer David Hall was in third place with \$20,250 to his name.

Some 161 CEOs braved the cold on June 21 to sleep rough on a piece of cardboard on the Etihad Stadium concourse. Australia-wide, the effort raised \$613,541 to combat homelessness.

Mr Saleh said he was humbled by the experience.



Hatem Saleh (left) and David Hall hit the hay at Etihad Stadium on June 21.

"It was a compelling evening and to experience the natural elements, the discomfort of sleeping on concrete and the feeling of being vulnerable really touched home," he said.

"It was a truly remarkable effort from all of the 160 men and women that participated in the event last night and I am so proud of my team's efforts in holding a concurrent staff sleep out in Peninsula," he said.

"When I first decided to register, I knew it was a cause that I wanted to support given the inspiring work of St Vincent de Paul. However, it wasn't until last night when I experienced a few of the real hardships of homelessness and heard first-hand accounts of those affected, that I realised how overwhelming the struggle must be."

Mr Hall said the sleep-out experience had been very worthwhile, particularly the conversations and engagement that it had led to with MAB Corporation stakeholders.

"It's hard to reconcile that in Australia 'the lucky country' so many people face the struggle of not having a safe place to sleep," he said.

"I was particularly pleased with my temporary shelter I made last night with my cardboard which helped me through the night. My most important article of clothing was my Vinnie beanie which kept me warm during the night."

Mr Hall said there were officially 105,000 Australians who were homeless and that more than 12,000 children had no home.

"It is worth reflecting on how lucky most of us are," he said.

Meet the state by-election candidates

Docklanders are invited to meet the candidates in the upcoming state by-election at a special event at Watermark on Tuesday, July 10.

There are 16 candidates vying for the seat, which recently became vacant with the resignation of sitting member Bronwyn Pike.

Already eight candidates have indicated they will participate in the Docklands event, including leading contenders Jennifer Kanis (Labor) and Cathy Oke (Greens).



The event is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Docklands in conjunction with the Docklands Community Association and will be moderated by *Docklands News* editor Shane Scanlan.

Rotary Club president Joseph Ebbage said the event fell within the club's mantra of "growing the Docklands community".

The event starts at 6.30 and will comprise an hour of statements from candidates followed by 30 minutes of questions. It is intended to conclude by 8pm.

The candidates for the July 21 election for the lower house seat of Melbourne are: Berhan Ahmed; Ashley Fenn (Family First); Gerrit Schorel-Hlavka; David Nolte; John Perkins; Jennifer Kanis (Australian Labor Party); David Collyer; Patrick O'Connor; Michael

Murphy (Democratic Labor Party); Joseph Toscano; Stephen Mayne; Kate Borland; Adrian Whitehead; Fiona Patten (Sex Party); Cathy Oke (Australian Greens); and Maria Bengtsson (Australian Christians).

Docklanders who have been here more than one month and are not enrolled anywhere else will be able to cast a provisional vote by presenting suitable identification at the polling booth on the day.

Docklands' votes could be crucial to the outcome, considering that the Liberal Party is not contesting the election. In 2010, the Liberals directed their preferences to Labor in an attempt to stymie the Greens.

At the last state election in November 2010 Docklands was one of only three booths in the district to vote Liberal (the others were

East Melbourne and Melbourne).

Of 940 votes cast in Docklands in 2010, 420 went to Liberal candidate Luke Martin, 255 to Ms Pike and 184 to Greens candidate Brian Walters.



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New academy is all for life

Docklands has a new charity with the formation of Father Bob's 4-Life Academy, which aims to develop, guide and mentor the nation's youth.

The Academy is based at The Hub and is the result of a collaboration between the Father Bob Maguire Foundation and the Big Umbrella.

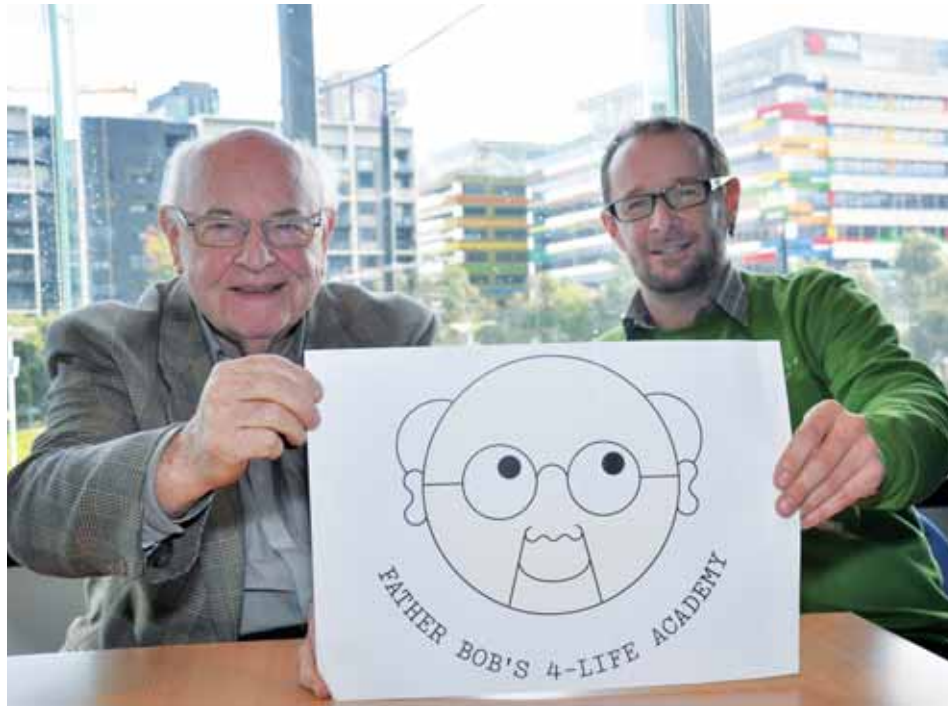
Father Bob explained: "The Academy is a secular humanist organisation which is all about creating better citizens for the future."

The Big Umbrella's Justin Dickinson agrees. "We want to pick up and continue the work that Father Bob started on the streets of Melbourne 30 years ago."

"Docklands is central to the creation of the 4-Life Academy because it will be built on the back of skilled volunteer corporate workers who are concentrated in this suburb," Mr Dickinson said.

The Academy has developed a curriculum which will be delivered by skilled corporate volunteers as part of their regular corporate volunteering program.

"Workers at National Australia Bank, for instance, get two days a year to volunteer their services," Mr Dickinson said. "The difference that we are offering is that we are



Father Bob and Justin Dickinson display their new 4-Life Academy logo at the Docklands Hub.

giving them an opportunity to pass on their actual skills and knowledge that they already have, rather than just contributing their labour as anyone else could do."

Father Bob and Mr Dickinson will be visiting Victorian high schools to educate children about global social justice issues such as child labour and homelessness.

The children will then be invited to come

to Docklands to participate in the 4-Life Academy program, which will be delivered by the skilled corporate volunteers.

The children will be challenged to raise funds for charity and will be taught planning, budgeting, marketing and will be equipped with social media and video making skills.

Father Bob said it was possible for the young graduates of the 4-Life Academy to raise

\$12.5 million over the next five years.

"We will be suggesting a target of \$500 for each of them and, if we reach 5000 kids a year, the skilled contributions of the corporate volunteers can be indirectly turned into significant funding for charity and aid relief around the world," Fr Bob said.

The academy will soon be making approaches to government for funding for a core staff of facilitators. It will also shortly be approaching Docklands corporations seeking involvement from skilled volunteers.

The 4-Life Academy will be simultaneously offering a "Skills 4-Life" stream for marginalised young people which would concentrate on providing positive role-models and mentors.

The Rotary Club of Docklands is already working with the 4-Life Academy on this aspect of the program.

The club has already arranged excursions for marginalised young people to the Medibank Icehouse and Etihad Stadium.

Governance of the 4-Life Academy is to be undertaken by an independent board mostly comprising Docklanders.

The entity will be established as a company with limited guarantee.

