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Forum reps announced

Ten Docklands representatives have been appointed to the newly-formed Docklands Community Forum (DCF).

The forum is intended to support the delivery of projects from the Docklands Community and Place plan, which was revealed in July.

The representatives are:

- Docklands Chamber of Commerce representative, Elena Tsapatolis;
- Docklands Community Association representative, Roger Gardner;
- Destination Docklands representative, Anita Donnelly;
- Docklands waterways representatives, David Wong and Keith Rankin;
- Docklands small business representative Ani Linton;
- Docklands resident, Philip Spender;
- Docklands worker, Andrew Ward;
- Docklands parent, Janine Standfield; and
- Docklands user, parent and business owner, Albert Morcos.

Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne decided on the members at the Docklands Coordination Committee meeting on August 21.

The 10 representatives were selected from a group of 28 applicants.

“The representatives were chosen, among other things, for their passion and we look forward to that passion driving the

continued success of Docklands,” Places Victoria CEO Sam Sangster said.

DCF member Roger Gardner said it was important for the community association to be represented on the forum.

However, he said he had reservations about the influence of the forum and hoped it wouldn’t be “just a show-trial”.

Docklands charter boat operator and president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Keith Rankin will represent Docklands waterways on the forum.

Mr Rankin said he applied for the forum because he was passionate about the evolution of Docklands into the 21st century.

“I hope to be there when decisions are made and to ensure that the charter industry is represented,” Mr Rankin said.

The DCF will be open to the public and those who are interested are welcome to attend the bi-monthly meetings.

The date of the first DCF meeting is yet to be decided but will take place in late September.

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Bob blesses the fleet

Father Bob Maguire (assisted by Keith Rankin) belts out a tune after blessing the fleet at the Melbourne Day Regatta on August 26. See our report on page 5 for more. Photo: Trevor Pendock.



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Shane Scanlan



And so ... a curious journey begins as the Docklands Community Forum meets for the first time this month.

The forum is going to need massive amounts of support and backing from the Docklands community if it is to succeed.

There are lots of reasons to expect it to struggle. And you need a big, strong dose of faith to believe it will rise above the odds that are stacked against it.

Let's look at its parentage to start with. The City of Melbourne spends an obscenely disproportionate amount of its corporate energy trying to avoid public scrutiny.

Its natural inclination is to do its business behind closed doors where the people it is supposed to serve can't see or hear what is going on.

And so it was on August 21 at the Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting when the public was asked to leave so chairman Cr Kevin Louey and a group of senior public servants could discuss in private which Docklanders should be appointed to the forum.

A certain amount of circumspection would naturally be expected around such a discussion, but it was Cr Louey's comments preceding the confidential session that were telling.

He congratulated the officers involved in

the selection process for their "fairness" and "transparency". Transparent to whom? As an elected representative, he clearly doesn't get whose interests he is supposed to be serving.

I would love to be proven wrong about the City of Melbourne. After all, they have started the process and I congratulate them for this.

The council and Places Victoria have selected seven Docklanders to serve as permanent members of the forum (with three places reserved for Destination Docklands, the chamber of commerce and the community association).

Some 22 Docklanders were rejected. It is hoped that these publicly-spirited individuals aren't offended by their rejection and still feel passionate enough to contribute.

Docklands News would like to be able to report on how the decisions were made. But the council's top Docklands man Rob Moore was too busy to have his regular catch up with us this month.

We understand that some people were excluded because they were members of organisations which had automatic membership. This is curious because membership of existing community organisations is evidence of commitment to Docklands.

Interestingly, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce has both its current president and vice-president on the forum, albeit with Keith Rankin in the group because of his interest in the waterways.

And the forum has already failed one of its purposes - that of forcing Docklands' disconnected peak bodies to talk to each other.

I'm sure that staff member Anita Donnelly will make a great contribution to the forum, but it would have been nice to see Destination Docklands chairman Kyle Johnston as the delegate.

Community Association president Roger Gardner has, elsewhere in this edition,

voiced his scepticism about the forum. Sigh. There will be no value in members bringing negativity to the table.

There are 10 permanent members of the forum. There was to be 12. Apparently, a young person can't be found, which explains one of the two vacancies. The other?

It is curious also why a permanent group has been established. As yet, the group has no purpose. Its roles and functions will be worked out in the first few meetings.

Will they be making decisions? Recommendations maybe? Will they have special status when voting? Will there be voting? Who will set the agenda and who will determine what is able to be discussed?

My hope is that the 10 permanent members of the forum inspire the rest of Docklands to participate vigorously and generously to make it a success.

Everyone needs to get behind these people because they have an extremely difficult job:

They will be operating within a risk-averse corporate culture that values secrecy;

They will be unsure of their rights and whether or not they have any actual "power";

They will need courage and determination to remain positive and focused on what is best for Docklands as a whole; and

They will similarly need support to remain united as a group.

I congratulate the members on their appointment and wish them the best for the journey ahead.

Let's all get behind them.

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Laugh your arts off

Docklands' own arts, blues music and comedy festival gets underway next month.

Organisers are hoping the five-day, multi-venued Docklands Arts and Laughs Festival will put Docklands on the cultural map of Melbourne.

According to organiser Melissa Head, the year could be the start of something big that will help define Docklands and bring plenty of visitors to the suburb.

"We hope the event builds momentum and becomes one of Melbourne's iconic annual festivals celebrating Docklands," she said.

"It's great for our community. We will be presenting children's events, cabaret, theatre, stand-up comedy, and a blues festival on Sunday so there will be something for everyone. Don't see one show see them all."

"It's a team effort programming this event with thanks going to Destination Docklands, NewQuay, and Waterfront City being the main sponsors. We want all Docklanders to



feel proud that our suburb can step up and host something really entertaining like this."

"It would be great to see as many locals as possible falling around laughing and enjoying the music and other events."

"We all need a good laugh!"

The event will culminate in a blues festival on the Sunday, October 7. A variety of blues bands will be playing on multiple stages along NewQuay Promenade and venues within Harbour Town.

Ticket prices vary amongst the different shows but there are many free events thanks to Destination Docklands, New Quay and Waterfront City.

"The event charity is The Big Umbrella; we'll be raising money for its Real Meal program through gold coin donations from those attending free events," Ms Head said.

The festival will include performances by Lloyd Spiegel, Dream Boogie, Jane Badler, Stevie Paige, comedians Jeff Green, Dave Callan, Greg Fleet, Brad Oakes, The Amazing Drumming Monkeys, Catfish Voodoo and more.

Festival venues include Wonderland Fun Park's Spiegeltent, Harbour Town Hotel, The Ice House, Harbour Town, Oscars Table,



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The annual ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition at the Mission to Seafarers in Flinders St is also included in the program, as is a photographic exhibition at Banc Café in the NAB building.

The full program is included as an insert in this edition of *Docklands News* and a full-page ad can also be found on page 20.

For more information see www.docklandsartsandlaughsfestival.com.au

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Book for lunch

There are still places available for the September Docklands News Networking Lunch.

To celebrate three years of networking lunches we will be returning to Berth in NewQuay, where it all started back in 2009.

At the lunch on September 14, guests will hear a short update on progress from the Regional Rail Link Authority.

The networking lunch costs \$60 per head, which must be paid in advance by September 7. To book, email your request to lunch@docklandsnews.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.

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.

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No ownership of tram safety sign

The safety of passengers alighting at the Docklands Park tram stop is at risk because no authority will accept responsibility for signage.

A Yarra Trams “whistleblower” contacted *Docklands News* after months of attempting to draw attention to the danger that a broken sign at the stop presented.

The stop is one of only a handful in Melbourne where commuters are expected to step directly from the tram onto the roadway and into the path of on-coming traffic.

