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What's up pussy cat?

Docklands' new community garden was opened with fanfare on July 15.

This youngster was one of many to have her face painted by the experts provided by the City of Melbourne for the festivities.

The council used the event to launch its long-awaited community and place plan.

The day itself was terrific, but there are question marks over the integrity of the Docklands Community and Place Plan.

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Docklands voters turn green and sexy

Denied a Liberal candidate to vote for in the July 21 state by-election, Docklanders turned green and sexy.

Labor's Jennifer Kanis won the by-election (on preferences), but in Docklands even fewer people voted ALP this year than they did in 2010 when there was a Liberal Party option.

In 2010, 255 Docklanders voted for Labor's sitting member Bronwyn Pike (27.12 per cent of the total votes cast) but this year only 186 people cast their primary vote for Ms Kanis (21.33 per cent) at the Docklands' Hub voting booth.

On July 21, Greens candidate Cathy Oke increased her party's primary vote in Docklands from 19.57 per cent in 2010 (184 votes) to 27.75 per cent (242 votes).

Ms Oke was the clear winner on primary votes, with Ms Kanis coming in second, the Sex Party third and informal votes fourth.

In 2010, the Docklands' booth was one of three out of 14 booths to primarily vote conservative. At that election (which Labor won over the Greens on Liberal preferences), the Liberal candidate Luke Martin attracted 420 primary votes (44.68 per cent).

This year's by-election enters the history books with the second-lowest voter turnout in Victorian history. Across the electorate, some 32.57 per cent of enrolled voters did not bother to cast their vote.

But Docklands defied this trend with only 7.24 per cent fewer votes cast at the Hub than in 2010 (872 compared with 940).

Without a Liberal candidate to vote for, Docklanders spread their primary vote thinly across the field of 16 candidates. Only Gerrit Schorel-Hlavka failed to attract at least one primary vote.

Both leading candidates attracted fewer primary votes in Docklands than in the electorate generally, with Jennifer Kanis polling 21.33 per cent in Docklands but 33.37 per cent overall and Cathy Oke polling 27.75 in Docklands and 36.54 per cent overall.

Independent conservative candidate David Nolte picked up 9.17 per cent of the vote (compared with 4.68 per cent across the electorate generally) but the biggest surprise in Docklands was the 11.58 per cent of the vote that went to the Sex Party.

The Sex Party attracted 101 votes – a 150 per cent boost on its 2010 effort when it attracted 40 votes in Docklands (which, at the time, was the highest recorded at any booth).

The Sex Party performed almost twice as well in Docklands at this election as it did across

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Community garden kicks off

Docklands' new community garden opened with a day of celebration on July 15.

The City of Melbourne spent up big for the occasion and used it as a back-drop to launch the Docklands Community and Place

Children were entertained by roving performers and kids coming back from having their faces painted were transformed into other beings.

Channel 31's celebrity gardener Vasili filmed his regular show at the launch – finishing with a spirited rendition of *Zorba* on his piano accordion, which got Docklands locals kicking up their heels (pictured above).

Watch the episode here: http://www.c31.org.au/schedule/view/episode/62842

The true essence of the day belonged to the small group of Docklands locals who were already involved in the garden and who had lovingly prepared the beds for the day.

About 25 Docklanders have been involved in



Community gardener Logan Kershaw on the morning of

the garden and another 30 signed up on the day to participate.

Unlike other community gardens, the Docklands garden is truly communal, with beds being shared by all and everyone being welcome to take from the herbs and vegetables being produced.

The garden group is a loose collective and there is no pressure on it to incorporate thanks to the Docklands Rotary Club offering to be the group's "banker".

Docklands Rotary president Joseph Ebbage said the offer was in line with the club's guiding principle of connecting the Docklands community.

"The last thing a fledgling group of gardening enthusiasts wants is to be bothered with incorporation and having formal office bearers and structures," Mr Ebbage said.

"We're happy to step in so they can just get on with what they like doing – getting their hands dirty and producing shared food for the wider Docklands community."

Mr Ebbage thanked the City of Melbourne for funding barbecue equipment that the club will use in future fund-raising events to benefit the local community, as well as the club's international project in Fiji.

Docklanders interested in joining the gardening group can attend the group's regular meetings held every second Wednesday of the month at 6.30 at The Hub (80 Harbour Esplanade).





We've waited three years ... for this?



Despite having taken nearly three years to deliver it, the Docklands Community and Place Plan is still not the document we have been waiting for.

What Docklands has been waiting for is a plan that outlines exactly what community infrastructure we will get and when we will get it.

Instead, we have been issued another "airy-fairy" series of platitudes that perpetuates the myth that the community has been consulted in the process.

There are some items in the plan, which have genuinely come from the community. But the pet ideas that officers of the City of Melbourne had before the "consultation" started in December 2009 still loom large in the recommendations.

Docklands never asked for a library. It's nice to have one, and thanks for giving us one. But don't say we ever asked for it. What we have always wanted is a primary school.

Similarly deceitful is the notion that the community inspired the idea that heritage sheds be brought back to Harbour Esplanade and be used for farmers' or seafood markets. Again, it's an idea worth considering, but not at the expense of losing water views.

And the council's fixation with blocking the

entrance to Victoria Harbour returns – this time without being obviously marked on a map and softened in language to now be: "Partner to deliver pedestrian connections over Victoria Harbour and the Yarra River to better connect the precincts."

If the council was serious about "embracing Melbourne's waterfront" it would not even consider putting bridges in the way of maritime traffic into Docklands.

Out of 73 so-called "community priorities", only 20 begin with the word "deliver". These are the things that the council and Places Victoria are committing to – and many of them have already been "delivered" and others are entirely specious and insignificant.

The other items are matters for "facilitation" or "partnering", which is largely code for encouraging other parties (read developers) to actually provide.

Curiously, one of the things to be "delivered" is better water quality so people can swim in Victoria Harbour. Just how the council and Places Victoria plan to achieve this is mind-boggling. Perhaps they want to dam the harbour entrance and install a giant swimming pool filter?

The Docklands Community and Place Plan is breathtakingly thin and bereft of detail. Accompanying press statements talk about \$300 million worth of community infrastructure projects but this is not backed up with an actual plan and timetable.

Docklands has lost three years of precious community infrastructure development time because the authorities wanted to indulge themselves with a sham consultation.

Public trust has been betrayed and we are no closer to knowing if and when we will be getting the projects that will bring this precinct to life.



City of Melbourne response

The City of Melbourne strenuously rejects this Docklands News editorial which contains a series of factually incorrect comments regarding the Docklands Community and Place Plan (DCPP).

Docklands News claim: The DCPP is "airy fairy".

Response: The DCPP covers 73 priority projects at \$300 million – a 10-year plan informed by extensive community input.

Docklands News claim: The consultation process started in December 2009.

Response: The second decade project commenced in July 2010.

Docklands News claim: The community consultation was a "sham".

Response: This is wrong. More than 3700 people provided input to the plan through a comprehensive community engagement process with 2500 pieces of feedback received. The themes and actions in the plan are a response to this feedback and have been endorsed by the Docklands community. Community consultation will be ongoing as projects are delivered.

Docklands News claim: Docklands never asked for a library.

Response: This is simply not true. During community consultation, Docklands residents overwhelmingly supported the idea of a first-class library and community centre for the area. Some Docklands

residents, such as the Dock 5 group, even established their own DIY library as an interim measure.

Docklands News claim: That improving water quality in Victoria Harbour is fanciful.

Response: We believe water cleanliness is an important goal, but the reason it is outlined in the plan is because it is a priority for the community too. The City of Melbourne is committed to improving the cleanliness of Victoria Harbour through improved litter collection locally and advocating for better rubbish collection upstream. The City of Melbourne will utilise urban design techniques to reduce the impact of pollutants entering the waterways.

Docklands News claim: There is no plan or timetable.

Response: Wherever possible, the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria have assigned timeframes, costings and the responsible authorities to projects.

A 10-year plan, by its very nature, requires a level of flexibility to manage future changes. However, to suggest that the DCPP is not a plan is incorrect. The DCPP contains meaningful and tangible projects, some of which are already underway.





Twelve out of the 16 state by-election candidates came to Docklands to meet local voters on July 10.

Docklanders meet the candidates

The Melbourne state by-election came to Docklands on July 10 when 12 of the 16 candidates outlined their policies to the community.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Docklands and the Docklands Community Association, the session was held at Watermark in place of Rotary's regular weekly meeting.

Each candidate outlined their policies within a five-minute speech before answering questions from the audience.

About 50 people attended and were welcomed by Rotary Club president Joseph Ebbage.

Mr Ebbage explained that hosting the session was consistent with the club's philosophy of connecting the Docklands' community.

Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan chaired and moderated the evening, with most interest from locals being focused on planning matters and the contentious issue of short-stay accommodation within resident towers.

Docklanders directed most of their questions

to the two leading candidates Jennifer Kanis from the ALP and Greens candidate Cathy Oke.

Ms Kanis went on to narrowly win the byelection on July 21.

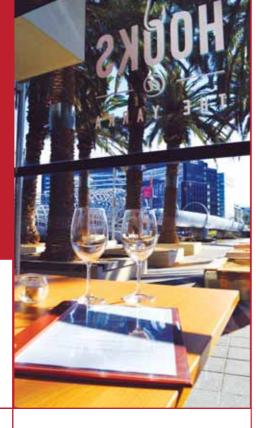
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Docklands voters turn green and sexy



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the electorate, where is attracted 6.56 per cent of the primary vote.

Party leader Fiona Patten told Docklands News she was pleasantly surprised by the Docklands result.

She said that, while acknowledging a certain degree of protest vote in the swing to the Sex Party, she hoped to retain at least half of the party's voters at the next state election.

Ms Patten pointed out that the Melbourne electorate was the youngest and least religious area in the state. She said young people, in particular, were turned off by the negativity evident in mainstream politics.

"I think we will see a continuing shift away from the major parties, including the Greens," she said. "Young people don't understand or respect the old-school ways of the parties and how they conduct their politics."