Anyone interesting in helping the 4-Life Academy can contact Mr Dickinson on **0426 816 456** or justin@thebigumbrella.org

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Docklands 2605 / 50 Lorimer Street
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Docklands 1406 / 60 Siddeley Street
FANTASTIC WATER VIEWS
2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$530,000
Inspect By appointment

This spacious two bedroom apartment offers executive living with fingertip convenience. The large master bedroom offers terrace access and built in robes. The fully fitted, modern kitchen and large open plan living area spill on to the terrace which overlooks the beautiful Yarra River. Situated on the 14th floor in this much sought after and highly desired Flinders Wharf complex, this apartment is complimented by full use of the impressive facilities which include a gymnasium, steam room, sauna room, spa and lap pool.



Docklands 1502 / 60 Siddeley St
WHAT VIEWS < WHAT AN APARTMENT
3 bed 3 bath 2 car
Private sale \$1.3m
Inspect By appointment

This 15th Level, Sub Penthouse apartment is located in the stunning Flinders Wharf building. Consisting of 3 spacious bedrooms including master with WIR, ensuite and spa bath, 2 bathrooms, 3 toilets, large dining and lounge areas and a fully appointed kitchen including built in coffee machine, and wine fridge. Large wrap around terrace that gives you amazing views over The Yarra River, Crown Casino, Southbank and Docklands and views over the bay. Also having access to a large storage room.



Docklands 1604 / 60 Siddeley Street
3 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$750,000
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.



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Welcome to your backyard

By Peter Crowley

In the heart of winter and in an inner-suburb oft-compared with a concrete jungle, who expects to find space to grow vegetables or to find a public park where the plants grown are not the usual shrubs, flowers and trees but food?

The pocket park that annexes Victoria Green, the new Docklands Community Garden is just such a space and, across the entire metropolitan landscape, it is almost without parallel.

The Docklands Community Garden, at the corner of Geographe St and Kerra Way, Victoria Harbour, is to be officially opened at an event from 11 am on Sunday, July 15.

The garden will come to life at the opening with music, food and celebrations and special guest gardener, Vasili from Channel 31's *Vasili's Garden*.

The garden is abundantly planted with herbs and vegetables and has become the defacto backyard and regular meeting place for a determined group of gardening-minded Docklanders.

It is a new-age park and a visionary concept that makes a statement. That statement says that food production and urban development can occur side-by-side, that a park can also be a food garden and that residents of a suburb can be handed the reins to manage a local park.

Its development recognises that parks might play a new role in the urban future. Just as they accommodate other forms of popular activity and recreation, like ball games, picnics and play, they can also provide for another highly popular recreational pursuit – gardening.

The Docklands garden is also an experiment of sorts. With no fences, no private plots

and shared produce, it is not a traditional community garden. Authorities are gambling that the public can manage the park – instead of the usual garden contractors. The journey ahead will be interesting.

All Docklanders should get behind this wonderful new productive park. Residents should join in activity, help make the garden a success and respect the work done by others.

Local workers should use the garden supportively – help keep it tidy, respect its organic nature and not litter or smoke – and perhaps look for ways to donate, fundraise and offer support.

In the year ahead, the Docklands Community Garden Group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are at 6.30 at the Hub (80 Harbour Esplanade) but may occur in the garden in the warmer months.

The group holds a formal garden activity on the third Sunday of every month starting at noon.

These meetings and activities will be further advertised in this paper. At any other time, the community is invited to be active in the garden to plant things when space is available and, if you have contributed to the garden, then you may also take from the garden – sparingly and sharingly.

Docklands is gradually emerging to define the city of the future – a mixed-use suburb where people live, work, recreate ... and now also cultivate!

The success of the Docklands Garden can influence the future provision of parks across the city, so let's make it work!



New president for Docklands Rotary

Joseph Ebbage is the new president of the Rotary Club of Docklands.

Mr Ebbage (left) was inducted into his new role by Rotary Assistant Governor Tony Wells at the club's regular meeting at Watermark on June 26. The club meets at Watermark every Tuesday at 6 pm except on the first Tuesday of the month when it meets at 12.30 pm.

Battle for more parking

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner has taken up the fight for more parking in Docklands.

Mr Gardner says trends towards less parking in residential developments is only making existing problems worse.

One of Docklands' latest apartment developments, Serrata in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour has more than twice as many apartments as parking spaces.

"Plans to further slash car spaces in apartment blocks may please developers and environmentalists and encourage use of public transport, but it is of no help," Mr Gardner said. "It is detrimental for resident, commercial or visitor parking and access."

"Many high-rise apartment buildings

provide no visitor parking at all and apparently the latest idea is to provide none for residents either. Of course there already is totally inadequate on-street parking," Mr Gardner said.

"Open-air, off-street parking is available only as long as the land is not built on, and as such, is progressively diminishing."

"The nearest under-cover parking can be a good distance away with no cover when walking. There is likely to be more traffic congestion, not less."

"How are restaurants and retailers supposed to survive with this? Are parents, grandparents, visitors or anybody else expected to take public transport, often with one or more transit changes, especially in cold weather?"

"Are visitors expected to trudge through open areas in bad weather to get to a restaurant?"

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Voter definition slammed

Melbourne councillor Jackie Watts is crying foul over a decision last month by Local Government Minister Jeanette Powell to formally grant municipal voting rights to new residents of one month or more.

Cr Watts believes the practice further disadvantages residential voters against the dominant voice of business interests in City of Melbourne elections.

Cr Watts said: "It is a disingenuous move by a cynical Minister for Local Government demonstrating contempt for grassroots democracy."

She said out of 104,000 eligible voters within the City of Melbourne, 60 per cent were non-resident (off-shore or interstate) and 25 per cent were corporate voters (nominees or deemed).

It is these corporate voters who Cr Watts believes will exploit the one-month-minimum required legitimised by Mrs Powell via amendment of the City of Melbourne Act in Parliament on June 7.

She said the amendment was flawed as it did not require the voter to be an Australian citizen.

"The Minister also asserts that 'one month residency' eligibility in the Act is consistent with the state electoral roll but this is nonsense as the state roll has three requisite eligibility tests, including citizenship," she said.

Mrs Powell said: "This is a sensible

amendment that accords with past practice and reflects the fact that the City of Melbourne has a broad, inclusive franchise."

But Cr Watts said, rather than reform an illegitimate practice, Ms Powell had merely legislated to legitimise it – further disenfranchising resident voters.

Cr Watts said the Minister only took action because she (Cr Watts) had gone to the Victorian Ombudsman with the issue.

"Now we have the absurd situation where our Minister for Local Government has inserted a 'cover-up' corrective clause in the CoM Act in an attempt to ensure that this highly contentious eligibility residency 'test' imposed without authority by the council is somehow legitimised," Cr Watts said.

"Obviously this latest 'tinkering' is an absurdly unsatisfactory outcome in the short-term, but good leverage in that it builds the case and vindicates CoRBA's (Coalition of Resident and Business Associations) and my stance in calling for an independent review of the entire CoM Act."

"This is important to us all. Who should actually make decisions about our city?" she said.



Acting Chief Commissioner Tim Cartwright and Police Minister Peter Ryan show off the new building.

Police complex for Docklands

There will be more police in Docklands than ever from 2015 following the announcement on July 3 of a \$230 million police complex to be built on the corner of Spencer and LaTrobe streets.

Docklanders won't notice much difference in a police presence as the operation police station which serves our area is merely moving from Flinders St to the new location in a different area of Docklands.

But there will be an extra 1600 police officers and staff moving into the area, primarily from the decommissioning of the police complex in St Kilda Rd.

The 27,000 sqm, 12-storey complex will become home to, amongst other police units, the city's crime department, intelligence and covert support departments as well as the City West Police Station.

Speaking at the launch of the project, Acting

Chief Commissioner Tim Cartwright said the move was logical because the city was growing towards Docklands.

He said the former Australia Post Mail Centre site was ideally situated to freeway access, public transport, the legal precinct and to the King St trouble spot in the CBD.

The design scheme allows for two distinct buildings connected by a shared floor, separating the operational tower from a clearly identifiable police station, which will be the largest and most prominent in Melbourne.

Police Minister Peter Ryan said the State Government was contributing \$68 million towards fitting out the building which police would lease from a consortium led by Cbus Property until at least 2035.