And the Docklands stop is the least obvious, with motorists coming around a sharp corner and upon the stop within about 20 metres.

An illuminated and flashing sign warning drivers to stop was installed when the stop was

created but, according to the whistleblower, has been broken for many months.

“For six months now we have had Yarra Trams trying to get Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne to fix the sign,” the whistleblower said.

“They have been saying that it’s the other’s responsibility to fix the sign.”

A Places Victoria spokesperson said Yarra Trams was responsible for the stop, but City of Melbourne was responsible for the sign.

However, a City of Melbourne spokesperson



told *Docklands News* that Yarra Trams was responsible for the sign.

A Yarra Trams spokesperson said the responsible road authority was City of Melbourne and that the fault had been reported to this authority.

No authority is taking responsibility for ensuring the sign is functioning correctly, leaving tram drivers concerned each time passengers enter and exit trams at this stop.

Docklands News has seen a tram driver getting out to ensure that traffic stopped and passengers could cross the road safely.

“There’s also a sign down there that’s facing the wrong way,” the whistleblower said. “All it would take is for someone to get a screw-driver out and turn it around.”

“To me, it’s irresponsible indifference. Does someone need to be killed before something is done about it?”



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Part of the massed fleet assembled on August 26 to demonstrate the significance of Melbourne's waterways.

Melbourne Day Regatta

More than 1000 people were introduced to Docklands waterways at the Melbourne Day Regatta celebrations on August 26.

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The Passenger Boat Association held the regatta to reinforce the importance of the waterways and to celebrate the history of Melbourne.

The first Melbourne Day Regatta was held on August 30, 1838, in celebration of the Enterprize arriving with Melbourne's first settlers onboard three years earlier in 1835.

Last month's regatta was the first in modern times.

Charter boat operator Keith Rankin said the event was a "rekindling" of the original.

Mr Rankin said the event was particularly

significant because two direct descendants of original passengers of the Enterprize attended the regatta.

While celebrating the history of Melbourne's waterways, the regatta also served to reinforce the relevance of the water in modern times.

"The reason most people move to Docklands is the water. So they need to celebrate it and be active on it," charter boat operator Jeff Gordon said.

Mr Gordon said the Melbourne Day Regatta would be held again next year with August 25 already set as the date.

"It's the first of many and the next will be bigger and better," Mr Gordon said.

Place of worship mooted

Docklands could have its own place of worship by 2015.

Places Victoria has earmarked the corner of Footscray Rd and Little Docklands Drive as the site for the project.

A place of worship was one of 30 projects included in the Docklands Community and Place Plan released in July this year.

A Docklands place of worship was also promised in the Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition Plan for Planning in 2010.

This, along with a football oval and sporting facilities such as a basketball or netball court, is yet to be delivered.

The planned site could become a

mixed-use development. Places Victoria will consider developments which include commercial elements such as a child-care centre, offices or retail space if necessary to make the project possible.

Places Victoria is also seeking submissions which demonstrate a community benefit. This may include co-sharing the premises with other denominations or providing education and training facilities.

Places Victoria will soon seek expressions of interest from groups interested in developing a place of worship in Docklands

It is expected that the Docklands place of worship will be built or under construction by 2015.

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By Bethany Williams

Our newest member of State Parliament wants Docklanders to know her door is always open for them.

Labor’s Jennifer Kanis (pictured right) won the state by-election on July 21 and has since been settling into her role as the Member for Melbourne.

However in Docklands, Greens candidate Cathy Oke was the winner on primary votes, with Ms Kanis coming in second. And fewer Docklanders voted ALP this year than they did in 2010 when there was a Liberal candidate.

“I think that it’s important to have a look at the results but what I’m really doing is concentrating on getting to know Docklands better and getting Docklands to know me better,” Ms Kanis said.

“I don’t know how Docklands perceives me, but I hope in a year or two Docklands people will know me and know me well. I hope they will know they can come to me for assistance, can seek help from my office for matters that impact on them.”

“I guess in a way it’s the beginning of that part of my relationship with Docklands,” she said.

So far, Ms Kanis’ relationship with Docklands



has been limited to visiting the area during lunch breaks when she worked in the city and riding through it on one its bike tracks.

Ms Kanis is a former councillor of the City of Melbourne. She said one of the things she pushed for as a councillor was the Docklands library.

“I think once the library is built that will give the community a bit of residential closeness,” Ms Kanis said.

However, she said there is still work to be done, with more open green spaces and plans for a school – both things she considers a priority for Docklands.

“Even if a school isn’t needed today, I think we need to start setting land aside and making sure we’ve got a plan for the future,” Ms Kanis said.

Ms Kanis also weighed in on the short-term apartment debate.

“I’ve got nothing against short-term residential lettings but the residents who are living here permanently do need to have quiet enjoyment of their homes,” Ms Kanis said.

Ms Kanis said she also has concerns about short-term accommodation in terms of emergency procedures.

“I don’t think there will be a simple resolution, but I do think that the needs of the residents who are living here all the time do need to have some priority over people who are here for a short time,” she said.

However, she suggested the challenges Docklands faces are to be expected – considering its stage of development.

“Docklands is halfway through its development. For a young suburb it’s terrific,” Ms Kanis said.

Ms Kanis said she was looking forward to spending more time in Docklands in the future and encouraged Docklanders not to be strangers to her.

“Come and say hello and let’s see what we can do together,” Ms Kanis said.

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Docklands gets a tick from parent

Former major projects minister Mark Birrell thinks Docklands is a work in progress, but one that so far is living up to his expectations.

"I think Docklands has developed into a great addition to the city and has developed a community feel, but there is still work to be done," Mr Birrell said.

Mr Birrell was the minister for major projects between 1992 and 1996 and said his role was to get Docklands moving.

In last month's Docklands News, former premier Jeff Kennett credited Mr Birrell with the inspiration for Docklands.

Mr Birrell said he used to cycle through Docklands before it became an urban renewal project.

He said at the time he could see the potential for a new waterfront for the city and for creating housing options that hadn't previously been thought of.

However, he doesn't take all the credit for kick-starting the project.

"There are a lot of parents of Docklands. I would give a huge amount of credit to Eric Mayers, strong support from Steve Howard, the architectural community and town planners from Melbourne and Monash universities," Mr Birrell said.

Likewise, Mr Birrell also gives credit to successive governments.

"I give credit to successive governments who have stuck with it. It has enjoyed bi-partisan support," Mr Birrell said.

Mr Birrell said in the 15 years since construction began we've achieved a lot. However, there have been mistakes along the way.

"With the Docklands Authority and the first chairperson Eric Mayer it was a very personal commitment to ensuring the success of Docklands," he said.

"I think that when the Docklands Authority wound up about eight years ago and changed into VicUrban the detailed focus on Docklands was reduced, which was a pity



Mark Birrell

because to create a community you need a lot of attention to things like transport and community services," Mr Birrell said.

"We should learn a lesson from this that Docklands is a very large addition to the city and requires full-time custodial attention."

Mr Birrell believes this was now being resolved with more focus on community services which he said were critical to the area.

So what does Mr Birrell think of Docklands now?

"I look at it as having a 30-year period of growth so, given that, I'll be able to pass judgement in a decade," Mr Birrell said.

At this stage though, Docklands was evolving well, he said.

"When we first started the only thing blowing through Docklands was waste. The transformation of a disused and abandoned area to a vibrant community is a great achievement."



Real estate agent is in hot water

Former Docklands real estate agent Ali Abbas will appear before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on October 26 over nearly \$100,000 worth of trust fund irregularities.

According to a Consumer Affairs spokesperson, Mr Abbas (pictured above) faces allegations relating to failing to keep full and accurate records of trust monies.

The Consumer Affairs investigation into Mr Abbas and his agency Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd, which operated as a Century 21 franchise, started last November.