The full Docklands vote count was:

Berhan Ahmed - 27 (3.09 per cent); Ashley Fenn (Family First) - 39 (4.72 per cent); Gerrit Schorel-Hlavka - 0; David Nolte - 80 (9.17 per cent); John Perkins - 4 (0.45 per cent); Jennifer Kanis (ALP) -186 (21.33 per cent); David Collyer - 3 (0.34 per cent); Patrick O'Connor - 5 (0.57 per cent); Michael Murphy (DLP) - 22 (2.52 per cent); Joseph Toscano - 8 (0.91 per cent); Stephen Mayne - 42 (4.81 per cent); Kate Borland - 4 (0.45 per cent); Adrian Whitehead - 9 (1.03 per cent); Fiona Patten (Sex Party) - 101 (11.58 per cent); Cathy Oke (Greens) - 242 (27.75 per cent); Maria Bengtsson (CDP) - 10 (1.14 per cent); Informal - 90 (10.32 per cent); Total - 872.



The Hub's 5th birthday

Cr Kathy Watts helped local Docklands children cut the cake at the Hub's fifth birthday party on July 28.

The Hub has been operated by the City of Melbourne for community activities since the council was granted municipal authority for Docklands in July 2007.

Hub officials reported a lovely morning was enjoyed by all with tai chi and yoga "come and try" opportunities for locals. Brazilian jiu-jitsu and table tennis experts also impressed guests.

Farm animals, a jumping castle, facepainting and balloons were popular with families.

Others braved the winter conditions and danced to the sweet tunes of the Belinda and John Duo.

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Jeff says Docklands wasn't his idea

Jeff Kennett is often credited with kick-starting Docklands in the 1990s, but the former Victorian premier shies away from the tag.

He says credit for the idea rightfully goes to his former major projects minister Mark Birrell.

"It was Mark Birrell who first pointed out to me that we were the only major city in the world that didn't use its water," Mr Kennett told Docklands News.

"He suggested we turn the face of Melbourne to the water," he said. "Every city in the world used its water, but we didn't."

Mr Kennett further said that the Docklands project had nothing to do with the fact that the state was virtually broke. He said the idea was not about stimulating the economy.

"It was all about adding value. I mean you had a whole area that was ignored, disused. So we decided to do something about it."

"So what do I think of it? Well it's still a work in progress. We always said it would take 30 years before it was finished and we're probably now into it about 10 years."

"With hindsight, you would have done some things differently. But hindsight is a wonderful thing."

Mr Kennett said it had been suggested early in the process that Docklands have an overall architectural design. But he said the idea was rejected.

"We rejected that because we thought it might give too much control to the people doing the design," he said.

However, now he says it should have been done that way, as it would have improved Docklands.

"I think I would have had a co-ordinated design for the whole development. For example, in one area it could have been two to three storeys, over here it's just one, you can build up to this height in another place and then allow people to buy bits of land and develop it, but actually have the architectural concept all in place," he said.

But would the developers have gone with

"I am absolutely sure the developers would have accepted this because they would still have had access to the profits they were going to make from what they put there, but



Former Premier Jeff Kennett catches up with news from Docklands. He says Docklands was Mark Birrell's idea

they would have had to conform to an overall Mr Kennett said it was decided to carve design," he said.

"If this had happened, when you come over the Bolte Bridge, instead of seeing the designs that we've got, you would have said: 'Hey, look at that!' It could have taken your breath away. I don't think it takes your

"What happens, is that your eye tends to run over Docklands into the city and that's the view that takes your breath away."

Docklands into precincts as it was felt at the time that this would achieve a better outcome.

"It was carved up because I thought that was the best way to get things up and running," he said. "We had a lot of problems with contamination and everything else and we had to provide a lot of incentives to get people to do it."

"We wanted them to use their creativity and design something that is special and mostly

they have risen to the challenge. There are a few buildings there that are pretty bland but, in the main, there are some pretty creative buildings."

"But I don't think we're going to be able to pass judgement in real terms until the whole thing's finished."

He said he had very little time for people who criticised Docklands.

"It's not a failure. It's a wonderful regeneration of abandoned land," he said. "But the question is could you have done better and the answer is, of course, you could always do better with everything you do in life."

"There are aspects of it which are clearly wonderful. I like some of the architecture. I like the way the ANZ has developed a six-star building and has led the way in terms of innovation."

"When the thing is completed and you have the population and you have all the things that go with people, it's going to be a very exciting place to live. The reality is that it is so close to the CBD. It's actually saved the CBD because the CBD itself was dying."

"Now with Docklands and what's happening at Fisherman's Bend, that's going to be a hugely active area."

"So it's going to have the vitality, the life and movement but you won't have it all until the whole thing's built."

Interestingly, Mr Kennett approached Lend Lease this year and suggested an Aboriginal theme would suit the end of North Wharf Rd where the former Port of Melbourne control tower stands.

"I had always hoped that at the end of the finger coming out there would have been an amphitheatre built which would be seen looking out towards the bridge for Aboriginal demonstration, performances and everything else," he said.

"I always hoped that we could have had a massive flagpole with an Aboriginal flag and a destination that was a demonstration of dance, eating, craft and other indigenous works."

"It hasn't happened, but you can't have everything," he said.

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Docklands is soon to have multi-purpose sporting courts for netball, basketball and futsal next to the Hub in Batman's Hill.

The City of Melbourne has accepted tenders to construct the synthetic-surfaced courts and expects construction to start shortly.

The existing bocce court will be removed to make way for the new facility which will be floodlit with four light towers to allow nighttime competition.

The tender documents call for the futsal goal posts to be lightweight, lockable and easily removable. Two sets of netball and basketball goals with removalable rings were called for. Futsal is an indoor form of soccer.

The plans also show new shade trees and seating around the courts. Fences are to be provided behind the goals.

The courts will take up the area between Harbour Esplanade and Waterview Walk as far away from the Hub as the IOU sculpture.

The council says the courts are semipermanent. The council leases the site from Places Victoria which is reserving its right to develop the site in the future.

Known at the Community, Learning and Education Centre (CLEC) site, the area is difficult to develop because it contains the West Melbourne gas regulator station field.



Strong interest in forum

Some 28 Docklanders have put their hands up to represent their suburb on the soon-to-beformed Docklands Community Forum.

The City of Melbourne and Places Victoria are looking for 12 leading citizens to formally represent Docklands in its dealings with the

The community forum model has been designed to replace the dysfunctional Docklands Co-ordination Committee.

Under the new arrangement, as-of-right representation goes to the Chamber of Commerce, Community Association and Destination Docklands. A further two seats are reserved for waterways operators.

The council and Places Victoria are looking for diverse representation on the forum and are due to announce their appointments at the August 21 Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting.

The appointments will be ratified at the council meeting the following week on August 28.





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Big day out on the water

Docklands' boaties are going all out to make their Melbourne Day Regatta on Sunday, August 26 a truly community event with free cruises on offer.

The charter boat operators are keen to make an impact by sheer weight of numbers and hope to have dozens of craft on Victoria Harbour on the day.

The latest to join the fray are a couple of firefighting tugs which will add a spectacular backdrop to the day with torrents of water spraying into the air.

Docklands residents can board Victoria Star from 10 am at Central Pier for a three-hour cruise. Skipper Leigh Doeg said a jazz band and free bottomless tea and coffee would be available.

"The bar will be open and guests are welcome to bring their own food and snacks," Mr Doeg said.

Like other operators on the day, Mr Doeg will be collecting a gold coin donation to support the work of Docklands' Mission to Seafarers.

The organisers of the event are claiming that the event was Australia's first regatta – a claim that is sure to make some waves across Bass Strait.

Hobart has long-held this title, but the first Hobart Town Regatta was not held until December 1, 1838. The first Melbourne Day Regatta was held on August 30, 1838.

"I think we can leave Hobart to claim Australia's oldest continuous regatta," said organiser Jeff Gordon.

Captain Jeff and his fellow skippers are keen to use the spectacular display to draw attention to the vital connection between Docklands and its waterways.

The charter operators feel they are undervalued and are being bled dry by government agencies trying to raise revenue from their efforts. They say government charges are forcing them out of business.

The Melbourne Passenger Boating Association has joined with the Melbourne Day Committee to celebrate the founding of the city in 1835.

Northwharf details revealed

Northwharf developer Asset 1 WTC has revealed details of its proposed redevelopment of the heritage listed Shed 5 and crane.

Speaking at the last Docklands News Networking Lunch in June, Asset 1 WTC strategic director Phil Hill said the heritage values of the site would be preserved within the redevelopment.

He said his company would be spending \$500,000 alone restoring the 1948 Malcolm Moore-built electric crane which used to run on tracks in front of the 1939-built, asbestosridden shed.

Asset 1 WTC has announced a 14-storey office block, which will straddle the shed and take in the vacant area between the shed and Flinders St.

The shed itself will become an internationally-significant, 2625 sqm retail arts precinct, modelled on a successful example in Germany.

Mr Hill said the 22,000 sqm office tower would be at least 5 Star Green Star rated for its environmental performance.

Its environmentally-friendly credentials would include:

- Water capture, treatment and reuse;
- High-performance glazing and shading systems, optimised window sizes with high building insulation fabric values with exposed thermal mass;
- A mechanical ventilation system which would provide air rates at 100 per cent



above code levels of outside air with heat recovery system; and

■ Low-energy use systems, such as chilled beams.

The tower would have 140 car spaces in the first four podium floors, Mr Hill said.

The development also includes the upgrade of Seafarers Park, an area of open space between the Mission to Seafarers and the river.

The park was under threat in the leadup to the redevelopment, with the State Government offering to re-zone it in the return for developer dollars.

Local residents have been vigilant to ensure it remain public space and will be delighted



with the upgrade plans which will bring long-awaited recreational amenity to the area.

Mr Hill said the park would be "preoccupied with people".

Heritage Victoria says Shed 5 and the crane are significant because:

"Berth No.5 North Wharf is historically and technologically important as the most complete and intact cargo berth in the Port of Melbourne remaining from the precontainerisation era."