He said he expected the Docklands community to be safer when the complex becomes operational

"The City West Police Complex will be highly visible for those travelling to prominent congregation points in and around Spencer St," he said.

Birthday party at The Hub

Docklands community centre, The Hub, will celebrate its fifth birthday on Saturday, July 28 with a series of activities for the whole family.

Running between 10 am and 1 pm, staff are putting on the "biggest and best event yet".

"We will have a petting zoo, a jumping castle and face-painting for the little ones, music and free classes for the older ones and food and birthday cake for everyone," a spokesperson said.

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Students try to seal the loop

By Georgina Hoggett

Melbourne City School (MCS) students are campaigning for action to prevent Victoria Harbour's seals from danger posed by waste fishing line.

The primary students have been to the Docklands a number of times and have noticed plastic waste floating in the water. And then they met Silva the seal at Melbourne Zoo

Silva is a happy and playful seal, but students soon noticed the huge scar on her neck, the result of becoming entangled in a plastic fishing line, a horrific accident which almost killed her.

Shocked, the students listened as zoo education officers helped them understand the harm that discarded waste can cause to marine life.

When visiting Docklands again and thinking about Silva, the students made the decision that action needed to be taken.

"I was very worried when I saw the amount of rubbish and fishing lines floating in the water - seals could choke or become tangled and die. It was very upsetting. We wouldn't want to live in it, why should seals?" said Bella, from year four.



The walk back from Docklands was abuzz with conversation about how marine life could be protected from the devastating effects that waste such as plastic bags, bottles, fishing lines and nets can have if they are discarded in our waters.

Following further research, discussion and reflection, students decided upon a Docklands Clean-Up Day to raise awareness and also to implement the longer-term strategy of raising funds for the Melbourne City Council to install Seal the Loop Bins.

Seal the Loop bins are made from recycled plastic, and are specially designed to collect fishing waste and help reduce the rate of marine life entanglement.

Student representative and learning advisor Beth Stewart has met with the City of Melbourne's Waterway Unit to identify locations for the bins and discuss how the MCS students' campaign could be incorporated into the Recreational Fishing Strategy.

Ms Stewart has watched and encouraged as students have developed ways of raising funds for their Seal the Loop campaign.

"It has allowed students to consider ways in which they can make a difference, link to the local community and fostered a collaborative attitude that has supported them in all other areas of their learning," she said.

At \$150 per bin, Melbourne City School students are aiming big - one bin will not be enough! Last month students from Years 3 and 4 hosted a market day with stalls selling cupcakes, sandwiches and environmentally-friendly, reusable canvas shopper bags embellished with hand-designed, eco-messages.

The students' hard work paid off with \$425 being raised by the event, ensuring students are well on the way to their aim of four Seal the Loop bins for Docklands.

For more information about Melbourne City School's Seal the Loop campaign, how to support it or to register your interest in the Docklands Clean Up Day, contact the school on 9433 9973 or enquiries@mcs.vic.edu.au

Tracey is a winner

Tracey Cotroneo is the winner of Docklands News' June Facebook competition.

Tracey wins a dinner for two at Oscar's Table in NewQuay to the value of \$200.

She was one of many who "Liked" our Facebook page during June.

The Avondale Heights woman (pictured right) is very excited about a night out in Docklands - without her young son.

"My little boy's name is Oscar, so when I saw the name of the restaurant, I thought it sounded like a great place to check out," she said.

"I was super excited when I read your email and look forward to a night out with my husband (sans kids)."

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Docklands hit by mail thefts

Docklands residents have been warned not to let people follow them into their towers following a spate of mail thefts.

Previously common only in Sydney, police say the practice of using residents' mail to steal their identities spread to the Melbourne CBD and Docklands this year.

Det-Sgt Jason Owen said the Melbourne Crime Unit had successfully prosecuted thieves for mail thefts in Docklands twice this year and charges in a third case had been laid.

The latest incident led to central Docklands being sealed off on June 12 while police bomb disposal experts dealt with explosives allegedly found in the defendant's car, but police say this was unrelated to the alleged mail thefts.

Det-Sgt Owen said the first sign of trouble was when Docklands victims showed up on "deception files" in February and March this year.

"We locked up two and then locked up another two a little while later," Det-Sgt Owen said. "And then we had the incident last week."

He said mail thieves used a number of techniques, ranging from reaching inside mail boxes, breaking boxes open and even being in possession of master keys.

Det-Sgt Owen said apartment towers were particularly attractive to mail thieves

because they could generally work undisturbed and there was a significant concentration of mail boxes.

He said thieves would typically collect documents used by banks as identification when opening accounts or applying for credit cards such as utility bills and bank statements.

Other scams included cashing cheques or accepting consumer offers for interest-free purchases.

Det-Sgt Owen said it was not unusual for the thieves to later return to the same mail box to "collect" their new credit cards.

"People don't generally know this has happened until they are notified of transactions they have not made," Det-Sgt Owen said.

Closed circuit television (CCTV) is an important weapon against mail theft but Det-Sgt Owen said some Docklands towers needed to improve their effectiveness.

He said the best way to request a police response to a mail theft in progress was to dial 000. Otherwise, he said, the Melbourne Crime Unit could be contacted on **9247 5413**.

Fashion journey for third-year students

"The Journey" was a fashion exhibition held at Docklands' Hub on Friday, June 15 by Box Hill Institute fashion students.

This event was a major assessment task for the subject Special Event Management and Marketing and students were asked to create a concept for an event as well as to plan and execute the event as a group project over 13 weeks.

The "journey" concept involved using live mannequins in a gallery setting.

Student Stephanie Mastromanno said the purpose of the event was to showcase

students' fashion ranges developed over the three years of their course and also to provide an opportunity for the students to network with industry professionals.

"The ultimate aim was to produce a surreal and memorable experience for the guests," Ms Mastromanno said.

About 80 guests attended the event and Ms Mastromanno said feedback had been very positive.



Commercial Quarter for NewQuay

MAB Corporation has announced its intention to build a new \$250 million, 35,000 sqm, commercial development which will bring a further 3500 office workers to NewQuay.

Occupying an entire block on Docklands Drive, The Quarter will comprise four buildings of between 6000 and 11,000 sqm on individually-shaped allotments, separated by interconnecting laneways.

Designed by the architectural firm Hassell, the environmentally sustainable buildings have been planned to achieve a 5 Star Green Star and 5 Star NABERS rating.

MAB's general manager, commercial and industrial, Richard Johnston, said the development was unique in that it provided

an opportunity that some organisations would not have considered possible at Docklands.

"The Quarter provides an opportunity for tenants from 4000 square metres to pre-commit and launch a new building, designed to an organisation's exact specifications, right on the doorstep of Melbourne's CBD with the additional advantage of exclusive naming rights," he said.

"It's a highly-flexible arrangement to suit the tenant's requirements and, importantly, one that can be delivered within a 15-month timeframe," Mr Johnston said.

He said the project masterplan had taken inspiration from Melbourne's laneways and would include an intimate central piazza designed to deliver CBD amenity to staff and a vibrant heart to NewQuay.

"This area will fast become a highly-visible and active community space which will be easily accessible via pedestrian-friendly laneways," Mr Johnston said.

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Celebrity soup is appealing

By Chilli Anderson

The Feed Melbourne campaign wrapped up in Docklands on June 26 with a soup lunch to raise funds for struggling food charities.

In collaboration with 30 of Melbourne's top chefs, the not-for-profit organisation FareShare hopes to give up to \$10,000 to more than 30 Melbourne food charities this year.

Located on the corner of Bourke St and the Harbour Esplanade, each chef cooked 40 litres of soup for the lunch appeal at \$5 per cup – and a roll could be added for an extra gold coin donation.

FareShare CEO Marcus Godinho was among the volunteers helping with the campaign.

"For quality soup that's pretty cheap if you ask me," Mr Godinho said. "This campaign is powered by donations and volunteers. Every dollar is tax deductible and every cent goes to a food charity," added Mr Godinho, who seemed very pleased with the turnout.

More than two million Australians a year turn to food charities for support.