Century 21 head office notified Consumer Affairs after receiving multiple complaints against the agent.

It was alleged at the time that Mr Abbas received bonds in cash from multiple tenants, however did not lodge the money with the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority.

It was also alleged that rents were paid in cash and were not passed on to landlords.

As a result of the investigation, the Minister for Consumer Affairs froze Mr Abbas's agency trust account and appointed a manager to run the business.

Mr Abbas's real estate licence was suspended.

Since appointing a manager to the business, Consumer Affairs has received 28 claims to the Victorian Property Fund regarding unpaid rental monies and missing residential tenancy bonds.

Claims to the fund total more than \$99,000.

The Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria also requested that a formal inquiry into the business practices of the agency be conducted.

The inquiry, to be dealt with at VCAT next month, was issued under Section 25 of the Real Estate Agents Act.

The Act outlines circumstances, which would warrant an inquiry into an estate agent's conduct.

Docklands News understands that the VCAT inquiry will establish if Mr Abbas's real estate licence should be cancelled and that, if so, he may face criminal charges.

"A deficiency or wrong conversion in a trust account are serious criminal offences," a Consumer Affairs spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said Consumer Affairs Victoria had successfully prosecuted similar matters through the courts in the past and had also referred cases to Victoria Police.

Docklands News was unable to contact Mr Abbas about the allegations which have been made against him.

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Owners join apartments case

Watergate Owners Corporation (OC) has joined the legal battle against serviced apartments in Docklands.

A Building Appeals Board hearing on August 6 confirmed the OC would join the City of Melbourne in its case against serviced apartment operators in Watergate.

The City of Melbourne is attempting to outlaw the practice of short-term rentals in residential buildings and last year served building orders on 26 owners.

The council is mounting a test-case using the building code and the owners are resisting the move and are contesting the case in the Building Appeals Board.

At the latest hearing on August 6, legal counsel for the owners did not object to the OC joining the proceedings.

The OC's lawyer Tom Bacon said: "Watergate owners and residents are tired of putting up with short-stay operators bringing in undesirable and sometimes abusive persons into the building, that reduce the level of amenity in the building and cause increased cleaning, security and maintenance costs to all owners."

Mr Bacon said the Watergate OC would assist and support the council in arguing the use of the building by short-stay operators had breached the building's residential classification.

Further developments in the council's case were also heard at the hearing.

Tim Margetts, representing the City of Melbourne, reported that the council had commissioned a Melbourne Fire Brigade (MFB) review of the Watergate building.

Mr Margetts said an inspection of the common areas of the building and a sample of apartments would take place in August.

"The MFB will set out in their report the additional requirements that a Class 2 building would need to be used for Class 3 purposes," Mr Margetts said.

Mr Margetts said the fire safety review was necessary when looking at the building notice, which had led to the building order, as it related to the validity of the building order itself.

However, Building Appeals Board chairman Leslie Schwarz questioned this as the appellants were not questioning the validity of the building order.

Mr Schwarz said the MFB report would only be relevant to a new building order or a new building notice.

"The intention was to obtain a determination in terms of classification," Mr Schwarz said. "I'm reluctant to go outside what we have been asked to do by the appellants."

Rebecca Brezzi, representing Docklands

Executive Apartments and Toby Cogley, representing Grand Harbour Accommodation agreed with Mr Schwarz.

Ms Brezzi said the case was simply about an issue of building classification.

Likewise, Mr Cogley said the review of the Watergate building was a separate matter.

"While the Melbourne Fire Brigade report may be interesting for other reasons, it is not germane to the issue at hand," he said.

Despite this, a City of Melbourne spokesperson said that the review of the Watergate building would still go ahead.

"The planned inspection of the Municipal Building Surveyor and the MFB will proceed. Matters identified through this process may assist in informing the Building Appeals Board in relation to this appeal or clarify if any other action is required by council," the spokesperson said.

The case is set to re-convene on November 5.



Ouch!

A vehicle brought down a light tower and a flag pole in Docklands last month.

The traffic island, on Bourke St adjacent to the NAB forecourt, was damaged on the morning of August 19.

The collision was strong enough to rip the light tower and flag poles out of the ground.

Police are investigating whether speed or alcohol contributed to the accident.

"Police are investigating the cause of a collision in Melbourne's CBD around 7.30 am," a spokesperson said.

"Police have been told that a vehicle was travelling south on Bourke St before crashing into two poles west of the intersection with Harbour Esplanade."

"The driver and passenger, both females believed to be aged in their twenties, were transported to the Royal Melbourne Hospital with minor injuries."



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International recognition for Docklands' car

Docklands' car is attracting international attention.

The Auto-Horizon Foundation's FR-1 concept car featured in a prominent European industry trade journal in July.

JEC Composites Magazine, based in France, is one Europe's most prestigious composites publications and describes itself as the international forum for users and manufacturers in the composites industry.

For the uninitiated, composites are made from two or more materials with considerably different physical or chemical properties, which remain separate within the finished structure.

The carbon fibre chassis featured in the FR-1 concept car was of course of great interest to JEC Composites Magazine because of its innovative design.

"It's an Australian first and it was designed and constructed in Docklands," Auto-Horizon Foundation founder Brian Tanti said.

The Auto-Horizon Foundation is located at Automotive Centre of Excellence in Batman's Hill.



Collins Square project manager Michael Spencer in the newly-renovated building.

Goods Shed is ready and waiting

Pearson Group Australia is set to move into the newly-refurbished Goods Shed South at 707 Collins St this month.

The refurbishment of the shed is part of Walker Corporation's \$1.3 billion Collins Square development.

Collins Square project manager Michael Spence said Walker had tried to retain as many original features of the historic goods shed as possible.

Heritage features include iron columns, exposed trusses, brickwork and the ceiling frame, which supports hanging light fixtures. The wooden panels on the ceiling of the building are also original.

Mr Spence said when refurbishment started the panels were covered with layers of soot from the trains that came through the shed.

Rather than using paint strippers or chemicals to remove the soot, Mr Spence said they used high-pressure hoses so that the original colour of the wood could be restored.

The Goods Shed South is reminiscent of the Goods Shed North, which is home to Places Victoria.

Glass panels in the ceiling allow plenty of natural light to flood the open-plan office space.

"Architecture can be very polarising but everyone we've taken through so far has loved it," Mr Spence said.

The next phase of the Collins Square development is the unique Lantern building, which is the entrance point to the Goods Shed South from Collins St, and which is currently under construction.

It is expected the building will be completed by December. At this stage there is no tenant for the Lantern building.

\$3 million revamp planned

A \$3 million redevelopment is set to revitalise Dockland's Batmans Hill precinct.

The 1.9 hectare site, bordered by Collins St, Village St, Wurundjeri Way and Batman's Hill Drive, is home to Lindsay Fox's classic car collection and the Kangan Institute's Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE).

The redevelopment will be funded by the Lindsay Fox Trust and Places Victoria, with support from City of Melbourne.

The redevelopment includes:

- A park to be created at the corner of Collins St and Harbour Esplanade;
- A new exhibition space; and
- An internalised bluestone piazza between the Queens Warehouse, which houses the classic car collection, and the ACE.

"The redevelopment will create a drawcard for the automotive community," Places Victoria chairman Peter Clarke said.

He said the piazza could be used as a public meeting space as well as a site for vintage car rallies or swap meets.

Mr Clarke said the Fox Trust had already spent \$1 million on the Queens Warehouse.

Mr Clarke said the area had previously not been activated and the development would add open spaces and provide more access to the restored Queens Warehouse, with extended opening hours planned.



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It's all about the tats

By Bethany Williams

You can tell a lot about a seafarer just by looking at him. At least you can if he has a tattoo.