"It remains essentially unchanged since its redundancy as a cargo berth. It is unusual for the retention of its original semi-portal electric crane. The berth is important for its ability to demonstrate the cargo handling methods of the pre-containerisation era."



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Who knows the best dad?

Local YMCA gym manager Andrew Ward is looking for the "Father of the Year".

Mr Ward hopes the winner of the YMCA's state-wide award will come from a Docklands nomination.

Mr Ward said the award was a chance for children to stop and reflect on what was going on in their lives and what their dad or father-figure meant to them.

"Dads are all busy and dealing with the pressures of modern-day life but it's important to stop and remember that our kids and our relationships with them are the most important thing," Mr Ward said.

Mr Ward encouraged children to nominate father figures such as uncles, brothers, coaches or grandpas. "You don't have to be a dad to have a positive impact on children's lives," he said.

Nomination forms are available at local YMCA centres or online at **www.victoria. ymca.org.au**. Mr Ward can be contacted on **8615 9622**.



Looking fine there, Docklands

By Melissa Chen

When you're a single mother with a six-year-old to tend to, feeding a parking meter is hard to manage. But by failing to do so, Docklands resident Franca Caradonna now has \$2000 worth of parking fines and says she can't afford to pay.

Ms Caradonna has been a resident of the Mariner in NewQuay for almost a year. She said her first few months in her apartment were great. However, parking tickets started to snowball after her first fine on February 7 this year

Parking within the apartment block compound is reserved for residents on the seventh and eighth storeys. All other residents have to share eight bays on the street. These spaces are for two hours only from 7.30 am to 6.30 pm. Should there be no bays available, residents have to pay \$15 for full-day parking or risk fines from the council.

The Mariner is mostly managed by Housing Choices Australia, which makes its accommodation available to lower-income tenants.

"I am trying to survive on my own means. I have my own small business and I have to look after my six-year-old. How am I supposed to



pay these fines?" Ms Caradonna said.

The City of Melbourne is trying to encourage travel by public transport in its bid towards environmental sustainability. However, Ms Caradonna does not share council's sentiments.

"How am I supposed to catch a tram into the city when I can't stay for more than an hour because I have to rush back to feed the meter?" Ms Caradonna said. "

As residents, we should be able to come home and not worry about having to move our car every two hours or feeding the meter when it runs out."

Ms Caradonna said the City of Melbourne operated resident parking permit schemes in all other suburbs, but not in Docklands.

"Every resident should have the right to park where they live," Ms Caradonna said.

According to a council spokesperson, the City of Melbourne considers that on-street parking in Docklands should be managed in a similar way to the CBD. This is to meet the high demands for short-term visitor parking and the delivery and servicing of businesses and properties within Docklands.

There are approximately 500 on-street parking spaces in Docklands.

Ms Caradonna has contested every infringement notice with a written letter to the council.

The council's generic reply states: "Your notice has now been reviewed and based on the information provided, we are unable to withdraw the infringement."

Ms Caradonna is planning to move out of her Docklands apartment but does not plan to pack her infringement notices when she leaves.

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The Organic Balcony

Horticulturalist Sandra
Pullman will be showing
Docklanders how to grow
vegetables in pots at a
lunchtime session on Thursday,
August 9.

To be held at The Hub at 80 Harbour Esplanade, Ms Pullman will pass on the tips that apartment dwellers need to grow food at home.

The free session will examine which vegetables are suitable for pots, the potting mix you need, and what manure and nutrients you need to make your vegetables thrive. Ms Pullman will also outline how to manage pests and diseases organically so that your home-grown vegetables are pesticide and toxin-free.

Ms Pullman is a qualified horticulturalist with 21 years of experience. She currently teaches vegetable gardening at Victoria University and at several community centres around Melbourne.

She was a horticultural advisor to ABC TV's *Gardening Australia* and has contributed gardening articles to a wide variety of magazine and newspapers. For more information, call The Hub on **8622 4822**.

Roman empire continues

Due to popular demand, the acclaimed and award-winning Italian exhibition *Ancient Rome* has been extended through to Sunday, October 7 at Waterfront City.

The extension makes *Ancient Rome* the longest-running exhibition in Docklands' history.

Hand-crafted by three generations of expert Italian artisans, this unique exhibition showcases over 50 intricately designed and functional inventions from the height of the Roman Empire nearly 2000 years ago.

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Utopian dream for Docklands

Docklands is getting some temporary "activation" of Harbour Esplanade this month when work begins on the Glass House.

The Glass House is a creative concept with elements of architecture, food and sustainable living. It will sit in the area between the old tram tracks and the *Cow up a Tree* sculpture.

It is the brainchild of Melissa Loughnan and Christie Petsinis who devised the concept over a random conversation and were totally surprised when their idea beat a strong field of contenders vying for a Places Victoria tender.

According to Ms Loughnan, the Glass House

aims to draw a new, youthful arts-focused demographic to Docklands. She said local food retailers should expect their patronage to increase as more people were attracted to the area.

Ms Loughnan runs an art gallery in the CBD and part of her motivation behind the idea was to get more exposure for emerging artists. Ms Petsisis, on the other hand, has an architectural bent and portrays the unique glass structure as a unique feature of Docklands. They are calling themselves Utopian Folk for the project.

Coupled with this, is an internal garden by artist Lauren Berkowitz where food will be grown, harvested and served up in a cafe run by an external contractor.

When launching the Docklands Community and Place Plan last month, Planning Minister

Matthew Guy said: "During extensive consultation the community told us how important it is for the community to have places to meet and interact. The Glass House combines the community's desire for more intimate spaces with Melburnians' love affair with food and cooking."

The Glass House is expected to open in September. It is planned to include food vans and landscaped areas designed to cultivate a backyard feel.

Planned as a temporary structure for at least 12 months, the Glass House could continue on indefinitely until permanent plans for Harbour Esplanade are determined.





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Rotary to meet at lunchtime

Commencing on August 7, the Rotary Club of Docklands will be holding a lunchtime meeting at Watermark on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Docklands Rotary club is quickly growing its projects and is looking for new members to help.

Its international project helps alleviate poverty and empower women in Fiji and its local project is called "Growing Docklands" - which is about connecting our community.

So far, the club has: connected children from the Children's Hospital with a sailing experience; connected marginalised youth with Docklands events and experiences, as well as providing some admin assistance for the newly-formed community garden.

A special feature of the "Growing Docklands" project will be the 2013 Docklands Festival of Giving. This festival, from March 4 to 10 next year, is about celebrating the many ways the people and businesses of Docklands give – both locally and globally. By showcasing the real generosity of our Docklands community, the festival is "a little bit of soul-raising!"

The August 7 Rotary lunch meeting will be the club's launch of the 2013 Docklands Festival of Giving. It will meet at Watermark at 12.30pm and everyone is welcome.



Anthony Mansfield and Jeff Braun admiring Austin 7s in front of ST Wattle. Photo: Jeff Malley

Vintage day for machines

July 21 was a vintage day in Docklands, with steam and ancientcar enthusiasts flocking to South Wharf for a special day.

Some 50, Austin 7 cars and their owners gathered to swap stories under the Bolte Bridge in Lorimer St where the steam tug Wattle is being restored.

The Bay Steamers Maritime Museum is a group of dedicated volunteers working on the steam-tug Wattle with the hope of putting her back into survey and into action on the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay.

The Austin 7 Club is a group of enthusiasts who have an active and varied calendar of

treasure hunts, hill climbs and border runs and who have a well-stocked spares garage to ensure that Austin 7s have a second, third or even fourth lease on life. The Docklands visit was the group's annual rally and a celebration of 90 years of the little car.

On July 21, more than 150 heritage-minded people assembled at South Wharf to marvel at the petite cars and to take tours of the impressive steam tug. The Wattle will return to the water next year, 80 years since she was launched.

Holidays light up trading

Even the winter chill can't keep people away from Docklands.
A busy school holiday period has brightened the winter days at Harbour Town.

Ellen Stowers from Harbour Town centre management said early figures showed that foot traffic had increased compared with the April school holidays.

Harbour Town held ice sculpture demonstrations, a craft centre and an animal farm over the school holidays.

For the third year running Harbour Town also made fresh snow daily. This year visitors enjoyed frolicking in the snow at the Ice Age 4 Snow Play area.

"A lot of families don't have the time or money to get to the snow in winter so we decided to bring it to Docklands," Ms Stowers said.

"I think people know it is going to be cold outside but they want to come and see what we have on offer, so they just rug up and end up having a fun day out and do some shopping along the way too."

Once here, what better way to finish off a busy day playing in the snow than by enjoying everything else Docklands has to offer?



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Ben Tierney of Mt Beauty shows his son Austin, 3, what to do with Docklands' often-criticised winds. The Tierneys have made Docklands their regular school-holidays location because it is so close to so many things to do.

A hole lot of trouble brewing at the port

By Melissa Chen

A dispute over potholes at the diner used by truckies visiting the Port of Melbourne may spark an industrial war.

The Port of Melbourne (PoM) rents the land for the diner from VicTrack but neither organisation is prepared to fix the potholes which have developed in the extensive carpark just on the northern side of Moonee Ponds Creek in Footscray Rd.

The lease has expired and diner operator Tass Koumakis says he is preparing to pack up and leave on September 16.

VicTrack expects the port to repair the potholes, but so far the Port of Melbourne is refusing to pay.

The port could get more than it bargained for if the diner is allowed to close. The diner was created in response to angry truckies who blockaded the port when their Footscray Rd roadhouse made way for roadworks. The Port Truckies Diner was supposed to be a temporary solution until a new facility was built.

Williamstown truck driver Paul "Robbo" Robinson predicts further industrial action if the stalemate results in the closure of the diner.

"It is up to the corporation to maintain the surface of the land," Mr Robinson said.

But it's clear to see why no one wants to pay for the repairs. At \$5000 per pothole, the repair bill is estimated at \$300,000.

According to senior stakeholder and community relations adviser at VicTrack, Jason Murray, leaseholders are generally responsible for maintenance of the areas they lease.

"Discussions are underway between PoM and VicTrack to secure the land for continuing use



as a truck stop," Mr Murray said.