Food charities nominate for grants and funds will be distributed on a needs basis. Funds could go towards new facilities or



even a pantry but, inevitably, will help more struggling Australian families.

Most food charities focus their efforts on the homeless and unemployed. This is an area in which FareShare and Feed Melbourne are unique. They focus their funds and resources on the ever-growing trend of the working poor.

"These people and families work, but

struggle to sometimes put nutritious food on the table. These are the people we are trying to help," Mr Godinho said.

FareShare rescues surplus quality food from supermarkets and other local food sources.

For more information on Feed Melbourne or FareShare visit www.feedmelbourne.org.au and www.fareshare.net.au

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As construction continues on the Southern Star Observation Wheel, the Docklands precinct can start preparing for an eye-catching launch and dazzling light show to announce the emergence of a major tourist attraction for Melbourne.

Adverse weather, an extremely complex construction and demanding occupational health and safety restrictions continue to make it difficult for the manufacturer to provide an exact opening date for an expectant Docklands community.

But it will occur - representing a valuable part of the Waterfront City development project comprising a range of retail, leisure, entertainment, residential and commercial assets.

The Southern Star comprises the largest single investment in a tourism attraction in Australia for 20 years and is expected to inject tremendous impetus into the entire Docklands precinct.

After operating for an initial period, a routine inspection exposed a structural design

flaw which could have led, over time, to performance issues.

Following a comprehensive design review led by the manufacturer Sanoyas Rides Corporation, in consultation with a group of national and international engineering experts, it was decided that the Southern Star should be redesigned and rebuilt under the existing manufacturer's warranty.

It will incorporate one of the largest linear LED lighting installations in the world. More than 3 kilometres of tubing will be capable of creating over 15 million different light combinations, which can also be synchronised to music.

Just to be in Docklands to watch the light show will be an unforgettable experience.

An onsite incident in November 2011 required the method of winching and rotation of the Southern Star to be reviewed and resulted in a revised work method procedure being implemented.

The new methodology was used in the installation of the fourth large section of the outer rim in June and is being used currently in the installation of the final three large outer rim sections.

The positioning of the 21 air-conditioned glass viewing cabins will follow the completion of the outer rim.



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Connecting at Northwharf

Eighty Docklanders came together for some end-of-financial-year business networking last month at the quarterly Docklands News Networking Lunch.

The June 22 lunch was one of the best so far with patrons being impressed with the Wharf Hotel and its great location on the river in front of the World Trade Centre at Northwharf.

The last guests left after 4pm and, as usual, plenty of business cards were exchanged and new contacts made.

The lunch was address to Asset 1 WTC strategic director Philip Hill, who outlined the current state of the historic Shed 5 redevelopment, his plans for a water taxi between Northwharf and the city and the

establishment of a fund to renovate the Mission to Seafarers building.

Mr Hill's address is reported separately on page XX of this edition.

Fiona Hoppe of Servcorp won the door prize, which was generously donated by Jetts Fitness – a two-month membership including a session with a personal trainer.

The next lunch will be held in September. A venue is yet to be chosen, but will be announced in the August edition of *Docklands News*.



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Short-stay – alliances grow

By Melissa Chen

As the serviced apartment issue continues, alliances are being formed. We see two teams with different interests taking different stands. It is commercial versus political.

Team commercial consists of the serviced apartment operators who are currently resisting a regulatory attempt to force them to operate as hotels.

This team is championed by VicShortStay, an industry group which is encouraging local short-stay accommodation businesses to maintain high community standards by adopting the recently-developed Holiday Rental Conduct Code.

VicShortStay has 13,000 short-stay properties on its books which are currently under threat from a City of Melbourne action designed to close them down.

VicShortStay is lobbying for self-regulation rather than an abolishment of the industry. It does not condone the actions of rogue operators who have been undermining the industry.

Team political is formed by owners' corporations, the City of Melbourne and residents.

Arkley Owners' Corporation chairman Roger Gardner said: "Interests are being expressed at a political level."

Mr Gardner heads a new group of owners' corporation chairs which, among other issues, is gearing up to battle short-term accommodation in residential towers. He said similar groups in Queensland and New South Wales were similarly mobilising.

On the question of self-regulation for the industry, Mr Gardner said: "Any control system that regulates an industry is good; having a controlling body that specifies rules of conduct and has the power to impose

sanctions on members for non-compliance is a big step forward. Such a regulatory system would be good for Victoria."

Melbourne MHR Adam Bandt said better management of serviced apartments was needed to protect permanent residents from unacceptable noise and disturbances, and to protect properties and buildings from damage.

Mr Bandt said: "Serviced apartments should require a planning permit. The State Government and the Planning Minister should work with the council to alter the Docklands zone in the Melbourne Planning Scheme and exclude serviced apartments from being a permitted use."

Last August the City of Melbourne asked the Australian Building Codes Board to amend the classification of class 2 buildings in the Building Code of Australia (BCA) to identify that it does not apply to buildings being used for short-term accommodation.

If serviced apartment operators are forced to comply with class 3 building regulations, it is expected that most will leave the industry because it would be too costly to comply.

The council has not heard whether or not its request has been accepted.

Mr Gardner said a problem with short-stay rentals was short-stay tenants who threw parties and caused disruptions to the long-term residents. Noise and vandalism were the main concerns, he said.

On the other hand, short-stay operators say council should not be wasting ratepayers' money by pursuing legitimate and legal enterprises.

Operator Paul Salter said: "It is ridiculous to assume that short term tenants are any different from long-term tenants."

VicShortStay spokesperson Andrea Wilson shares his view, saying: "The actions taken by the Melbourne City Council will not solve the issue of noise regulations by any resident both short or long-term."

Mr Salter said 99 per cent of owners of short-term businesses did not condone parties with high levels of disturbances.

"In my five or six years running the business, there were only two such parties. When it came to our attention that there was a party going on in the building, the police were called and within half an hour, the tenants were evicted," Mr Salter said.

"I can say that there are parties going on in long-term accommodations as well."

His Docklands Executive Apartments (DEA) business was recently awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence award for 2012. The accolade is only given to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on TripAdvisor and honours excellence.

Ms Wilson said: "We have a zero tolerance for parties, clearly outlined in each business's operating terms and conditions."

She said short-stay accommodation businesses adopting the code of conduct respected the privacy of local residences and had implemented clear strategies to minimise any noise disturbances.

At least both teams can agree on the importance of tourism to Docklands.

"Tourism is important to Melbourne, but there needs to be better management of serviced apartments in Docklands," Mr Bandt said.

Mr Salter said council's efforts to shut down the short-term accommodation industry would have a huge impact on tourism, and would destroy local businesses.

"Restaurants would be the first to go, I reckon," he said.

Ms Wilson said: "A dismissal of short-stay accommodation would not only adversely limit accommodation options for visitors to Victoria but eliminate the potential to develop and offer a variety of much-needed accommodation and tourism services."

Docklands opens to the public

Docklands has plenty on offer this year for the annual Open House Melbourne days on July 28 and 29.

The event provides people with a free and unique opportunity to discover a hidden wealth of architectural and historic wonders nestled around Melbourne.

This year, there are several buildings in Docklands opening to the public for the first time.

Included in the program is Forté, Australia's first high-rise apartment and the tallest in the world using Cross Laminated Timber (CLT). People will have the opportunity to walk through a partially complete apartment and see up close the revolutionary new material to Australia.

Luxury residential apartment building, Convesso Concavo, in Victoria Harbour is also taking part. The building officially reaches completion in early August.

Other buildings around Docklands involved in Open House Melbourne include Central Pier, the Innovation Building in Digital Harbour, Goods Shed North, Mission to Seafarers and The Kangan Institute Automotive Centre of Excellence.

Open House spokesperson Robert Larocca said "In five short years Open House Melbourne has become a major winter event in the city. Last year there were 106,000 visits to 75 buildings and, with 100 buildings this year, it is expected to be even more popular."