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV), on Flinders St in Docklands, is currently cataloguing the tattoos of seafarers who visit the mission.

"In a historical context, tattoos are the ultimate, outward sign of belonging and personal adornment," MtSV historian Monica Cronin said.

The process of recording seafarer tattoos is currently informal. Staff at the mission ensure they take a quick photograph and ask about the story behind a seafarer's tattoo whenever an opportunity presents itself.

Monica said the mission's interest in seafarers' tattoos developed after a discussion about tattoos, rites of passage, tradition and cultural mores.

The conversation eventually turned to the tradition and culture of tattooing amongst seafarers.

Historically, tattooing was very much a part of seafarer culture. Seafarer tattoos served as symbols of initiation, experiences and superstition.

The mission was curious to learn about modern tattoo culture amongst seafarers.

According to Monica, the very next day an



American crew visited the mission and crew-members were more than happy to discuss their tattoos and have them photographed.

Amongst the crew was a young seafarer who had got his first tattoo of an anchor in New Zealand the week before.

The anchor, a traditional seafaring image, generally indicates a seafarer who has sailed the Atlantic or is part of the Merchant Marines.

The seafarer told staff at the mission that his tattoo was symbolic of his first voyage at sea and of becoming part of the ship's crew.

"It appears from their stories that tattooing as a rite of passage still exists," Monica said.

So far the mission has spoken to a handful of seafarers about their tattoos. Staff hope to continue to record and discuss the tattoos of seafarers who visit the mission.

"It's an obscure piece of research and I'm not sure yet what it means for the mission except perhaps learning a bit more about the people that come through our door – learning what's important to them and the symbols they associate with those important things," Monica said.

"Ultimately we would love to be in a position, a little way down the track, where we can put together an exhibition featuring seafarers' tattoos and, more importantly, the meanings behind them."



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Stadium keeps its name

By Melissa Chen

Docklands' Stadium will be known as Etihad until at least 2019.

The stadium announced on August 15 a five-year extension to its naming rights agreement with Etihad Airways.

When it opened in March 2000, it was known as Colonial Stadium. Etihad Airways became the naming sponsor in March 2009.

The stadium views the extension of the partnership as a win-win situation for both parties. Communications manager Bill Lane said the partnership guaranteed an all-important revenue stream.

According to Mr Lane, the airline's CEO James Hogan conceded last week that the "Etihad" name was barely known in Australia five years ago.

This year on the morning of the AFL Grand Final, the stadium will host the official AFL/North Melbourne Grand Final Breakfast.

Mr Lane said: "It is a great way to kick off Grand Final day and it is a fabulous occasion for Docklands to have such an entourage of dignitaries within our precinct."

This November, the stadium will also host British super-group Coldplay and at least 60,000 people are expected to attend.

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Silt stirs up trouble

Silting between Collins Landing and Yarra's Edge has become so built up many boat operators now avoid the area.

The problem was highlighted earlier this year when a Port of Melbourne fire-fighting tugboat ran aground attempting to put out a boat fire.

The luxury Horizon 78 cruiser it was attempting to salvage was eventually engulfed in flames and sank.

Docklands charter boat operator Jeff Gordon said he had not taken his boats to Collins Landing since 2010.

"The last time I took a boat up I hit something underwater and bent a rudder, which cost a lot of money to repair," Mr Gordon said.

Mr Gordon said at low tide the water in the area was only a metre deep due to the silt.

Docklands News understands other boat operators have noticed silting from Yarra's Edge across to Collins Landing.

A Parks Victoria spokesperson said the

silting within the Yarra was due to a natural build up of sand or other organic materials as a result of the river's water flow.

"Parks Victoria has an ongoing monitoring program to survey the Yarra River to assist in maximising safe boating access to the river for recreational and commercial boat operators," the spokesperson said.

A Parks Victoria survey of large sections of the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers started at the end of August.

The spokesperson said the survey, which included Yarra's Edge and Collins Landing, would inform the development of a long-term sustainable dredging strategy for both rivers.

"If dredging is required, Parks Victoria will be involved. However, it may also involve other Government agencies or privately-leased marinas," the spokesperson said.



Water taxi to start in November

A water taxi shuttle service will connect Northwharf with the CBD from November.

The World Trade Centre (WTC) Melbourne Water Taxi shuttle service will allow passengers to travel to four points along the Yarra River.

The shuttle will stop at WTC Wharf, South Wharf, Southgate and Federation Square in what will be known as the Yarra Loop.

The shuttle service is intended to enliven the river and draw people to the water.

"It's about activating the precinct and creating links through the water," WTC Strategic Director Philip Hill said.

Mr Hill said the shuttle would be a boutique service based around historic boats.

These will include 1940s boat Elizabeth Ann, ex-navy whaler boats, Rebecca and a steamboat called Grower.

The shuttle service will be managed and operated by Melbourne Water Taxis out of WTC Wharf.

"It will create a transport hub along the river," Melbourne Water Taxis owner and manager Andrew Bird said.

Mr Hill said the service could be a stepping-stone to a commercial service linking into the public transport system.

At this stage there are no plans to extend the water taxi shuttle further into Docklands.

Mr Hill said this was not a possibility because of the differences in water, travel time, speed limits and the types of boats required to travel in Docklands compared with the Yarra.

The two main boats to be used for the shuttle service are Rebecca and Grower, which Mr Hill said were better suited to the Yarra.

However, Mr Hill said Docklands could easily connect with the Yarra Loop shuttle service.

"The big opportunity for Docklands would be to link into the service at the top of the Yarra," Mr Hill said.

"If Docklands' private boating industry were to charter a boat into the Yarra every hour or so while the Taxi shuttle service is operating it would create a fantastic link with the Yarra and vice versa."

The Yarra Loop water taxi shuttle is expected to start in the second week of November.

The shuttle will run from 4pm - 7pm on Fridays and 12 noon - 6pm on Saturday and Sundays from November to April. A reduced service is planned for winter.

The shuttle is expected to cost \$5 for a one-way trip and \$10 for an all day pass. Children will travel with a gold coin donation to the Mission to Seafarers.

Council grant for Alma

City of Melbourne has committed \$300,000 towards the restoration of heritage sailing ship Alma Doepel.

\$200,000 of the grant has already been paid to Sail and Adventure Limited, the not-for-profit organisation that owns the ship.

The remaining \$100,000 is to be paid next year.

"The City of Melbourne will contribute \$300,000 over three years to the restoration of the historic Alma Doepel, with a proposal for the ship to be docked at Central Pier, the centrepiece in the waterfront heritage precinct," a City of Melbourne spokesperson said.

Restoration director Peter Harris said discussions with City of Melbourne about funding had been ongoing for the past year.

After a review of the organisation's business, project and fundraising plans, City of Melbourne agreed to provide the funding.

Mr Harris said the funding would help pay for a submersible barge, which will be used to lift the ship out of the water to continue the restoration.

The barge is currently being constructed and, when completed, will be submerged and positioned underneath the Alma Doepel. Air will be pumped into twin submersible pontoons in order to raise the ship out of the water.

Mr Harris said he expected the barge to be ready in about six weeks.

The barge is being built with the intention of it having a secondary use after restoration work on the ship is completed.

"We're building it to last for 20 years and City of Melbourne has expressed interest in purchasing the barge after we've finished using it," Mr Harris said.

Suggested uses for the barge include an events stage or a soundstage.

Mr Harris said the barge could even be towed up the river to provide extra event space for festivals such as Moomba.

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Docklands-based members of an ANZ cycling team aiming to raise funds to battle cancer.

Projection project

Docklands is now lit up each night by a large-scale digital projection.

From dusk each evening the permanent video installation *Structure of Vortices* can be viewed from the exterior of the Melbourne Water Building at 990 LaTrobe St.