Port of Melbourne corporate affairs chief Peter Harry agrees: "There has been no decision made and discussions are ongoing," he said.

According to Mr Robinson: "This is an embarrassment for the State Government. You don't want to be the only port in Australia without a truck facility."

Customers who come through to Port Diner are signing petitions to keep the diner open. To these truck drivers, having a facility where they can feed, sleep, shower and park indefinitely takes the edge off long-distance travels.

Both Mr Koumakis and Mr Robinson agree that, without the facility, the truck drivers will have nowhere to go.

"You can't have infrastructure without providing parking for trucks," Mr Robinson

"Should the corporation remove the parking lot, they will face a potential industrial action."

The Transport Workers Union has not expressed any views on this matter.

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Tourism appointment

Destination Docklands has appointed Anita Donnelly as its inaugural CEO.

Ms Donnelly has previously held roles as deputy CEO, Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) and Victoria Events Industry Council (VEIC) as well as executive officer, Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Association (HMAA) and Backpacker Operators Alliance of Victoria (BOAV).

She previously led the industry development agenda for Tourism Alliance across Victoria, tasked with visiting all 79 local councils assisting in the areas of destination management, strategy, planning, event advice, structures and industry development. Her most recent role was attracting visitors back to Victoria's bushfireaffected regions.

Ms Donnelly said: "Docklands is at an exciting phase of its lifecycle and I look forward, with the support of the board, executive team and our stakeholders, to contributing to Docklands future growth by bringing new ideas and partnership opportunities to Docklands."

Thanks a lot Marg, says PM

Docklands Rotary member Margaret Hamilton has received a personal letter from the Prime Minister of Fiji thanking her for her work in providing flood relief earlier this year.

Mrs Hamilton said she was delighted to have received personal recognition from Prime Minister "Frank" Bainimara.

"It was such a pleasant surprise to get a personal letter from the Prime Minister," Mrs Hamilton said.

"My husband Bill and I have been sending much-needed goods to Fiji for some time now but we never expected a letter of thanks from the Prime Minister."

Docklands Rotary has an international project around sending requested materials to Fiji. Some years ago, Mrs Hamilton met Fiji's Minister for Women's Welfare and Poverty Alleviation Dr Jiko Luveni who has mentioned her work to

the Prime Minister.

The club now works closely with the Fijian Government and is currently collecting second-hand baking equipment. The project aims to equip and teach indigenous Fijians how to bake bread from local ingredients.

Mrs Hamilton said the project had the dual benefit of feeding isolated communities and also establishing small businesses.

Mr Bainimara's letter was in response to a special request Fiji made to the Docklands Rotary Club earlier this year following severe flooding in the west of the country.

> Prime Minister, Suva Fiji 3rd July, 2012

Mrs Margaret Hamilton, Rotary Club of Docklands

Dear Mrs Hamilton

Re: Rotary Donation to Fiji Government

The Government of Fiji wishes to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude for the kind assistance of the Rotary Club of Docklands, Melbourne, Australia through the Prime Minister's Office.

The two container loads of donations were receipted at a time when the western parts of Viti Levu were badly affected by flooding. The donations have significantly complemented government initiatives to assist families and individuals who were affected.

The Rotary assistance to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation on the donation of bread bake tins is also highly appreciated. The Ministry is committed to the empowerment of women through sustainable projects and bread baking has been identified as an initiative that women's groups in the rural communities can use to improve their livelihoods.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to a worthy cause and the Fiji Government looks forward to a strengthened partnership.

Yours faithfully

JV Bainimara

Prime Minister



Our top chippy

Lend Lease apprentice Paul Tran has been named National Apprentice Carpenter of the Year 2012.

Currently working on Lend Lease's timber building development Forté in Victoria Harbour, Paul said he was thrilled to win the award.

"This award has come at an exciting time in my career as currently I am able to put my carpentry skills to good use in helping to construct Forté," he said.

"Working with wood is a great passion of mine and it is a privilege to be able to build Australia's first and soon to be the world's tallest, residential Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) structure."

"The opportunity I have received from Lend Lease over the past three years has culminated in this award. With the right balance of practical experience, professional development and mentoring I was able to excel and reach my full potential," he said.

Paul is employed by MEGT, a Group Training Company, of which Lend Lease is a host employer.

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Caption: Places Victoria chairman Peter Clarke, Cbus CEO Adrian Pozzo, Aunty Joy Murphy and Medibank managing

Medibank sows seeds of change

Medibank sowed the seeds for its future progress in Docklands last month with a symbolic sod-turning ceremony.

The company used a manna gum seedling to symbolise the idea of planting and nurturing

The original indigenous population of Docklands, the Wurundjeri people, take their name from the tall beautiful tree which once grew naturally in this area.

A descendant of the Wurundjeri people, "Aunty" Joy Murphy performed a cleansing smoking ceremony and welcomed Medibank to its new site beside Etihad Stadium in Bourke St.

The seedling wasn't planted at the sodturning ceremony. Rather, it was taken away to grow and will be brought back in two years and planted in the park at the base of the new building.

All staff are expected to be in the new building by August 2014. In the interim, they were all given everlasting daisy seeds.

Medibank managing director George Savvides said at the July 16 event: "The seeds of change have been sown and, although we don't quite know what lies ahead, with the right amount of energy and effort we will surely thrive and create an exciting future for our company."

"We're taking those seeds a small step further today, by placing the soil that we take from the site here to nurture this seedling over the next two years, as we progress along the journey. And we'll bring the robust young plant back to the site and plant it in our wonderful green park when we move in, in two years."

Back to our birthplace

The Docklands News Networking Lunch is three years old and, to celebrate, on September 14, we are taking it back to Berth in NewQuay where it all started in 2009.

The first lunch was held on August 7, 2009 when about 30 local business people gathered at Berth Restaurant to talk about a new networking format which would suit them.

The successful informal model was born and has gone from strength to strength, with the last couple of the quarterly lunches attracting 80 diners. The focus is on meeting new people and strengthening existing relationships.

The lunch moves to a different venue each time to showcase the best that Docklands has to offer. Next month will be first time the lunch has returned to NewQuay since it started.

At Berth on September 14, guests will hear a short update on progress from the Regional Rail Link Authority. The new rail link will bring more people to Docklands as it will improve country and suburban train access to Southern Cross Station.

The networking lunch costs \$60 per head, which must be paid in advance by September 7. To book, email your request to lunch@docklandsnew.com.au or ring 0419 547 876. Diners should arrive at 12 noon for a 12.30 start. Berth is located at 45 NewQuay Promenade.

The menu is:

Entrée: Antipasto platters - a selection of marinated feta, marinated Kalamata olives, bruschetta salad, calamari, arancini, crumbed and stuffed green olives and a selection of cold meats.



- Chicken breast filled with olives, lemon and sage on pumpkin puree and a herb salad
- Homemade gnocchi with bocconcini and basil tossed in a Napoli sauce
- Penne beef ragu finished with red wine and fresh thyme
- Lamb shank braised shank with a creamy garlic mash potato

Dessert: Dessert platters - White chocolate brulee, chocolate pudding, homemade slices and passion fruit meringue.

Beverages: Full strength and light beer, white and red house wines, soft drinks, tea and coffee.

Turkish delight

Be prepared to be surprised at NewQuay on August 10 as the City of Melbourne employs some novel methods of promoting its library service.

The council doesn't want to spoil the surprise but it has hinted that the entertainment has a Turkish flavour.

The activity is to help celebrate the opening of the new Southbank Library at Boyd School and to raise awareness of the City of

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Greetings everybody

Well, Planning Minister Guy finally, by way of a press release, on June 29 said he had approved the MAB Master Plan for the NewQuay/Waterfront City development without, we gather, significant modification, after having it for nine months.

There was no community consultation whatsoever either from the Minister or from Places Victoria or Council, despite the pious declarations of the need for consultation.

The public protest meeting held at WFC attended by over 100 people, including architects, was ignored as were written submissions. We have asked the Minister for confirmation of what has been approved, without receiving the courtesy of a response.

Our chagrin at this sort of treatment is understandable to say the least. It seems developers continue to rule! I have been able to find out from a council officer that the proposed hotel on the plaza is to go ahead despite the public objections. Council itself objected to a number of elements of the plan in a written submission last September – but apparently with little result.

An upshot of all this is that buildings are being crammed in without regard to reduced sunlight, privacy, wind tunnels, lack of open space and added traffic problems. Places Victoria has told us that whilst the master plan has been approved, the specifics of individual buildings will be subject to approval by council. We'll keep fighting!

Although it is no consolation, we are not the only ones to be adversely affected by development approvals. For instance there is a lot of concern in Southbank. The Minister is quoted as saying he proposes a Manhattan-type skyline, but Manhattan, with due respect to it, is ranked a lowly 50th

city in the world for quality of living.

The coalition of owners corporation chairs will be making a submission critical of planning and development, not only in Docklands but in other Melbourne areas.

Council and Places Victoria have released a Docklands Community and Place Plan which contains a number of proposed community facilities including ferries, boating hub, floating stage, sports courts, viewing platform and others, which sound great.

Unfortunately many will not be provided for a few years. The redevelopment of the Esplanade is included. As to what goes where is not finalised. A couple of the ideas are a concern – one being the suggestion to install a skateboard park, which we don't believe belongs in a tight residential/commercial area.

The coalition of OC chairs met again in July. Sub-committees have been set up, one to prepare a submission to the Minister on recommended changes to the planning scheme and the other to prepare a submission for changes to the OC legislation. Liaison with community groups is to be discussed. Similar OC associations in Queensland and NSW have been in contact for liaison purposes and are interested in forming a national OC association.

If any reader would like to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward contact us on **docklandscommunityassociation@gmail. com** or 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 – which is not a big job! We meet every two months. If interested give me a call.

Roger Gardner President, DCA



I just love Docklands

There is a hidden essence that makes it the place it is. Those that live here know it. Those that work here may just discover it!