For more detail on the buildings open over the weekend and a full program, visit www.openhousemelbourne.org

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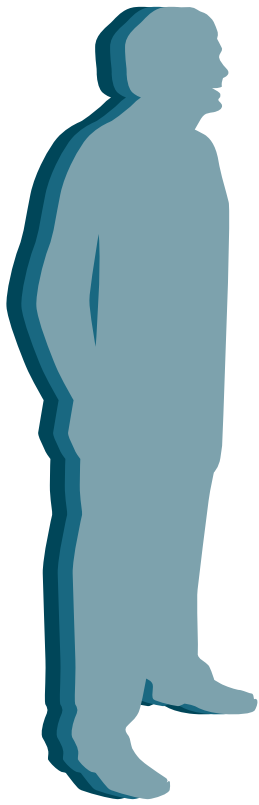
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Docklands' money man

There wouldn't be too many people in Australia who know more about money than Docklander Shane Tregillis.

The Chief Ombudsman of the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) has been working in Docklands for about nine months now and is slowly warming to the place.

Where most of us look at Docklands as a remarkable achievement, Mr Tregillis spent the first decade of the 21st century in Singapore and has witnessed what is possible in urban renewal projects.

But, being diplomatic about his new working home, he chooses his words carefully and, rather than being critical, hints at "lost opportunities" and concedes that Docklands is a "work in progress".

"It takes a bit of adjusting to," he said. But he was also quick to praise the progress in available services to his office location at 717 Bourke St in the nine months that he has been there.

"The increase in the number of coffee shops and other outlets around this building means it is much more lively," he said. "It's great to have places where we can walk to. So it's starting to get there."

"The most recent exciting news for me is the suggestion of a ferry service. If Docklands was to become a commuting hub, that would add a very exciting dimension."

Mr Tregillis returned to Melbourne from Singapore in 2010 after holding the position of deputy managing director (market conduct) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), where he was responsible



for capital market and business conduct regulation.

He then briefly worked as a commissioner at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) before putting his hand up for the financial ombudsman's job.

He has always worked in financial regulation and well understands the need for the trust and confidence of both consumers and financial institutions if the ombudsman's office is to be effective.

"We are in partnership," he said. "To operate effectively we are a body that has to have the confidence and trust of both consumers and financial services providers."

The Financial Ombudsman Service is an

independent company self-funded by membership levies and case fees (but is free to consumers). It covers about 80 per cent of disputes in Australia over banking, investment or insurance issues.

Last year FOS handled about 30,000 disputes, with a clear emphasis on encouraging the parties to settle their differences before contacting the ombudsman.

The service moved to Docklands so it could accommodate its 270 staff which came together from a merger nearly four years ago of a number of related ombudsman offices.

"We are well and truly settled in Docklands now," Mr Tegillis said.

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Penthouse pets

Victoria Point penthouse dwellers Wrinkle and Swirly tend to polarise opinions of people they meet as they are pushed around the streets of Melbourne.

The six-year-old “babies” are lavished with an inordinate amount of attention from their owner Tiffany and her family.

Many Docklanders would have come across the dogs being transported through local streets in a pram.

Tiffany says the pram is simply practical. The dogs get more than enough exercise and are carried in the pram because they just can't keep up with her strenuous walking regime.

But with her dogs having taken to the pram, the opportunities have multiplied. Tiffany says she can take the pooches everywhere – even where dogs are not normally allowed – simply by dropping the covers down and pretending that a child is sleeping inside.

“I can take them to restaurants and into all the shops by closing them up in the pram,” she said. “They're really good and never make a sound.”

The dogs use the pram to sleep in at home, but only enjoy it if they are together.

Tiffany's mother Issis says photos of the two dogs are all around the world.

Their unique transportation style and

extensive wardrobe have ensured that they are often photographed by international tourists.

“They're little celebrities who have put smiles on the faces of people all over the world,” she said.

The family has been in Docklands for about six months, having been away from Victoria for the past four years, briefly living in Noosa, the Gold Coast and Sydney.

Issis said they were looking forward to a Melbourne winter and chose Docklands because it had water views while still being very close to the city.

Tiffany said people often reacted negatively to the dogs being transported in style.

“It doesn't worry me that people object,” she said. “And for every two negative comments, they would be at least five positive ones.”

As far as Issis is concerned, Wrinkle and Swirly enjoy the same status and rights within the family as her daughters Tiffany and Deanna.

“I treat the dogs no different than I treat my daughters,” she said. “They bring us so much joy, watching them and enjoying their personalities.”



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Greetings everybody.

Following the community forum in March co-hosted by Places Victoria and council, they have released a proposed structure for continuing consultation with the community.

Our editor Shane is reporting on this elsewhere in this edition. The proposal is for three-to-five meetings per year, with a committee of up to 12 selected members, including as-of-right membership by the DCA, chamber of commerce and Destination Docklands.

This is an improvement over the present system of ad hoc presentations to the community, given at times by council and Places Victoria on decisions already made.

We hope that notice will be taken of the community input and it will not become a lip-service process.

Additionally, we had requested that we be given representation on the Strategic

Planning Group, the next level up, composed of officers, so that we could have a say in the recommendations. Unfortunately this has not been adopted but we will continue to push for that.

In all, it is a step forward but “the proof of the pudding will be in the eating”.

I suggest a top priority issue is the redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade, which we will be pushing at these new consultation meetings. It will give the Docklands' image a big lift. The trouble is how long is it going to take to get started! According to the Council's Public Realm Plan it is scheduled like a lot of other things for 2015 to 2020. That's too long!

There is still no decision yet from Minister Guy on the Waterfront City piazza redevelopment proposed by MAB, to which residents and the council raised significant objections. No news is good news.

I met with the State Shadow Minister for Planning, Brian Te, last week at his request so he could find out first-hand about the experience in Docklands in terms of

infrastructure problems and planning issues.

He wants to take our experience onboard for consideration in future planning, including the proposed new high-rise suburban developments. As well, he will assist us.

Docklands Rotary, in conjunction with the DCA, is organising a “meet the candidates” night to be held shortly in the Watermark. Shane is providing further details in this edition. It is to hear from and question candidates for the by-election for the State Seat vacated by Bronwyn Pike.

I was able to get a letter published in the *Herald Sun* on Saturday, June 16 defending Docklands following the articles canning the wheel. The letter said the wheel, already partly rebuilt, is a drawcard but it is not the sole feature of Docklands and the redevelopment of the Esplanade will provide a central attraction, together with reintroduction of ferries and other projects.

On another note, I am chairing a combined group of owners' corporation chairs of major buildings in the CBD and Docklands, the

purpose of which is to review and discuss areas of common concern including development planning, owners' corporation legislation and management. The group will be able to lobby Government and other authorities as required.

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

PS: Due to members relocating and illness, etc, we are in need of more committee members. It's not a big job! We meet only bi-monthly. If interested, give me a call.

Great to be in touch again.

Sincerely

Roger Gardner
President DCA



It is mid-winter in Docklands. We have just seen winter solstice come and go. The good news is that the days will now start to get longer as we head into summer via spring.

Work has started again on the wheel. Whatever you think about the wheel, it is the centre of attention in Docklands. They say all publicity is good publicity! Well there is no question that when the wheel does get turning again, it won't be without a great deal of media interest! I say bring it on, and have a good close look at Docklands. We are simply a great place to discover.

If you need further convincing, let me tell you that Father Bob Maguire has come to Docklands. He has set up his offices temporarily at the Hub until he can find a more permanent place to operate from in Docklands. An alliance has been formed with Father Bob and the Big Umbrella to work on developing youth programs aimed at giving young kids a sense of worth and purpose through carefully-targeted mentoring programs. These programs will be introduced into schools for Year 8, 9 and 10 to reach those kids at their most formative age to help direct them to make the right

choices in life. All this is taking place right here in Docklands.

The Spiegel tent has moved from its quiet location near Docklands Drive and has relocated at Wonderland Fun Park. It is now playing a pivotal role as a vibrant entertainment hub. Most recently, comedian Jeff Green came to town and performed to a packed house. Akmal Saleh and special guests will be performing a night of stand-up comedy at the venue on Saturday July 14 at 8pm. Tickets are available now.

What else is happening in July? City of Melbourne is laying on fireworks every Friday night in Docklands! From 7pm the harbour and surrounding buildings will light up as spectacular fireworks explode in the night sky over Victoria Harbour! Make sure you plan to bring the family to Docklands. There is \$5 parking in Harbour Town and plenty of restaurants with great views of the spectacle.