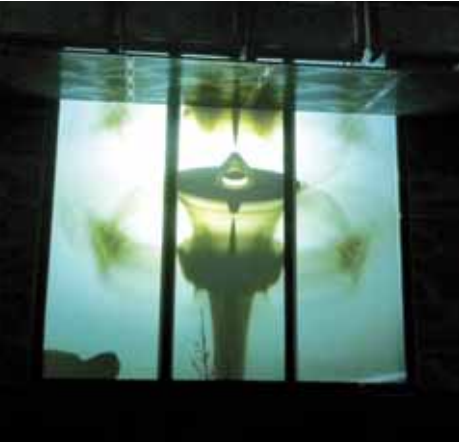
The projection runs on a 55-minute cycle and shows a water vortex that is injected with various colours and gold flecks showing a whirlpool of changing colour and speed.

The artwork, by Cameron Robbins, was commissioned by Digital Harbour (Holdings) in June 2011.

“The artwork is fitting because of the location of the building in Docklands, beside the harbour, and the major tenant of the building, Melbourne Water,” Digital Harbour executive director Davis Napier said.

The artwork was selected through a competition held by Digital Harbour. Six artists were invited to provide a proposal for an artwork with part of the brief being to reflect the main tenant, Melbourne Water.

It was installed in May this year and has been operating since June. The artwork was officially launched on August 28.



Breaking the cancer cycle

A team of ANZ Docklands staff is aiming to raise \$50,000 for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre by taking part in a 200 km bike ride next month.

Over 30 staff from ANZ Docklands are taking part in the two-day Ride to Conquer Cancer.

Participant Corbert Wilson said the ride involved a return cycle from Melbourne to Healesville, taking different routes both ways.

He said participants pledged to raise a minimum of \$2500 each when they signed up for the ride.

Steve Morgan, ANZ general manager of credit assessment and retail operations, helped organise the ANZ team.

Mr Morgan said it was the first time the ride was being held in Victoria and that the team had raised \$32,000 so far.

The team is raising money in a variety of ways including a bake-off competition featuring a visit from Beau of *MasterChef* fame.

Team members have also been busy collecting from friends and family.

One team member held a Christmas-in-July event and will be conducting a winery bus tour in order to raise funds.

The team is not training formally but many ride to work or arrange weekend rides together.

About half the team would describe themselves as cyclists, while others are getting back on the bike for the ride.

“Some claim not to have been on a bike since they were kids,” Steve said.

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The Ride to Conquer Cancer will be held on October 27 and 28.

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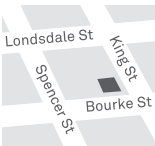
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Brush up on art at The Hub

A botanical and floral art class based in Docklands is busily preparing for an exhibition at The Hub next month.

The exhibition of botanical art, *A Brush with Nature* will show off the hard work of the University of the Third Age (U3A) class.

Using watercolours, pencils and other mediums, the artists have produced beautiful, life-like images.

“Many in the class have never painted or drawn before and now they are producing beautiful art,” tutor Rhonda Favaloro said.

Gwen White, whose artwork will be exhibited next month, said the class offered the opportunity to learn more about botanical art while, at the same time, refining drawing and painting skills.

U3A has been running the botanical art class at The Hub for the past four years.

It offers a variety of courses to those over 50 who are retired or no longer working full-time.

A Brush with Nature can be viewed every day during October.

For further information, contact The Hub on **8622 4822**.

New neighbours for Docklands

Docklands has welcomed some new neighbours with the opening of the Lacrosse stage one east tower at 675 LaTrobe St.

The first residents of the Charter Hall development began moving into the building on June 26 and close to 100 apartments are now occupied.

A Charter Hall spokesperson said this number was increasing daily with new tenants and owners taking up residence.

The 18-level tower houses 312 apartments. It is anticipated the building will be close to fully occupied by December.

“We have found that Lacrosse residents are predominantly young professionals and students working and studying in the CBD,” the spokesperson said.

20-year-old Kimberley Beck fits the bill as one of Lacrosse and Docklands’ newest residents.

Kimberley moved into the building last month and loves the Docklands lifestyle.

Kimberley’s 10th-floor apartment faces the water and she said she loved waking up each morning to the view of the harbour and the Bolte Bridge.

Even before moving to Docklands, Kimberley had already spent time in the area visiting her favourite restaurant, Berth.

Now that she lives so close by *Docklands News* is sure she will become a regular.

“I think I’ve already been there about six times since moving in,” Kimberly said.

Construction on the \$165 million Charter Hall development began in May 2010.

Construction on the Lacrosse stage two west tower is yet to start. Developer Pan Urban was unable to provide a time-frame for construction.



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President is challenged

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Chamber members will be asked to choose between incumbent Keith Rankin and challenging chamber executive member Stephen Clement.

Mr Rankin was elected unopposed to the presidency in October 2007 and has not been challenged until this year.

The chamber’s annual general meeting will be held at the Studio, Etihad Stadium at 6.30pm on September 18.

Members wishing to nominate for executive committee of office bearer positions need to submit a nomination form before September 11.

Fashion fix

Get a bite-size style session at The Hub this month.

As part of its fifth birthday celebrations The Hub is running free “Lunchbox” presentations on the second Thursday of each month until December.

This month image consultant Christine Maines will be visiting to share her tips for fashion success.

Christine will discuss the importance of image and first impressions, recognising your body shape and how to choose trends and colours that suit you.

One lucky attendee will receive a voucher for a complimentary city shopping trip with Christine for three people.

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Where: The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade



In September 2008, the British press revealed the tragic story of a man who went missing for three years. The article declared that the man had been locked up in an IKEA store because he couldn’t find the exit! In a follow up interview he said:

“At last I’m free from that monstrosity of a building. I only went in for some cushion covers. It was a living nightmare, every time I saw an exit sign I went for it, only to find myself right back where I was 20 minutes earlier. When I asked someone for the exit, they pointed and just said ‘that away.’ After a few days I finally gave up and settled down for a new life but it was crap, I wouldn’t mind but all the TVs weren’t real so I couldn’t even watch Big Brother.”

It’s a funny and clearly fabricated account. That said, we can all relate to his story. Just as this man longed to be free from the “IKEA prison” so too do we long to be unshackled from the things in our life that inhibit us. We all have an inbuilt desire to break free.

What is freedom? A common definition we encounter suggests: “Freedom is the power and right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.”

In other words, freedom is being uninhibited from anyone or anything that might prevent us from living the life we want to live. Freedom is getting to do what we want, how we want, when we want.

The great philosopher Jack Sparrow says as much in the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*:

“Wherever we want to go, we go. That’s what a ship is, you know. It’s not just a keel and a hull and sails; that’s what a ship needs. Not

what a ship is. What the Black Pearl really is, is freedom.”

There’s a lot to love about a freedom defined according to my wants and desire. I love independence. But as we discover in our own lives, a self-sufficient, self-defining freedom is actually fraught with difficulties.

Firstly, what if my wants are to the detriment of someone else? It’s been said, “one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter”. Freedom, defined purely by what one wants, corrupts relationships – whether in the office, the community or the home.

Secondly, what I want is not always what is best for me. We all have made decisions based on our desires and wants that, in hindsight, we regret. We may have got what we wanted, but we know it was not what we needed. More often, rather than freeing us, our wants enslave.

Thirdly, a freedom built on my own wants assumes we can know with certainty what our wants truly are. In my experience, my desires are conflicting. I want to be fit and healthy. I also want to eat junk food. I want to be a man of truth and integrity. I also want to win and I know that often truth and integrity can stand as a barrier. Instead of providing direction, our wants produce confusion. Add to this, exposure to advertising and opinion-seeking telling us what we want. The result is a life where we go from one employer to the next, one relationship to the next and one experience to the next in search of that illusive fulfillment. The further we search, the more bound we feel.