I came into my work in Docklands one Sunday morning at 7 am to sort out a few things that can't be done on a busy working day. As I drove in, the sun was coming up and Docklands was so quiet. There was a tram rumbling along Harbour Esplanade. I saw the occasional person out for a morning stroll, here and there a jogger, someone walking a dog and a few bike riders. All this silhouetted by the rising sun and the shimmering water! Now that is serenity!

Docklands has the water and reflections. Yes, she is part of the city and, yes, she has tall buildings, but she also has a soul and that soul is emerging and will emerge strongly as people discover it. It has a sense of space, views and water.

As part of that emergence, the Docklands Community Garden had its grand opening. The Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Planning Minister Matthew Guy came, as did Cr Ken Ong from City of Melbourne.

Channel 31's Vasili was there and he recorded an episode for his popular gardening show *Vasili's Garden*. If you missed it make sure you see it on his website – **www.vasilisgarden.com**. There is even a brief appearance on the show by Good News Bill! The community garden promises to be a great focal point for residents who live in the area. Logan Kershaw, the curator, can be rightly

proud of his achievements. Why not donate a punnet of seasonal vegetables to Logan and stamp your ownership on this great Docklands space.

Also happening in July ... Who watched in awe as the *Cow in a Tree* got a face lift. I watched as the finishing touches were delivered to the black spot on the cow's derriere. Every attention to detail was employed and the *Cow in the Tree* now has new duco!

The fireworks in July was a booming success again. Those who came were treated to a grand spectacle of light as Docklands lit up to an amazing array of colours. The local restaurants that were open after 7pm were rewarded with good patronage.

I am reminded that I have not set my readers a challenge in a while ... well let's see. I will offer a prize to anyone who can answer me this. Where and what is the *Civil Twilight End*? If you think you know email **bill@docklandsnews.com.au**.

And if you have absolutely no idea, and would like to know – then you can research this at **www.docklandsnews.com.au**. There has been an article written about this.





They are out at sea away from their homes and families. They have little with them but one thing they do have is certainty that a Docklands organisation is caring for their welfare and mental well-being.





Andrea Fleming heads this organisation, the Mission to Seafarers. The mission has been a ministry of the Anglican Church since 1857. It looks after seafarers when they are on Melbourne's shores.

Before taking over as CEO of Mission to Seafarers in April 2007, Andrea had been in the not-for-profit sector for 15 years. She started out as a marketing officer at a racing club in the late 1990s.

When asked the reason why she chose to be part of Mission to Seafarers, she said she had always had a natural empathy towards

"These seafarers are so generous with what they have even though it is often very little," Andrea said.

The work Andrea does at the mission is to look after the welfare and well-being of the seafarers who come through our ports. Melbourne's waters see seafarers from

the Philippines, China, India and Ukraine (among others). They are thousands of kilometres from home and the mission helps them stay in contact with their families.

At the complex on 717 Flinders St, other than food, rest, and entertainment, there are telecommunications facilities made available to the seafarers. Skype is readily available on the many computers on site. Telephone cards, telephone booths anything to help the seafarers stay close to their loved ones.

The mission is also with the seafarers in bad times. It offers comfort to the bereaved and assists the seafarers in cases of injustice and

In 2010, the mission launched a program with Beyondblue Australia to help seafarers cope with depression.

The mission is fully funded by the community. According to Andrea, the mission relies on the empathy and kindness qualities in the volunteers.

Andrea said the Mission's goal for the next five years is focused on advocacy work to provide more onshore facilities to the seafarers.

"What we are trying to do here is to provide a sustainable future to seafarers," she said.

The mission recognises the efforts of the Maritme Union which looks after the Australian seafarers.

Andrea feels that Docklands is very important to the maritime precinct with the wharfs and the presence of the Polly Woodside.

In addition, the location of the Mission on Docklands allows easy access to visiting

"It is really great to be by the water," Andrea





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What we know is that every so often (probably six times this year) an entourage of dozens of heavily-armed police vehicles roar through our suburb escorting three flat-bed hire trucks.

The trucks all have a square-cut tarpaulin tucked around their precious cargo and we would love to know what they are hiding.

Is it used-bank notes heading for the furnace? But if it was, why would they continue the charade on the return trip? Why is there only sometimes a return trip?

Perhaps it is like "pass the parcel" and the big trucks are only disguising something demure.

Where are they going? Where have they come from? What could be so important to

justify this operation? Is this Australia?

There are at least 10 motorcycle escorts who diligently block all intersections to let the convoy roll through without stopping.

Do the cops even know what they are guarding?

Police Media say they don't know. But they also admitted that, even if they did, they wouldn't tell us.

Does the fellow nursing the sub-machine gun in the passenger seat of the rear vehicle know that there could be a nasty accident if he sneezes and accidentally tightens his trigger finger?

Hey mate. Stop pointing that thing as us!











Ten years

Last month my wife and celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary.

It was a fantastic time to share, reflect, give thanks to God for our journey and set the course for the road ahead.

In light of this I thought I'd share with you something I've previously written about, namely: "Why I date my wife".

Marriage is such a wonderful special gift. Yet, I know for many of us men we can take our marriage for granted. The love and romance that brought us together is often left at the altar and, as such, our wives feel devalued, unloved and as though the best days are behind them.

In the bible we find a strong word for married men – "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church." (Eph. 5:25)

It's my responsibility to love my wife in such a way that when she thinks of me, she thinks of Christ. I am to serve my wife with sacrificial love. I am to protect and provide for my wife both physically and spiritually. I am to lay down my life for my wife.

In this we must pursue our wives with passionate and persevering love. We don't pursue a woman to marry her and stop pursuing her. We pursue a woman to marry her and pursue her with more passion and creativity than ever.

All women of course are different – and need to be loved specifically. Some feel loved when we buy gifts, for others it's cuddles on the couch, for others it's words that matter most. When it comes to my wife it's acts of service. She has a saying: "I love hugs, I love kisses – what I love most is help with the dishes!" The key is to ask your wife these questions: "What is it that I say or do that makes you feel most loved?"

One of the practical ways to keep the flame alive is by having regular "date nights". Your date night doesn't have to cost you an arm and a leg (though a bit of a splurge is ok) – the important thing is that you're out together and having fun.

My wife and I have a regular date night for a number of reasons:

Firstly, dating your wife keeps the romance alive. Plan out your date nights. Ask your wife in advance what sounds good, see what the options are, and make a plan.

Secondly, dating your wife builds intimacy. By meeting up regularly for conversation and interaction we build our understanding of each other and help grow together. Date nights are an opportunity to ask inviting questions, listen and learn about her. It's also

a night to open up and let her do the same.

Thirdly, date nights are an opportunity to say thanks. My wife stays home full-time to manage our two energetic children. Date night is an opportunity for me to say how thankful I am for what she does.

Fourthly, date nights are an opportunity to demonstrate that we know our wife. It's important that we study our wives and plan dates accordingly. When you tailor a night to her tastes, interest and passion you demonstrate that within all the business of your day – her life is still at the forefront of your mind.

Fifthly, by making time for date nights, we deliver a message of commitment to our wives. It demonstrates our desire to make marriage work despite the obstacles and challenges.

Lastly, if we don't date our wives – someone else may eventually volunteer for the job.

Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill, a church that is committed to making a difference in Melbourne for the glory of God. The services are on Sundays at 8.45am, 10.30am (Hoyts, Melbourne Central) and 6pm (Arrow, 488 Swanston St).

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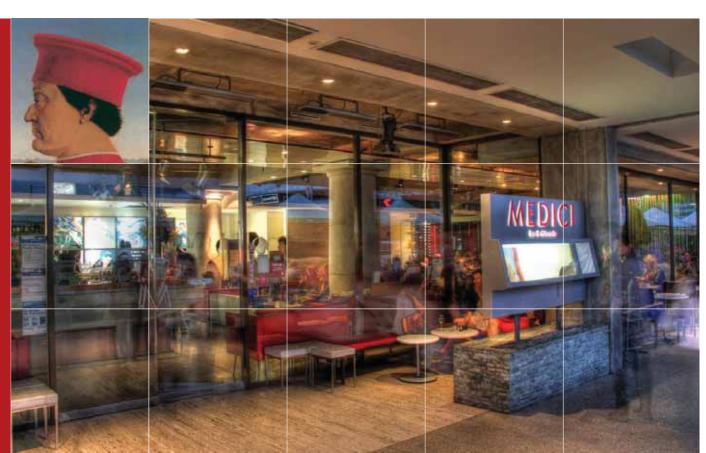
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Julie-Anne

January 5, 1973 North Node in Capricorn South Node

Cancer

James

June 22, 1983 North Node in Gemini South Node

Sagittarius

Julie-Anne

Julie-Anne you feel you need to wait until you are secure before taking action. You avoid taking risks with your emotions and your life, so that you feel safe.

This feeling stems from your overattachment to family and, in particular, your mother. You see yourself as dependent on, protected by and protective of the family unit instead of as a separate entity, responsible for creating your own destiny.

Your unrealistic expectations of family can cause you to become stuck in life and, more importantly, unable to achieve the broader goals you need to achieve in this lifetime. You will at some stage in life make the changes and become more worldly, independent, strong, capable and self-sufficient.

Any steps you take to become an adult and not so dependent on family are a good move. In love you are caring, empathetic and very protecting, so you will make a great mother and partner. Just be careful not to smother your family too much and teach everyone in the family to be less dependent on each other.

James

You have good intentions and want to help those around you with your logical and very enlightened thoughts. You sometimes talk a lot and don't stop to hear the opinions and thoughts of others. This is because on some level you are so attached to your thought process that you worry that, by allowing others in, they may change your beliefs and you don't want this.

Yes you are honest, have clear intentions and have a good grasp of spiritual concepts. You generally understand what others need BUT are not always right and therefore need to stop occasionally and understand the psychology of your other.

Why is it that they cannot see things your way? What do they see and why? In this lifetime James you are here to master social relationships and the art of diplomacy.

The issue here is that MOST of the time your perceptions are correct, but your method of teaching others is a little more like bullying than helping.