You will soon be hearing about plans to bring the Arts and Laughs comedy festival to Docklands in October. This will be similar to the very successful St Kilda Arts and Laughs. Venues around Docklands will provide you with great food and beverage packages to complement the shows. It is all happening here in Docklands.

I attended the June Docklands News Networking Lunch held at the Wharf Hotel. If you have not attended one of these, then you have been missing out on a great opportunity to meet great people from the Docklands community.

This month John Ahern welcomed guests to his hotel and Phil Hill told us of his plans for an amazing development of North Wharf.

More great news for Docklands - Suit up and Ride will be returning to Docklands again in November. Cadel Evans and Matt Goss will once again be supporting this great event to raise money for Orygen Youth Health.

This year the event will be starting later in the day so people can stay longer and enjoy the after-party. I am hearing there is going to be a good line-up of entertainment with some surprising names - so stay tuned and definitely plan to be in Docklands for that one.

All I can say to you good people of Docklands and Melburnians in general is that things are definitely happening here in Docklands. You know the water is our greatest asset. We have plans afoot to create a water link from Federation Square to Docklands.

Already there is a commitment from the City of Melbourne to build a new footbridge linking the new North Wharf precinct to Docklands under the Charles Grimes Bridge.

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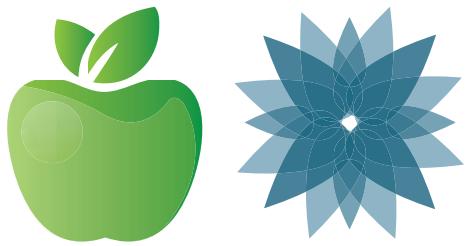
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Genetics v. environment

Everyone knows that, as part of a healthy lifestyle, you need to get active and exercise regularly.

However there exists a large portion of the population which believes, even when they are exercising regularly, they can't achieve physical benefits and, surprisingly, they're right.

Everyone is different and the results of exercise will vary from one person to the next. Currently there is an increasing percentage of the Australian population who are clinically overweight. However the main factor for this increasing percentage is less clear. The debate over the cause focuses on two main areas - genetic factors (metabolism) and environmental factors (increased work hours, less physically-demanding jobs).

We know that we can't change our genetics and we are predisposed to certain physical characteristics. Thus we have a better control over our environment, the types of food we eat, the amount we exercise, our levels of activity and more. Nevertheless, by only changing environment, we might not necessarily see the changes we desire.

Most importantly, we know that exercise increases cardiovascular performance, helps our immune system, fights depression, makes our brains work better, helps us sleep and many other benefits.

We can't let physical changes be the sole motivation for exercise.

Corporate core strength

We are seeing an increase in the amount of hours worked and the amount of hours spent at the desk in a state of inactivity.

As a result many corporate workers are feeling the brunt of these trends in their lower backs.

The lower back region is an extremely important part of the human anatomy, which if not properly looked after can cause numerous lingering health issues.

Purely from an anatomical standpoint, the lower back is significant as it provides strength, support and flexibility, as well as allowing for a range of movements.

Most notably the lower back houses part of the spinal cord, which is responsible for housing the millions of nerve fibres that allow for movement in the lower limbs.

Therefore pain and stiffness in this vital area can lead to decreased productivity at work and an increase in the number of sick days taken.

Australia is one country that has recognised the importance of lower-back health and is actively promoting the benefits that exercise and physical activity has on this area.

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We constantly learn in this world. Every day our hearts and our minds are opened to new experiences – some joyful, some painful, some mundane, some uplifting.

Sometimes we eagerly embrace the learning, we wake with enthusiasm ready to explore a new subject, to understand a new concept, to feel new energy and excitement. Sometimes it just happens and we hardly acknowledge the fact that we are slowly improving, understanding, growing and developing. Othertimes we learn, against our will, kicking and screaming.

Age doesn't seem to matter. I mean, apart from the obvious sort of stuff – you are clearly eager to jump in as a young person to make your mark in the world. Whether you learn right from wrong is a choice you make along the way, but you nevertheless learn one way or other. And being of the "older" generation doesn't mean you're retired from learning anything but how to manage your dentures or your Zimmer frame! It can mean you've learnt what it is to truly sit with conflict, yet find peace. It can mean you've learnt through the lessons in your life how to finally find some balance, no matter how precarious. It can mean you decide to embark on a new training course at 64, having newly-heard with clarity the sound of your own inner voice.

Babies sometimes seem to have learnt from experiences beyond this world. Whilst they focus their curious minds on how to clasp a toy, or bring a soggy square of vegemite toast to their cupid-lipped mouths, they can look past you with such tranquillity and knowledge, seemingly recognising a long-forgotten shadow of a past life just outside your own reach. It seems we are all learning, or realising, pieces of the puzzle of life at all stages of our lives.

Sometimes, despite how many times we are given the lesson, we refuse to learn! Preparing for the end of the financial year (EOFY) is just an example that popped into my head for absolutely no apparent reason. Hmmm. Kicking and screaming, I seem to find myself in the same situation each year – hoping miraculously the receipts have organised themselves into something that will make this year the year I don't feel like a kid fronting up to the headmaster's office. (Maybe next year?). But quite seriously, sometimes we resist what we are meant to be learning and it can take years before we realise we have been facing the same lesson time and time again. It is only in realising we must participate in the lesson to achieve an outcome, or learning, that we can take the next step.

We learn all the time, but maybe it is maturity that allows us to start to value the lessons – and value the emotional connections we can have to those learnings. They are all valid, good and bad, and we can start to accept our journey through the world and all the turns our path takes with a degree of humility and respect. Sometimes we get what we want. Sometimes, despite working hard, we miss it – only to realise that as a result another door has opened. Learning to appreciate everything that life has to offer – the good, the bad and the ugly – I believe is the key to allowing us to really graduate into a place of happiness and acceptance. This is where joy is found in the purity of simple things and love nests in the soul of all living things.

Have a great month
Abby x

WORDPLAY FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

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6. TRENCHCOAT by Susan Wells

Tom remembers...

*Cold Melbourne winter night, breath
wiping out in clouds,*

*Icy breeze on face, the night his life had
changed.*

*Wrapped in old trenchcoat, his
grandfather's gift,*

"Don't tell your father, he'll throw it out!"

*He pushes his cold dishwasher's hands,
Into the big warm pockets.*

*Beauty parade approaches now, women –
a few older men,*

A call to him, he startles.

"Hi Tommy!"

*A blonde waves, long legs in heels, red
dress,*

Aromatic allure draws near,

But a figure steps out of group,

*It's Uncle Luca, beckoning – pulling him
aside*

"Tommy, thank god I've found you,

Now don't go home, trouble back there."

"What do you mean, uncle?"

"Never mind, Tom, just come with us"

Okay, he relents; there's women!

But panicked, he wonders, home?

Pawlu's gambling horde was there

*To claim their share, he's sure,
Much money, he'd discovered
In the basement; WWII chests,
Loaded, locked.*

*Bank notes tied with mystery bands,
Hidden years before,
Explained his family wealth to him,
Sorted out his father's "business"
Cursed money, he concluded.
Uncle Luca will help me out,
Start my own life, in the business.*

Now Tom, recalling all those old memories, stands up and wanders over to the window gazing out to the vista of the harbour. The glister of the boats moored there directs his gaze back to his own reflection, eyeing himself in the big window. A slim, confident younger version of his father, a dismissive character, lingers there, a ghost-like image.

Yes, he thinks, as the click of the Docklands apartment door marks Kate's entrance, we definitely need to get out, but I'll see what she's planning, she can't know of all this ...

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Docklands is sent an angel

Local music identity Richard Zatorski is bringing his international hits from the '80s to Watermark in Docklands on Thursday nights during July.

Richard was a founding member and music composer for Australian rock band Real Life in the 1980s. He has a recording studio in Docklands and has recently formed a new band called The Zatorski Orchestra.

The band will play new material as well as old favourites such as *Send me an Angel* which burst onto the international stage in 1983 and stayed at the top of the German and European charts for five weeks.