I want to suggest that God’s design and our desire for freedom are not mutually exclusive. However, God’s definition and culture’s definition are radically different.

Our world says freedom is found in doing what we want to do. God says freedom is found in doing what we were made to do.

Freedom

Recently, I did survive a trip to IKEA. However, I was not so lucky in putting my purchase together. In fact, I spent seven hours on a TV cabinet that in the end was put together back to front.

Why did I have such difficulty? The truth is I have a great dislike for manuals, guides and instructions. They insult my independence and manhood! I like to do everything in my own strength. Yet, I do not know whether the situation or challenge path of self-reliance is a foolish and futile path.

We are significantly more complex than a bookshelf. The mind, the heart, the soul, the body are beautiful knit together – but together they (we) require a manual.

To be free and find fulfillment and lasting joy, we need to know not just what we want, but how we were made. You can try and cut corners and do life your own way, but you will fall short. So where do we go?

Well in the gospel of John, he records these words from Jesus:

Jesus said, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Jesus is making a bold and audacious claim that he is the guide, the manual and the one who knows what you were made for. He claims that if we hear His word and abide in his truth, we will be free.

According to Jesus freedom is not living without a master, it is having the right master. To find out more about Jesus you can visit one of our Sunday services, attend an “Introducing Jesus Course” or download a free message at cityonahill.com.au

Guy Mason is the lead pastor of City on a Hill, a church that meets on Sundays at 8.45am, 10.30am (Hoyt’s Melbourne Central) and 6pm (Arrow, 488 Swanston St). To find out more visit cityonahill.com.au or check out facebook.com/cityonahill.com.au

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody

Well there's never a dull moment!

Firstly, we happened to find out from an outside source that MAB Corporation is trying on the quiet to get Places Victoria to change the Master Plan for NewQuay East to allow them to build taller residential towers instead of shorter commercial buildings on Docklands Drive at the rear of the existing residential towers including the Arkley and Palladio. Is there no end to what some are calling the greed?

The buildings would be separated only by the 10 metre wide Caravel Lane. Clearly this change would bring major problems including lack of privacy as residential buildings are occupied 24/7 whereas commercial only during working hours and not weekends. Other problems arising from cramming include overshadowing, loss of views, traffic congestion and further loss of open space.

This overcrowding, unlike anything else in Docklands, would result in 10 high-rise towers within an area of about 400 m by 100-150m – nine of which would be residential. We will end up with a wind-swept concrete

jungle! This is a disgrace!

Whilst the health of retail /business is important, the welfare and amenity of residents – increasing to some 2000 in NewQuay, is not to be ignored or belittled. If you permit residential buildings then you have to provide for residential welfare. Until now, resident welfare has been treated as irrelevant.

If we hadn't found out about this latest MAB proposal, it would have quietly been approved by Places Victoria like everything before and residents would have been told nothing. The breast-beating by the authorities about the need for community consultation is at times utter hypocrisy.

Upon finding out, I requested a meeting with Places Victoria to obtain details and a few of us are meeting with a senior manager shortly. I would like to thank Peter Clarke, PV Chairman, for arranging this. I'll keep you informed.

The Southbank Residents Group met with the Lord Mayor and council officers to object to similar cramming problems there but with a disappointing response.

We will be requesting a meeting with council to clarify what their role and powers are in development approvals.

As a result of mounting concern in Melbourne

over the loosening and inadequacy of the planning legislation and the dictatorial attitude of the Minister, an idea is brewing for a mass protest. The idea is yet to be progressed. Mass action is seen as necessary as small, localised protests get nowhere.

The Docklands Community and Place Guide issued by Council / PV provides interesting reading and has many good amenity ideas for our area including a couple of multi-use sports courts [no tennis courts though] near the Hub, a boating centre, ferries etc.

An intriguing item briefly mentioned is an exhibition place at the corner of NewQuay Promenade and the Esplanade. We believe it is actually a place for the developer MAB to display art – presumably approved by important friends as a lasting commemoration to their "achievements" in the area.

One item that we are totally against is a proposal to place old cargo sheds on the Esplanade. This would hardly present a welcoming vista to visitors on what needs to be a redeveloped open showpiece. I know that a senior person in PV also opposes the idea and wants a linear park along the stretch, which we support.

Members of the DCA committee met with

Cr Louey to review matters including the above Community and Places Guide. We believe that the construction of the Library/Community Centre will begin later this year.

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

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

Regards to all
Roger Gardner
President DCA

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NewQuay

The de-facto Docklander

Although he doesn't live or work in Docklands Peter Crowley still feels part of Docklands.

It's no surprise considering he was one of the founders of the Docklands community.

Peter worked for the Docklands Authority, which later became VicUrban and has now evolved into Places Victoria.

His role was to lead the community activation for the newly-developing area.

At the time Peter started working in Docklands, there were only a small number of residents.

Peter was instrumental in starting many of the committees and groups, which are now deeply ingrained in the community, including the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and the Docklands Residents Association.

Peter also set up some of the early playgroups, along with community events such as Dockfest, Carols by the Cow and the Parade of Paws.

Most significantly, Peter started Docklands News itself and was the original editor of the paper for three and a half years (Docklands News has been privately owned since 2007).

Peter stopped working in Docklands in 2010 yet has retained a strong connection to the suburb.

"I still get frustrated when I read or hear criticisms of Docklands which are often unfounded and made without any local knowledge," Peter said.

"You frequently read about the lack of community here but that's just not the case at all."

Peter returned to Docklands this year to assist with some current community building activities.

He helped with the activation of the community garden and has assisted Lend Lease with an oral history project.

The oral history project involved speaking with a wide range of people who have had some connection with the area throughout Docklands history.



This experience reminded Peter of everything that makes Docklands unique and the rich history the area has.

"It's not just that this is a development site that was a former port, it was a development because it was a former port. It's like that is part of the story and part of the journey and it's not a different story, it's episodic," Peter said.

Peter said this history should have more representation in contemporary Docklands.

Likewise, he feels there are opportunities in Docklands to enliven the waterfront and make use of the much-maligned wind.

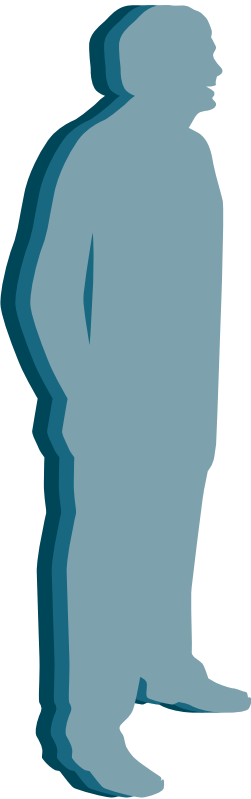
"We've never done much with the wind

except complain about it, with the exception of the blowhole," Peter said.

"Australia has a history of pumping water with the wind, it would be so easy to have wind-powered art along the waterfront and it would draw people in," he said.

It's clear the development of Docklands community and the way the area grows is still of importance to Peter.

"I'm a de facto Docklander. I don't live here but I feel very connected to the area," Peter said.



DOCKLANDER

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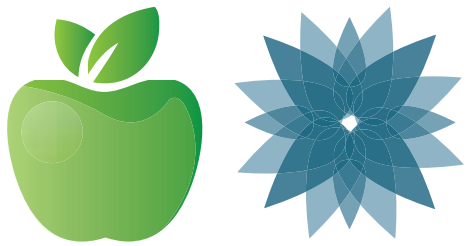
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with Peter O'Rourke

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Olympic dreaming

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Many news articles have been written documenting Australia's poor performance at the recent Olympic Games. However emerging from this so-called "doom and gloom" were still some fantastic performances from our athletes which made Australians stand up and be proud. The entire Australian marathon team, as an example, exceeded many people's expectations and produced some of the most awe-inspiring results of the games. One female runner in particular, Lisa Weightman, became the third Australian woman to finish in the top 20 of an Olympic marathon, finishing 17th overall.