Outcome of relationship:

All relationships, intimate or not, are given to us not by coincidence but by design to teach us something - to help us overcome something, to provide us with something or to help us achieve something. Julie-Anne, James has come into your life to teach you about work and being organised. He will not allow you to use emotions to stay stuck! James knows the right words, approach and suggestions to increase your efficiency. This means everything - from eating sensibly, exercising, getting your tasks done in an efficient manner. You need this and have attracted this as your next stage of learning. You, on the other hand, assist James in focusing on his goals and achievements. Your energy supports James's position in the world, his status and reputation. You will contribute to his success either by improving his financial status, helping him to complete a professional project or by giving him advice that keeps him on track toward manifesting his goals. Either way, you too will benefit from his increased status and position in the world. In essence, you will help him achieve the goals that you feel you cannot achieve yourself.

Featured terminology

North Node: The hardest lesson we have to learn.

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I am feeling so proud of myself right now.

Yep, and I don't mind telling you, not one little bit. It's certainly one of the biggest accomplishments I've made (aside from my son of course), because it is something that I was really challenged by. On many levels. In fact, there were several times I thought I was going to fail. Or quit. Or have a monumental tantrum (well I did, but no one saw, so it doesn't count).

I have completed – my house renovation! As you may remember (if you're a new reader, welcome and let's play catch up) my house burnt down. Just over a year ago. And when I say burnt down, the walls are double brick so they stayed up, but everything else came – well – down. The cement render crumbled down like ash, the timber window and doorframes were like leftover barbecue charcoal and the ceilings fell down in flames. My son and I had lost everything. Except for our lives (very grateful) ... and our will to rebuild.

Which is just as well I had the will, because boy oh boy, did I need it! Having laboured

over my house plans, I naively set off to council to get approval. Don't you love it? I can hear you all laughing now ... off she goes to council ... for APPROVAL! Ha ha ha.! Well I did. Not. Laugh. Apparently, my non-heritage listed house (I paid my solicitor a small fortune to confirm this), in its non-heritage conservation area was – of historical significance. Plans? Not approved.

Tears. Wine. More tears. Honestly, I'd never heard of anything more outrageous. Council, in their infinite wisdom, were not only treating my house as heritage-listed but now they were making me take it back to its original structure! Rooms that already existed (my enclosed balcony for example) had to be pulled down and restored to their "former glory". Ahhh, the battles we had. My builder, bless his heart, was very protective at every meeting and we took it in turns to threaten and plead. Turns out, I can throw a mean veiled threat as well as the next. (Small triumph!) But it also turns out that it doesn't get you very far (less triumphant).

So, realising that the only way to win was to take council to court – and that would be a long process – I completely threw away old plans and set to understand what I

could do. And, believe it or not, I came up with a completely different design, which I loved even more! (Don't worry, I never let the council know.) So with the new plans approved, the builder and I excitedly set to work.

That very week, I thought magic had happened. I was asked to be part of a new TV show (it airs every Friday night, on mainstream TV, just a little clue). "Yes" I said! I thought it would help me launch my renovations business in the country, where I find houses that have potential for investors. The TV crews arrived, the experts flew in, I ran through my budgets and plans and – they said it couldn't be done. In fact, they didn't say it as nicely as that. The "experts" said I needed to halve the renovation, increase the budget and double the time needed. I, the smiling assassin, said "no". Needless to say, I'm not on the TV show.

But, I have just finished my home. I did a big restoration and a bigger renovation and I didn't halve my plans. I came in under budget – my original budget. We finished the build in 10 weeks (not 20). And I've just had my house valued at a very nice profit. It's gone up in value by 280 per cent (valuation

by a bank valuer, not a relative!). And I'm feeling very proud.

I'm feeling proud, because I trusted my own inner voice. Even when the "experts" said it couldn't be done. Sure, there were days when I wondered if it was all going to come together, but there were champagne days too. But I did it, on my own (with my team of 12 builders!). I'm not saying it was easy, but I am saying it was worth it.

Always listen to yourself, be guided by what you truly believe – what's the worst that could happen? You were wrong? Well I made plenty of mistakes – but guess what? I fixed them. Sometimes there are no guarantees in life, you've just got to believe that you know where you at least want to go and, if it turns out you took a wrong turn, believe in yourself that you'll get back on track. And enjoy the journey, even when you're on your own.

Now, next challenge, my new years eve resolution to meet a wonderful partner – jeez, I think it's easier renovating!

Until next month

Abby xx

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Tim McBin, 27

LOCATION?

Harbour Town.

WEARS?

Mantoman leather jacket, black jeans, white t-shirt, grey newspaper boy beret and black leather shoes.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Smart casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS?**

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Hobart, Tasmania.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF **CLOTHING?**

This Mantoman leather jacket.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Nicely fitted with simple colours.

Southern Cross Station.

WEARS?

Zara cardigan and sweater dress with green leggings from Hong Kong and

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Girly smart casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

On my way to work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Indonesia.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF **CLOTHING?**

A bridesmaid dress from Gasp.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Anything that is comfortable.

Teresa Frisina, 30

LOCATION?

Central Pier.

WEARS?

Black top with printed skirt and scarf with Nine West Boots and Kate Hill bag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Smart casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS?**

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Melbourne.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Dressing to your body shape.



Photo courtesy of Agnieszka Chabros

Made in Melbourne

By Nicola St John

Melbourne's Spring Fashion Week (MSFW) officially opened this month in a rain-soaked, tiny laneway littered with milkcrates and opulent flowers.

This is a fitting setting perhaps for what we can expect - a touch of the old amongst a bit of grunge and a whole lot of floral.

Just across the river, South Wharf will be hosting the Made in Melbourne initiative this season, featuring 15 young and emerging designers set to make their mark on the festival circuit.

These relatively undiscovered Melbourne designers will have the chance to showcase their works as part of a mentoring program from the MSFW, which endeavors to support independent fashion and emerging design.

A more unique approach than the standard designer shows, Made in Melbourne has the potential to show what Melbourne can produce and display creative fashion untouched by the usual fashion pack.

Made in Melbourne opens on Friday, September 7 with the MSFW running from September 3 to 9.

Tickets to Made in Melbourne are available online from the Moshtix website.





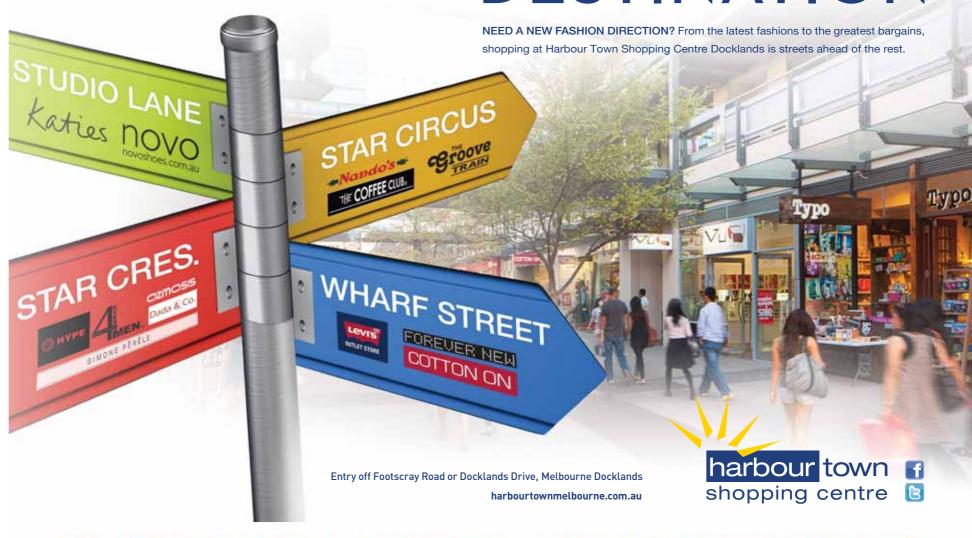




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It's money versus lifestyle

The article by Melissa Chen in your 77th issue dealing with the short-term accommodation was balanced.

While there are sound legal arguments on each side of this debate, it really comes down to an argument between money and lifestyle.

The reality is that those who supply or manage short-term accommodation are bound to only argue with commercial interests in mind. Those of us who reside in these towers constantly live in our homes with the uncertainty of what each weekend will hold, particularly around the time of major events in the precinct. It is often forgotten by the supporters of short-term accommodation that their business is impacting on our homes.

My wife and I moved into a NewQuay tower a little over a year and a half ago. We were very unaware of the short-term accommodation issue, having moved into the city from the outer suburbs for lifestyle and employment reasons. In the main our experiences have been positive. The only negative that is worthy of mention is the short-term accommodation issue.

All too often the debate is simplified to be about noise and damage to property. There is rarely a mention about the intimidation. threatening behaviour, obscene language and wilful disregard to the rules put in place to ensure that people in close-quarter accommodation can co-exist in peace.

Mr Salter's comments amuse me. Shortterm tenants are very different from longterm tenants. They are certainly different from owner-occupiers. In our time living in this apartment my wife and I have not had noise or disturbance issues with any owner/ occupier. As for long-term tenants, the one or two issues we did have were quickly resolved in the interest of harmonious living. Short-term tenants don't care about harmony in our building as they will be back in their homes in a day or two, having disrupted our home.

While short-term accommodation operators may not condone parties with high levels of disturbance, they cannot prevent them. Mr Salter must be joking about there being only two instances of such parties during his five or six years. In our one-and-half years my wife and I have endured three highlyoffensive parties.

The offensiveness included very obscene language usually describing their sexual exploits, incessant yelling and screaming from the balcony, throwing items from the balcony and constant thumping on the floor consistent with a ball game being played indoors. That is what has affected us as an occurrence in the one apartment immediately above us. What happens in other areas of the building can only be guessed at. So Mr Salter, two or three; really?

Parties in long-term accommodation can be dealt with more effectively than the short-term apartments. Most long-term residents utilise the restaurant facilities and are answerable to the body corporate and building manager. And they have to co-exist with their neighbours.

Other issues which impact on the liveability of our home include threatening behaviour by short-term renters, spill-over of loud and offensive people into the corridors and a blatant disregard of the rules for common areas. Apparently the lap pool

we use for exercise is considered to be a party venue for short-term renters who play boisterous ball games, utilise all lanes without ever swimming a stroke and drink from stubbies in the pool and around the edge.