Richard left Real Life in 1986 to become a contracted song-writer for EMI Publishing in Europe and became a solo recording artist in his own right.

His journey took him around the world, atop the Berlin Wall when it came down, back to Melbourne, through a law degree and eventually back to music.

"I found I was far more comfortable as a bum," he laughed.

Some years ago he came across Dante Mastrantuono in Hardware Lane in Melbourne's CBD where they both operated businesses.

Coincidentally, they have crossed paths again here in Docklands - Richard with his

recording studio and Dante with Watermark - both in Victoria Harbour.

Dante has offered him the gig at Watermark and Richard is keen to use it as a launching pad for The Zatorski Orchestra.

The Zatorski Orchestra are: Richard Zatorski - bass/vocals; Trevor Warren - drums/vocals; and Serghei Majeru-Rozenberg - guitar.

The band is starting the Watermark

residency on Thursday evenings in July at 8.00pm.

They will be playing a selection of material from their album *Between 2 Worlds* as well as revisiting the music from the first two Real Life albums *Heartland* and *Flame* that Richard has not performed since leaving Real Life.

The performances are free and will be held on July 5, 12, 19 and 26.



Letter to the Editor



Strip council functions

As a constitutionalist I pursue a return to our constitutional values and the stripping of municipal councils of their de facto government functions to let them return to their real job which is to represent the ratepayers' interests.

It should be a voice of the ratepayers and not act opposite to it.

Those who invested their monies into residential properties should be heard and their united voice should be listened to.

State governments are there to govern for the whole of the state and municipal councils should represent the ratepayers' interests. That is not eventuating and because of this so many problems have already arisen and more will because of the vacuum of representation.

As an independent candidate I will pursue a return to our constitutional values for

the ratepayers. Your vote will be crucial as if you vote for a political party you may vote for more of the same, whereas if you vote 1 Schorel-Hlavka you may finally elect a representative to the State Parliament who will seek a return of values including appropriate representation for Docklands residents and businesses alike.

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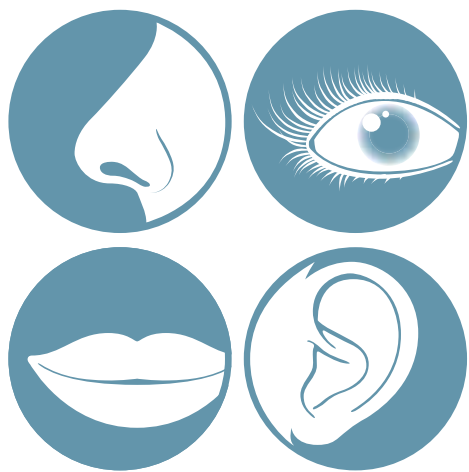
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DOCKLANDS SECRETS

We were wrong

You know how we told you the crispy-brown Norfolk Island Pines along Harbour Esplanade were alive?

Well, they're not. Especially not now that they have been dug up, loaded on trucks and removed.

Of course, we didn't believe they were alive either. But that's what the experts told us.

Contractors replaced four suspect trees late last month and Docklands is now well and truly short of spare trees.

Three were removed to allow for the construction of The Quays on the corner of Docklands Drive, but they are expected to be returned.

So, touch wood, no more trees fail to fire. Or we might start getting gaps in the growing forest that will hopefully become an iconic symbol of our suburb.



MADE IN HEAVEN WITH ANGELINA MAY

How compatible are you and your partner?

What are the working dynamics of your relationship?

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

DJD

You require your partners to give you their unconditional loyalty and allegiance but, due to you needing to control and feel superior, sometimes you resort to subtle manipulation and insidious mind-games to achieve one-upmanship on your partner.

These traits unfortunately leave you with much power in the relationship but very little of the joy, vitality and spontaneous change that keeps things interesting.

There is a part of you that is insecure and needs to know that you are needed more than wanted. You desperately want an equal relationship but feel threatened when your partner is as strong and capable as you are.

If you can learn to appreciate others' vulnerabilities without taking advantage of this to prove potency, you can be a wonderfully sensitive, supportive and exciting partner.

You enjoy stability and routine but sometimes feel stifled by this and need your partner to break you out of your self-imposed rut.

Abbey

You appreciate and attract powerful partners who are intense and require a great deal of your time. Whilst you enjoy the intensity of these relationships you also feel quite stifled and controlled.

You surrender your power too easily in relationships and due to your loyalty, give up your passions and dreams too easily and then feel resentful.

Once you recognise this, your first reaction is to leave the relationship rather than stay and negotiate terms that better suit your needs. But this only leads you to then find and attract the same situation that will lead you down the same path.

Your lesson in life is to love without being controlled and to give without depleting your own reserves. Whilst you enjoy having a powerful partner who is able to move you to do things you wouldn't ordinarily do, you must always keep your own interests firmly in mind.

You need to work through these powerful control issues and learn to get what you want and need out of a relationship without compromising your values and still honoring the other.

Outcome of relationship:

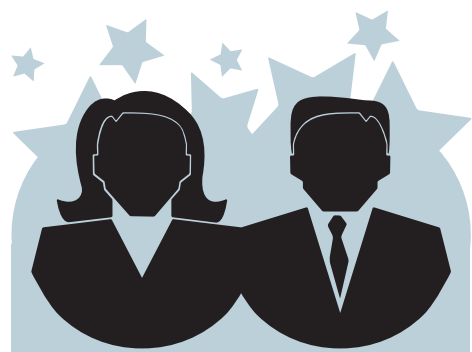
This is a very bonded, powerful relationship which will have deep transforming possibilities. You spark each other in a way that forces you both to grow and change. This may not be pleasant at times but it will, nonetheless, keep you both there. Your psychological connection is intense and your interactions both sexually and in business are powerful.

Your values, beliefs and life purpose will be changed forever through your connection. Despite this intensity you really do like each other and are essentially the best of friends who want nothing but the best for each other.

You both value your freedom and yet crave commitment so you both need to work through these issues. If you are prepared to work through the heavy stuff together, you can build a life of peace, joy and tranquility with enough excitement to keep you both excited and on your toes.

DJD is teaching Abbey about bonding deeply without losing herself in relationships and Abbey is teaching DJD about values, beliefs and breaking through deeply-ingrained negative habits.

You both have worldly goals and each of you is ambitious in the material business world. All in all, this relationship is eight out of 10 - if the above is acknowledged and dealt with.



DJD

February 18, 1960
North Node in Virgo
Mars in Capricorn
Moon is Scorpio

Abbey

December 28, 1961
North Node in Virgo
Mars in Cancer
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Featured terminology

North Node - The hardest lesson we have to learn. In Virgo it is setting boundaries.

South Node - Where we are most complacent but get little reward or satisfaction.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My jeans.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Confidence and comfort.

Bram

LOCATION?

Harbour Town.

WEARS?

Most of my clothes are from Cotton On.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Trendy and warm.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Melton.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

This beanie.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Accessories.

Tegan

LOCATION?

Harbour Town.

WEARS?

All Saints and Sports Girl.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Casual and edgy.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Job interview.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Adelaide.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Doc Martins.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Something that shows your personality.



Dreary black needn't be back

Visit any crowded intersection in the midst of winter and you are sure to see a swarm of black coats and cold faces.

It's a scene straight out of the John Brack painting *Collins St at 5pm* – a sea of dreary colours. Life needn't be like this. Dressing up black is simple.

Add a touch of colour with a bright scarf or hat. Colourful geometric hats and pom-pom scarves add both interest and bolts of bright colour to brighten the gloomy weather.

Liven up the LBD with statement jewelry. As a fashion staple, the black dress needs some attention for it to truly shine. The simplest accessory is turned into a statement piece when matched with an all-black canvas.

Lastly, don't forget your pins! With a huge variety of tights and stockings in a range of prints, spots and colours, there's no reason to stick with black opaque tights all winter long. Brighten up black with some fun stripes, or turquoise, orange or bright florals.

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They are joined at Hair Inc by Thea Foster, who is Melbourne born and bred and returned recently following seven years of studying hairdressing techniques in Vancouver, Canada.

So, relax, lie back in one of the reclining massage chairs, and let the ladies go to work on your hair with their international flair.