Lisa Weightman is proof that with passion and persistence, anything is possible. After overcoming multiple injuries and countless setbacks throughout her younger years, she has now become one of Australia's all-time great marathon runners. Lisa, a past participant of the Corporate Cup, will be returning this season as the 2012 Corporate Cup ambassador. Visit www.amcs.yma.org.au for more information.

Break it up

Ask yourself this question. How often do you sit and eat your lunch on your desk in front of the computer screen?

This is a common occurrence with corporate workers choosing to eat at their desks allowing them to work through their allocated lunchtimes. By law every corporate worker is allowed to take a pre-determined lunch break. However, some workers feel there is perceived pressure from the working hierarchy to eat at their desks, take shorter lunch breaks and appear to be working.

But at what cost does this come? In a Money Magazine report, it stated by "not taking a break can be counterproductive, sapping your energy and lowering your productivity. It also can lead to higher stress levels and, as a result, poorer health". Therefore, the short-term gain of skipping lunch can potentially lead to long-term problems. The same article stated that by taking "some downtime to mentally recharge, whether it involves eating lunch, taking a walk, or reading a book, exhaustion and fatigue levels really do decrease".

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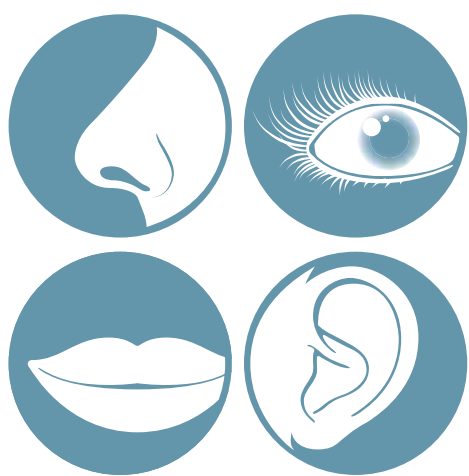
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DOCKLANDS SECRETS

When does civil twilight end?

It seems that Docklands urban artwork Civil Twilight End is somewhat noisier than initially intended.

The bell tower, situated at the corner of Bourke and Village streets in Batman's Hill, was commissioned by Equiset, as part of the Docklands Urban Art Program.

The artwork, curated by Simon Maidment of Satellite Art Projects, is designed to ring at the moment civil twilight ends – the time at which the sun has dropped six degrees below the horizon.

Docklands News was under the impression that the bell was meant to ring once. In fact, an article published on the Satellite Art Projects website before the artwork was installed states the same.

“The bell housed in the tower will ring once per day, at the moment of Civil Twilight End, when the sun had disappeared from view but while the sky is still illuminated by it,” the article states.

However, Docklands News has noticed that the bell is now ringing three times in a row to mark the end of civil twilight. When we asked Mr Maidment about the extra ringing, he said the bell was set to ring three times, each ring being five seconds apart.

He said this was how the artists, Kate Daw and Stewart Russell, had wanted the bell to function. What confused us was, which of these three bells signals the end of civil twilight. Is it the first, second or third?

Mr Maidment said it was the first of the three bells that marked the end of civil twilight in the “area”.

“More accurately, it’s the moment of civil twilight end for the ‘area’ to an accuracy of degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude, and hours and minutes in clock-time resolution,” Mr Maidment said.

Mr Maidment explained that the moment of civil twilight was not necessarily a second long but, rather, a block of time and the calculations used to determine this period of time related to an area rather than a spot.

This means that the length of civil twilight end changes throughout the year as the sun moves away from the area faster or slower depending on its distance.



WORDPLAY

FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

Scorn of a woman

By - Nandita Chakraborty

“Damn, Tom you are such a child!” Tom laughed at this remark. “This is not just about the money is it?”

Grabbing Kate tightly with his right hand, he tried to hold on to his bag strap with the other. “Let go of me!” Kate pushed him away as far as she could.

She stood next to the missing brick, panting for air. Silence was the only medium between them. Tom was still looking at her, as if waiting for her to say something.

He was always waiting for her, waiting for her to make decisions for them, waiting for her to connect him to his past. “Will I ever connect and if I ever connect what will it all mean for me?” Tom thought to himself.

Walking slowing towards her, he looked for signs that she might rebel and lash out again.

They looked at each other for a long time and stood together in the silence, until Kate took the first step. She leaned forward and slapped Tom on his right cheek. Surprised with this, Tom slapped her back.

“You are happy now Tommy, happy to take all your frustrations out on me?”

“You hit me first – what the hell was that about! You’re the one out of your mind over all this money and that real estate guy – for god’s sake get a grip on your-self Kate.”

Thick air of silence came between them again and separated them back into their respective corners.

“I am sorry, I did not mean that, I just over-reacted I guess. Look, I am sorry.” Taking Kate in his arms, he kissed her passionately on her lips. Slowly caressing her cheeks, he looked into her deep blue eyes. The pseudoscience of time, translated her eyes as a lulling and soothing background for him. He did not feel insecure anymore.

Slowly breaking herself free from the kiss, she reached for his cheeks; gently stroking with her tongue, she nibbled on his ears. Kate, aware of her precarious posture, wanted to make it comfortable for him, slowly guiding him towards the bedroom.

“He is such a hard work! I’ll have to finish this quickly before Simon comes for me,” she thought to herself, glancing quickly at the bedside clock.

Pushing Tom’s hand gently off her, she looked at him for a long time. Reminiscences of the past began to haunt her. The countless houses she saw with him, one application after another, dealing with his insecurities, her feelings trapped with him, her playing blackjack with Simon at the casino, the mindless one-night stands with Simon, his confident attitude towards life and himself, opened a box of Pandora for her to scheme with. She felt like she could dream again, she was alive.

In about half an hour from now Simon will be waiting for her outside. She looks at Tom for one last time, still deep in sleep. Quickly, she slips out of the bed sheets, still thinking about what Tom had said earlier about Simon being in danger.

Smiling to herself, she changed into her black dress and high heels and reached for the already packed suitcases. She checked her satchel to see if her blue nurse’s uniform was not forgotten in the rush. Her lips broke into a smile when she saw the blue uniform neatly folded under stack of papers, which she carefully used to camouflage the money.

“Goodbye my love.” Softly whispering to herself, she closed the door behind her.



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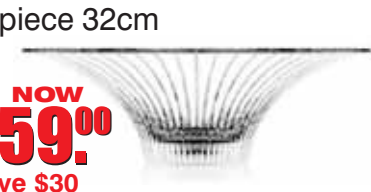
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Margaret's grandchild

Margaret O'Driscoll moved to Melbourne from Sydney 12 months ago when her husband relocated for work purposes. She has made Docklands' Waterfront City her home.

Walking along Central Pier, Margaret is accompanied by Heidi, her golden pure breed Cavalier King Charles. Heidi turned three on Aug 14.

"She is actually my daughter's dog. That makes her my grandchild," Margaret said.

According to Margaret, Heidi is now extra special to the family after they lost their 13 year-old Corgi a couple of weeks ago.

Heidi is one lucky pup with her daily walk.

"Every time she hears the clank of the leash, she knows. She gets all excited," Margaret said.

Although Docklands is still new territory to Heidi, she is fitting in well.

"Heidi has a beautiful temperament. She is

exceptionally friendly, even to strangers," Margaret said.

"She loves her walks. More often than not, she is taking us for a walk, not us taking her for walks," Margaret joked.