We have, on more than one occasion, not entered a lift because of the drunken and loud young males and females that use it as a ride for both them and their open bottles/cans of alcohol. On weekends our homes become a receptacle for people with suitcases in the lobby looking for a non-existent reception. They think our home is a commercially operated hotel. Most weekends our car park becomes landfill complete with empty bottles, cans and fast food wrappers all diluted with vomit and urine.

Yes, these matters can be reported and they can be resolved, but this week's resolution is next week's problem because those that were dealt with last weekend have been replaced by a new set of noncaring, short-term holiday makers and rabblerousers. Often they are groups of young men looking to "party" in a city

The solution is simple. If short-term renting is so viable then build purposebuilt short-term serviced apartment buildings and sell them for what they are. Leave our homes for permanent residents and long-term renters who, by and large, respect the rights and privacy of others. All the controls in the world will not stop the gangs of youths who invade the shortterm rental market. Has the publicity around this issue and the actuality of this issue reduced the value of my property? I suspect so.

What I find insulting is the much-vaunted threat of a negative impact on tourism and the demise of local businesses. There are ways of resolving this and this resolution should not impact on the appeal of permanent or long-term residency. Serviced apartments have their place and should exist to support tourism and local businesses; just not in residential towers that are our homes.

Gil King NewQuay



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Growth should be in Docklands

It seems that in the same breath that urban planners are talking about urban consolidation they are also advocating for urban expansion.

A new report from the Monash University Centre for population and urban research has indicated that the legislated Melbourne 2030 plans have been soft in directing development into areas of established infrastructure, business and retail centres.

What has been seen rather is an increase to urban expansion outside of established urban boundaries, as exemplified by the Government's announcement this year to create six new suburbs in Melbourne's outer urban fringe.

While the Government is keen to allow for the provision of new suburbs, it is also working with developers to renew existing urban space such as the Docklands. However they are walking a very tight rope to balance the pursuit of both of these objectives.

What is being seen is that as these developments are finished and put to the public, often they are not being sold in each category. The 2011 census reveals the scope of this problem by revealing that under two thirds of new urban development within the Docklands is occupied.

Compare this to results released by *The Age* this month, which shows that 60 per cent of homes not being sold reside in Melbourne's newest suburbs on the outer fringe. It is clear that there is a market glut across the board, but it also indicates that the Government's pursuit of urban consolidation, namely in Docklands, is not working alongside plans to expand. Melbourne needs to adopt one urban strategy and stick with it.

Melbourne 2030, which was legislated in 2002 is a good plan and should be strongly enforced by the Government for new development. Following the advent of the Docklands community garden and other new community initiatives, Docklands is poised to become a vibrant community, serviced by access to major infrastructure, retail and the CBD.

Understandably, apartment living is not for everyone, but urban consolidation is the way of the future. Do not be surprised when roads connecting the city are taxed with congestion tolls, as is the case in many European cities.

It is cheaper and more convenient to live in the city than in the outer suburbs. Firstly, apartments are cheaper and quicker to care for than the average urban dwelling. Secondly, there is less cost to operate the car, as kilometres traveled are significantly diminished by proximity to the city. Lastly, the city is home to free entertainment.

Entertainment in the suburbs is a lot more expensive than entertainment in the city.

Living in Docklands is never bland and compared to neighboring established suburbs like South Yarra and South Melbourne, it is a cheaper and more spacious entry point for home buyers.

David Sibenaler School of Geography and Environmental Science Monash University



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from Active Melbourne City Sports

"Just Play" touch football gala day

Touch football is truly a unique sport which is highly dynamic, free flowing and provides participants with a fantastic workout.

The game of touch demands teamwork and leadership as the key ingredients for success. With the support of Touch Football Victoria, Active Melbourne City Sports (AMCS) is excited to announce that it is launching a new touch football program at Fawkner Park.

To promote touch football to the wider Melbourne community, AMCS will be holding its inaugural gala day, Just Play Touch Football on Saturday, August 25. The gala day provides the opportunity for teams to showcase their talent in the "more serious" division or the opportunity to interact with friends and work colleagues in the "just social" division. Whatever your needs, the gala day has you covered.

Registrations are now open for the Just Play Touch Football Gala Day, visit **www.amcs. ymca.org.au** or call AMCS on **9604 8600**.

Ride2Work breakfast

The day is rapidly approaching, the day where all the city workers have an opportunity to ride to work, helping Australians embrace a healthy, affordable, hassle and carbon free mode of transport.

Ride2Work day was first held in 1994 in Melbourne and is now an Australian-wide annual event that receives an estimated 60,000 active participants per year.

The Ride2Work Program is designed to help people move from "contemplation" to "action" and to establish the habit of riding to work. Ride2Work has had a strong influence in the dramatic increase of people choosing to ride to work, with 38 per cent of new riders registered in 2011 still riding to work five months later.

The team at Active Melbourne City Sports (AMCS) would like to invite you to be a part of a free ride to work celebration happening right here in Docklands. The Ride to Work Community Breakfast Docklands includes numerous promotional giveaways as well as some entertaining and engaging activities for all participants. Visit www.amcs.yma.org.au for more information.

Tour de Docklands

Over the last month the Tour de France has captivated audiences around the nation as the Australian hope Cadel Evans set out to defend his breakthrough win in last year's race.

Although unsuccessful in his attempt, Cadel has been fundamental to putting cycling on the map as a mainstay Australian sport. As a result, we have even seen the introduction of an Australian professional road racing team, Orica GreenEDGE, which debuted in this year's Tour de France.

The rise of cycling as a sport has led the way for the bike commuter revolution which is currently occurring around the country. More and more Melburnians are leading the way, and riding not only for sport, but also riding socially on weekends. Riding provides a fantastic platform for anyone regardless of age, to get out and explore the sights and sounds of Melbourne and its surrounding precincts.

Running through the heart of Docklands along Harbour Esplanade is the Capital City Bicycle Trail. This bike trail is a 90km loop of paved, car-free paths around inner Melbourne. The bike trail provides the opportunity for a great day out, exploring the numerous cafes and fine dining experiences that Docklands has to offer. So next time you need to plan a fun day out for the family, you know what to do.

Notice to Docklands residents and business owners

Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 August

Due to Regional Rail Link track work, buses will replace V/Line trains on the Ballarat and Bendigo lines on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 August.

Rail replacement buses will need to access Southern Cross Station during the weekend, resulting in buses parking at a holding yard in close proximity to the southern end of Docklands Drive.

Little disruption to traffic flow is anticipated as bus trips will be spread across the day and typically involve one bus leaving at a time.

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7. FLIGHT

by Michael Grey

Kate closed the door and leant against its inside.

Her cheeks looked flushed and Tom thought he detected a quiet sigh, although the moment was gone too quickly for him to judge. She saw him and seemed to recover from whatever she left outside. Then the flush was gone, replaced by a smile as she stepped from the door.

"Tommy, you can't just go and make decisions like that behind my back." Tom stiffened at his pet name. Now he saw how she held herself, the way she walked towards him and the coquettish smile; she wanted something. His mind was immediately with the pantry wall, the false partition and the money hidden there.

Hidden, and for how long?

The chances of it being a coincidence, the absolute mind-twisting odds that the money was not there on purpose, were just not worth considering.

So it meant the money was there because his father knew he would live here. As the apartments were being built and he and Kate filled out application form after form, crossing their fingers and hoping for the best, his father knew for certain they would own this apartment. $\,$ And if he knew \dots "Kate." He spoke in a way which brooked no argument, stopping her mid-step and wiping the smile from her lips. "Do you trust me?" She blinked, looked confused ... and something else. Concerned? Could he blame her? "Of course I do." He broke forward, took her hand, heading for the bedroom. "Then get dressed. Something comfortable. And do it quickly, I'll answer any questions when we're out."

She allowed herself to be herded with only a look over her shoulder and then Tom ran to the kitchen, collecting a gym bag from the closet on the way. His elbow broke the damp plaster easily enough, and he reached in. And stopped.

He looked over the hoard. He could barely believe it was real. The way his father

spoke of it was like it was legend, a story conjured up to lull tired-boy-eyes over that last hill to sleep.

Only it was not a child's story, either in its theme or as fact. The stories his father told of his grandfather and the war made him realise two things: that he did not want to hear any more and the amount of loathing his father held for Grandfather. He had grown up thinking it was normal for a father to bear a seething hatred for a child's grandparents.

It had puzzled Tom when he was younger. His developing mind couldn't correlate the image of the old man with the kindly eyes above the grizzled beard bouncing him on his knee, to the man in his father's stories.

There was a fear in his father's words. A dread he assumed his father had for Grandfather. But now he looked at the money, perhaps it was not just that. Tom had assumed there was some level of exaggeration in his father's stories. But the money sat there, testament to his father's tales and proof of the horrific acts he told Tom were his grandfather's

It was easy to assume fear was only one driver for his father's loathing. He did not think it would be hard to hate a monster. He shook the thought free and reached to grab the bundles. As he took the first he saw a rectangle of plaster dust and grit where a brick of bound notes had been taken.

God dammit, Kate! She half-ran into the kitchen as he finished filling the bag.

"Kate, I'm going to ask you something and I need you to be honest with me; we don't have time for lies or games, okay?"

For a moment she looked as if she would object, but she bit her bottom lip and

"Where's the missing money?"

"What'?" She caught his look and changed her mind. "Simon. I gave it to

Tom was up in a moment, bag in one hand, taking Kate's in his other. "I don't care why, but we need it back. Now. He's in a lot of danger if we don't."





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Cat's got his heart

Arthurs Creek local Henry wears his cat in his jacket while viewing apartments in Docklands.

During her day out in Docklands, Crazy sat comfortably in her "dad's" jacket, occasionally peeking out and staring intently at the seagulls on the wharf.

"She must be hungry," Henry said.

At three months old, this domestic long hair cat is a fur-ball of tricks. Other than the usual handshakes and obeying commands, Henry says: "She boxes."