"Pamper yourself in winter," says Wendy.

"This is the season for 'upstyles,'" says Niamh.

"And funky colours," adds Wendy. "You can have some fun with colours, and they are popular."

Thea says: "As we get further into winter,

you will see hair styles becoming longer and darker."

"Also, the razor cut is a popular choice for both women and men."

Hair Inc is under the ANZ building, on the south side of Waterside Promenade facing Yarra's Edge.

"This is a perfect location for workers to come from the CBD by tram, and very handy for workers in Docklands - including the men," Thea said.

"We already have many male clients."

Hair Inc opened on April 18 but a Telstra delay resulted in no phone line for the first 10 weeks.

So the girls were busy delivering pamphlets in the ANZ building and nearby offices, and relied on their *Docklands News* advertisement to bring in their initial customers.

"Now the phone is working and ringing off the hook," Thea says.

"As well as workers in the ANZ, Myer and NAB head offices, we have clients coming from Yarra's Edge, all across Docklands and the CBD."



Niamh highlights the quality of the products used at the salon.

"We use the Gold product line, which is not readily available in Docklands," Niamh said.

Wendy and Thea say the evo and Moroccan oil products are top of the range.

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DOCKLANDS' TAX EXPERT HAS YOUR BEST INTEREST AT HART



"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." So wrote American statesman Benjamin Franklin in 1789.

In July 2012, Docklands accountant Paula Hart agrees that there still is no escaping taxes - especially at this time of the year. But, Paula says, the worry of doing your tax return need not be death of you.

"At Hart + Partners Certified Practising Accountants we specialise in stress-free tax returns," she says.

"Your health is most important. Most people will worry about doing their taxes. This is where we come in. We will maximise your refund."

Paula agrees that a good accountant is like a good GP - someone who understands your individual situation and is across the latest changes and options.

"We offer a personal approach, getting to know each client and their circumstances," she says.

"It's all about building a trusted, close working relationship with our clients."

"Hart + Partners offers a qualified accountant who does regular monthly training to keep up with legislative changes."

"I email out a monthly newsletter so our clients know about changes to tax law."

"I also email out alerts to individual clients so they are aware of changes."

Paula has lived in nearby Kensington for 17 years, and has children aged 6 and 4.

"Believe me, I fully understand family needs!"

Hart + Partners is also a small business specialist, with expertise in self-managed super funds, and can guide Docklanders with rental property/share trader returns.

"We offer pro-active, constructive advice to assist them in their business decision-making," Paula says.

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FACES OF DOCKLANDS



STEPHEN BOYD, 45
Owner of White Lotus Hair

Stephen took over White Lotus in Bourke St on June 1, having previously worked in a salon in South Melbourne. He has been in the industry for nearly 30 years and made the move to Docklands because of the potential of the area. "I like the vibe of Docklands, the amount of cafés and the community spirit," Stephen said. "I enjoy the multicultural landscape in Docklands."



TEGAN RICKETTS, 27
Manager at Servcorp

Tegan thinks Docklands is the best of both worlds. It is so close to the city and its facilities, but it's not like the CBD, it has its own distinct feel. Maybe it's the harbour that makes Docklands special, as Tegan said she loved the water views around the district.



RAZLYN RAZAK, 24
Waitress, Nando's

Razlyn is new to Nando's with only three weeks on her timesheet. However, she is not new to Docklands, having previously worked at Little Nonya in Victoria Harbour. "The waterfront is very pretty, and I like the location. I live in Parkville, and I cycle to work everyday. It is about 5 km and I would cycle down LaTrobe St, along Victoria Harbour," she said.



PAWAN KUMAR, 24
Barista, Harbour Kitchen

Known to the people at Victoria Harbour as "PK", Pawan has been working at Harbour Kitchen for nearly three years. PK moved to Melbourne four years ago and he loves it here. It is PK's first job in hospitality and he chose Docklands because of its beauty. "I love the mornings. I start work at 6.30 am everyday, and everyday in Docklands is beautiful," he said. "To me, every morning is different."



SUMIT SEKHRI, 27
Head chef, Lamore Restaurant

Sumit started working at Lamore Restaurant six and a half years ago in March 2006. With a speciality in Italian cuisine, Sumit wanted to cook Italian food in an Italian restaurant. This position is his first job in Docklands. "This area is very good. I like the people, the atmosphere, and the environment," Sumit said. Sumit says he enjoys being close to the harbour and all the tourist attractions.



SIEW WONG CHAN, 52
Manager, Bank of Queensland

Siew Wong has always worked in the city. After moving to the Docklands nearly two years ago, Siew Wong finds the Docklands area a good change from city life. "It is a good balance. It is still close to the action of the city, and we can enjoy the scenery of the waterfront," he said. Siew Wong said the branch was located on the waterfront because it was a new area with great potential. "Docklands is fresher and newer, compared to the city," he said.

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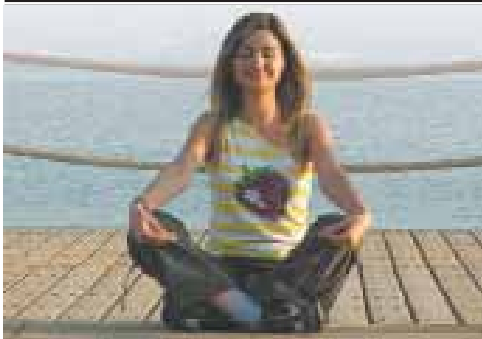
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Ice is flying but Mustangs struggle

By Robert Bremner

Melbourne Ice has continued to dominate the competition this season as it looks to win back-to-back-to-back-titles.

In June Ice won all four of its matches and is still situated at the top of the standings with nine wins and two losses.

Its first June match was against the Gold Coast Blue Tongues at the Icehouse. Melbourne came away with a 5-2 win. The following week the Ice travelled to Adelaide to take on the now fourth-placed Adrenaline – a game which it won 5-2. Ice then hosted the Blue Tongues and annihilated them 6-0 in a fiery clash which included a number of heated fights.

Following this Melbourne travelled to Canberra and there were goals aplenty with Ice running out 8-3 winners. For the final game it took on Sydney and continued its winning streak with a 6-2 drubbing.

Unfortunately, the same success cannot be said for the Melbourne Mustangs which is currently languishing in 7th position with two wins and six losses. It has been a long month for the team as it was unable to get a win on the board.

It started with a clash with Sydney which ran away with a 5-1 win. Then it hosted the Gold Coast but unfortunately had a similar result losing 6-1. The following week the Mustangs

travelled to Newcastle to take on the second-ranked team and was easily accounted for 7-2. Finally Melbourne hosted the Sydney Ice Dogs and failed to score in the match losing 2-0.

Starting in July, Melbourne Ice faces the Sydney Ice Dogs before a crucial top-of-the-table clash with the Newcastle North Stars. The Mustangs travel to Adelaide to take on the Adrenaline in back-to-back matches.

Do yourself a favour and get to a game and support your local teams!



Melbourne Ice celebrate its 6-0 win over the Gold Coast.



New cricket club CEO

Docklands' Big Bash League cricket team The Renegades has a new CEO with the announcement last month that the top job had gone to Stuart Coventry.

Mr Coventry (pictured above) comes to the post with a rich background in licensed entertainment, most recently with extreme motorcycle stunt team the Crusty Demons.

He is a former marketing and communications manager of Harness Racing Victoria and a former general manager of Gaffney International Licensing which has, among other brands, looked after Thomas the Tank Engine, the Wiggles and Bob the Builder.

Mr Coventry's grandfather Syd won a Brownlow Medal for Collingwood and his goal-kicking-machine great-uncle Gordon Coventry has his name behind the goals at one end of Etihad Stadium.

"I am delighted to take on such an opportunity and I am looking forward to the second instalment of the T20 Big Bash League," Mr Coventry said.

"We will be aiming high to offer our fans and members the best and most innovative live cricket entertainment and to be super competitive on the field."

"My primary focus will be to build the Melbourne Renegades brand and engage with our fans to ensure a successful and exciting sporting team."

The club's inaugural CEO Geoff Miles resigned in April.



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