Living on a farm back in Arthurs Creek, Crazy enjoys chasing chickens in their coop. When she is tired, Crazy kicks back and lazes around in the front yard.

Crazy was about three weeks old when Henry brought her home.

Henry found her at Mernda Market at Whittlesea. He was walking through the market when he heard a faint purr. He was certainly not looking to buy a cat.

Mernda Market is not the place you would go to for a pet, and shop owners were not licensed to sell animals, according to Henry. With a little roughing up of the shop owner, Henry managed to convince him to part with Crazy.

And how much did Henry pay for the liberation of Crazy?

"It was the best two dollars I've ever spent," Henry said.

Henry brings his little furry companion wherever he can. He would dress her up in her favourite bowtie, and tuck her away in his coat. Henry calls Crazy his little wingman.

"She has a way with the ladies," Henry said.

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- you own or occupy property in the City of Melbourne but don't live in the municipality, and you are the first or second-named person on the Council's property records; or
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If you are already on the roll **but have moved house**, you can update your enrolment online at vec.vic.gov.au, however this will need to be done by 4pm on Friday 31 August 2012, to ensure your ballot pack is sent to your new address.

HOW DO YOU ENROL?

Download an enrolment form from vec.vic.gov.au, or pick one up at any post office, Centrelink, Australian Electoral Commission or Victorian Electoral Commission office, and return it by 4pm on Friday 31 August 2012.

You may also apply to Council to enrol if you are 18 years or older on 27 October 2012 and:

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- •the directors of the corporation.

If you meet the council enrolment criteria and wish to enrol, contact the Melbourne City Council Elections Helpline on 1300 735 427 or visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/ elections2012 for a council enrolment form.

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THEA FOSTER, 33

Thea has been at Hair Inc since its opening three months ago. Thea finds Docklands quiet, even though it is part of the city. To her, Docklands is an escape from the hustle and bustle of the CBD but she still gets to work in the city. She enjoys working by the waterfront. "When you go out for lunch, it is as though you have the whole place to yourself," Thea said.



Originally from Wales, Alex was looking for a job in hospitality when she found a job at Harbour Kitchen. Docklands is a short walk from Carlton, where she lives. She started work in the summer during national dragon boat championships. "There were a lot of people and it had a very good vibe. Docklands is a lively place in the summer time," Alex said. Her favourite thing about Docklands is watching Docklands' replica schooner Enterprize pulling into the dock.



SCOTT WHEATLEY, 40

Scott moved back to Melbourne six months ago with wife, Beth and mother, Jenny to set up this froyo outlet. Scott recognises the great opportunities in Docklands. He feels that Docklands is still under development and it will be great in the future. "It is the start of something different," Scott said.



RHIANA MOLFESE, 21

Rhiana has been working at Barry Plant since February. To her, Docklands has a great sense of community and it is still expanding. Coupled with a beautiful view and what she calls a "city on the water", the shopping and variety intrigues her. Rhiana feels that Docklands is not too far away from the action of the hustle and bustle of the city.

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JACKIE GORGIOSKI, 39

Jackie has kept Docklands' Party Boat Cruises on an even keel for 14 years. Even in the colder months, Jackie is kept busy with the all-inclusive Winter Package, for \$59 per person. "Docklands is constantly evolving, always exciting and brings new people into our extended end of the CBD that encompasses the waterway," Jackie said.



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SALES ARE HOT FOR SNOWBIRD FROZEN YOGHURT

Docklanders have rapidly warmed to the idea of frozen yoghurt.

Scott and Beth Wheatley realised it was a bit risky to start up a frozen yoghurt outlet in mid winter, but circumstances led to a July opening.

Following a flurry of last-minute preparations at their Victoria Harbour shop, Scott briefly opened the doors at 10pm on a Saturday evening, and the first customers – Frankie and David - came in at 10.01pm. It has since been a steady stream of office workers and residents, keen to try something new and healthy.

Molly-Ann Hay, 8, was another of Snowbird's first customers, and has been back several times with mum Rosemary. Living close by in the Merchant apartment building, there are likely to be many more visits to try new flavours as they come on stream.

Beth and Scott's mum, Jenny, have been busy designing Snowbird's take-away items, which they have tentatively named Snowdrops, Mini-cones, Rocherpops and Yogopops.

Beth and Jenny are continually experimenting with different flavours and combinations. Scott is enjoying his role as the official "taster". But he has also kept busy ensuring that the four "help yourself" frozen yoghurt pump stations are topped up and flowing properly.

Each pump station has several dispensers, presently offering lemon, strawberry, chocolate, biscuit, and the "Rocher twins" - white and dark chocolate.

The idea is simple: You grab a tub from the wall dispenser, and fill 'er up with the flavour of your choice, adorn it with toppings ranging from confectionery to fresh fruit, and then pay according to weight.

"The average price is \$5 to \$6," Scott said.

"We will be changing the flavours regularly. At the moment, both the white and dark Rocher chocolate flavours are the most popular.

"I will add some exotic flavours, such as Baileys, tiramisu, pomegranate and blood orange."

Beth and Jenny prepare the fruit toppings every morning, and Jenny has whipped up her special home-made hot fudge and hot caramel. Thick Italian hot chocolate and parfaits are also on offer.

"We are getting a good combination of office workers during the day, and residents coming down from the apartments in the evening," Scott said.

Scott and Beth chose frozen yoghurt after noticing the success of several franchises in Beth's homeland, the United States.

"Beth liked the taste and, though I was hesitant at the time, she convinced me to try it," Scott said. "I'd never realised how similar the taste is to ordinary ice-cream, but with without anywhere near the same amount of fat or sugar.

"There's a big health trend here in Australia, so we thought it would go well here.

"We chose Docklands because it needed a healthy option to the sweet take-aways.

"Victoria Harbour is very much up and coming. I hear complaints about Docklands but plenty of new businesses are opening up here. Residential towers are being built, so the future looks good.

"It's only the lack of car parking, especially on weekends, that's a hindrance. Car parking should be free on weekends, as an incentive for people to come here."

Snowbird Frozen Yoghurt is at 840-842 Bourke St, Victoria Harbour, email info@snowbirdfy.com.au or visit www.snowbirdfy.com.au



Molly-Ann Hay, 8, agrees with mum Rosemary's insistence on eating healthy frozen yoghurt, at Snowbird in Victoria Harbour.

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"The biggest part of our practice is looking after businesses – from start-up right through to multi-nationals."

Mr Linke reiterates the practice's website message: "With the already proven skills of the existing Bentley Partners team we are excited to add the deep taxation experience of the Tax Aid team. The combined business can now offer you every form of tax return, tax planning and ATO compliance requirement."

Mr Linke, who grew up in Melbourne's west and studied accountancy at RMIT, says Tax Aid's tax agents are flat out at this time of year, doing returns for clients but will always accommodate new clients.

He says the tax laws change every year. $\,$

"The government is not giving as much money back this financial year, which is even more reason to see a tax specialist such as us," Mr Linke says.

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Bentley Partners' strategy specialist Colin Linke at their Tax Aid office in Docklands.



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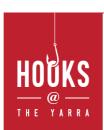


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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

New look Renegades

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The cricketing world has witnessed significant player migration across the competition as a result of the free agency model that followed the single-year deals signed in BBL|01.

The Renegades were among a number of teams to take a fresh direction in terms of list composition, signing nine new players out of 14 recruits during the July contracting window.

Headlining the squad is international superstar and the world's leading test wicket-taker, Muttiah Muralitharan (pictured right).

Renegades members and supporters will be in for a treat when Etihad Stadium plays host to the first match of the season on Friday, December 7, with Murali versus Shane Warne likely to headline the blockbuster Melbourne derby fixture.

Coach Simon Helmot says Muralitharan brings to the Renegades almost two decades of experience at the highest level of the game.

"It's difficult to say anything about 'Murali' that hasn't already been said," Mr Helmot said.

"Not only is he a prodigious talent with the ball, he also possesses a level of cricketing knowledge and experience that few others in the world can match."

"So even when he's not tying down an end or taking wickets, his presence on the ground and in the dressing room can be enough to give a team that lift they need to succeed."

The re-signing of Victorians Aaron Finch,

Jayde Herrick, Will Sheridan, Meyrick Buchanan and Michael Hill has been warmly welcomed ahead of BBL|02, while former Bushranger and one-time English Test player Darren Pattinson returns to his home state after five seasons with Nottinghamshire.

One more Victorian makes his way home and into a Renegades jersey in the form of 18-year-old leg-spinner James Muirhead. Muirhead made his T20 debut with the Strikers last season, picking up four wickets from his two outings.

The Renegades have secured some of the best up-and-coming interstate talent on multi-year deals to lay the foundation for enduring success in the competition.

Nathan Rimmington arrives from the Scorchers and should prove popular with his bushy beard, while Strikers opening bat Daniel Harris, left-arm tweaker Aaron O'Brien and batting powerhouse Tom Cooper have also joined the squad.

Rounding out the Renegades are former Sydney Sixer Ben Rohrer and his wicketkeeping team-mate Peter Nevill.

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Melbourne Ice continues to dominate

By Robert Bremner

Melbourne Ice has taken out the inaugural Trans Tasman championship over the Newcastle North Stars on goal difference during the second weekend of July.

Both sides won their opening matches convincingly and were equal on points. The Ice needed to score more goals than the North Stars did against the Swarm to win and in a fiery clash they managed to outclass the New Zealand side 6-3.

The tournament will alter locations each year with the New Zealand playing host to next season's championships.

The Mustangs ended June by travelling to Adelaide to take on the Adrenaline. They were annihilated 10-0. However, at the start of July the Mustangs turned the tables on Adelaide and came away with a gritty 3-2 win. The Mustangs then hosted the Bears but were unsuccessful and were well beaten.

Following this, The Mustangs took on the Ice in a sell-out clash at the Icehouse. The Ice ultimately prevailed 4-1. The next day, the Mustangs took on the Bauer conference leaders Newcastle and put in one of their best performances to cause a 5-3 upset.

The Ice started July in style with a 9-1 percentage-boosting win over the Ice Dogs.



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