Margaret holds Heidi on her right, and a doggy pan on her left to pick up Heidi's litter. Strolling by the pier, Heidi does not tug or bolt. She walks leash-side Margaret, stopping occasionally to look at her surroundings.

When she is looking for 'friends' around the neighbourhood, Heidi has a slightly different "peer" group in mind. Margaret said Heidi loves chasing the wild rabbits who frequent the far end of the pier towards Harbour Town shopping centre.

"She would sniff them out," Margaret said.



Heidi receives a \$25 gift voucher from Pet Stock South Melbourne

Notice to Docklands residents and business owners

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 September

Due to Regional Rail Link track work, buses will replace V/Line trains on the Ballarat and Bendigo lines on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 September.

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Good News Bill has been overseas for most of August following the Olympics in London. It was nice to enjoy a couple of weeks of warm northern hemisphere weather.

During my visit I had an opportunity to visit Edinburgh and take in the action at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This event creates quite a buzz throughout Edinburgh, with visitors and acts coming from far and wide to be part of the show. So it is with growing excitement that I return to Docklands to be involved in our very own version of this iconic event – The Docklands Arts and Laughs Festival – five days of cabaret theatre, comedy, arts and laughs and blues festival from Sunday, October 3 until October 7.

We have been overwhelmed with the level of local interest and the variety of acts that have come forward to participate. You will find the official guide as an insert in this newspaper.

With spring just around the corner and school holidays in September, the Wonderland Fun Park is putting on a Safari Spectacular in Harbour Town. This will feature live entertainment for the kids and an opportunity to get up real close to live crocodiles and snakes that will be appearing daily. What a great way to keep the kids entertained and the reptiles fed during the school holidays.

Stephen Cummings fans out there will enjoy hearing Stephen perform at the Mission to Seafarers each Wednesday night throughout September. Shows start at 7.30pm and cost only \$15. Enjoy a glass of wine and be entertained in the cosy atmosphere of the mission's lounge.

The Docklands Community Garden, launched in July, is now a calling for volunteers to help keep the garden in tip-top condition and provide fresh produce for local residents. Get involved and surprise yourself with what is possible in an urban environment.

I am also excited to read that the Southern Star Observation Wheel has been given a tentative completion date. Obviously there are still elements out of the control of the

construction company that may yet delay the opening, but it is heartening to hear that completion is now on the radar and with a bit of luck January will see the wheel finally start to turn again.

City of Melbourne and Places Victoria are set to announce the names of people who have put their hands up to serve on the representative group that will support the Docklands Community Forum. The forum provides an opportunity for all Docklanders to raise local issues for consideration by City of Melbourne and Places Victoria. Make sure you find out who these people are, and get to know them – as they will be your voice to the top.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce AGM is to be held on September 18 at Etihad Stadium. Being on the executive represents an opportunity for people to step up and play an active role in working with local businesses to help Docklands transition from a work in progress to an exciting and vibrant new Melbourne destination. The deadline for nominations is September 11.

The Docklands Rotary Club is very active and meets every Tuesday at Watermark from 6pm, except the first Tuesday of the month when it is a lunch-time meeting. If you want to become a local Rotarian, then why not come along on a Tuesday and introduce yourself.

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

Ego is an interesting thing – it can drive our actions. It can give us the confidence to achieve our dreams. It can be the pride of our own inner soul. That's the good kind of ego.

The other type of ego is the not-so-good type. This is the type that makes some people think they're more important than others. The type that makes some people believe their voice is the only voice. The type that seems to go hand in hand with, well, a kind of state-of-mind that a psychiatrist would probably have a field day with!

I have had some very interesting interactions with egos recently – and have taken great strength from the old saying, “give them enough rope and they'll hang themselves”.

Here's just one example. You may remember my column from last month (because you might have read it and giggled, not because my ego says it was so great you'd never be able to forget it!). Well, in case you don't remember, it was about the fact that I was booted off a TV show on house renovations because I wouldn't do my renovation the way the “experts” suggested. Given it was my house, my design and my money, I kind of felt like I had a right to my own voice.

Anyway, a current affair-type show aired the disasters that the TV show “renovated” – shame, shame, shame on the “expert”. Perhaps her ego became too self-serving, and her interest was more in being “famous” than actually making sure she was still doing the things that got her to be the “expert” in the first place. Anyway, if you're thinking of doing a renovations course, you might want to check out the story first.

Then there's the even worse type of personalities – the ones that actually enjoy throwing their perceived power around. I have just hung up the phone from a very unpleasant property manager who is definitely not quite right in the head. Her inspection report of the property I leased whilst renovating my burnt-down house, reads as though I was the tenant from hell. And whilst I may have been accused of being a hell-raiser in the past, nothing was further from the truth at this property!

Not even a picture hook went up on a wall. However she took great pleasure in telling me how she had made the last people at inspection cry, how she had a family replace the carpet of all four rooms despite their legal threats, how she is proud she takes two and a half hours to inspect a property. What the?

Yep, I got called back, for the third time, because she'd found cobwebs on the back fence – we live in rural reclaimed land by the way – and there was a scratch on the inside of the built-in robe door so the whole thing needed re-painting. Oh, and there was a small ding in the front of the garage door, only if you looked at a certain angle, so I'd need to replace the entire door. And the removalists truck dug a little bit of ground up in moving – solution? I'm to re-turf.

Talk about someone taking their moment, their one solitary point of having any power, and enjoying telling you what to do. Clearly, this is the only point in her life that anyone is listening to her – when she's holding your bond!

So do yourself a favour and, in this world of heavily spruiked up property “experts” and professionals, do some research and see what stress and unbelievable egos are involved with anything you're about to do business with. If they are anything like my last two encounters – run away!

Egos are part of who we are. They are the voice that believes in us and drives us to be the best we can be. Unfortunately, we see so many people using their power, or ego, in the wrong way. Ego doesn't have to be a dirty word. Maybe this month, we could all check the way we are behaving with others, and just make sure we're putting things in place for the right reasons.

Have a great month.

Abby x

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FACES OF DOCKLANDS



BEN FRASER, 19
Sales associate, Optus

It was Ben's third day in Docklands when Docklands News caught up with him. Ben's first impression of Docklands was of the friendly people around the area who directed him towards the shopping centre when he got lost. He likes Docklands because of the food and its vibrant culture. "There is huge diversity in the shopping which is always good," he said.



DIVYA KAPOO, 21
Retail assistant, Between the Sheets

Divya started working at Between the Sheets at Harbour Town Shopping Centre five months ago. This is her first retail job. "I love the Docklands. The shopping is great," she said. Divya enjoys being near the waterfront and she thinks it a beautiful place to hang out with her friends.



BAO HO, 24
Bar attendant, Platform 28

Having previously worked at Alumbra, his position at Platform 28 is not Bao's first job in Docklands. A friend recommended Bao to Platform 28 and he started working there two months ago. He likes the open spaces by the water. "Docklands is laid-back, and it has really good vibes," Bao said. His favourite place in Docklands is by the waterfront.



EMILY LAM, 27
Part-owner, Pok Pok Restaurant

Pok Pok opened in Bourke St five weeks ago. Emily saw a gap in the area and wanted to provide comfort food that was reasonably priced for their corporate customers. Emily loves how Docklands is very close to the city. She also enjoys the scenic location by the waterfront.



JOEY THOMAS, 35
Manager, Man, What a Fuss!

Joey was more than happy to make the move when Man, What a Fuss! set up its second outlet in Merchant St on June 30. Joey helped set up the company in McKillop St in the city. She was looking forward to a change in scenery after being in the city for so long. "It feels as though I have stepped into a different little town," Joey said. Joey said she loves how the sun sparkles off the waterfront.



JESSICA GUSEYNOV, 27
Front of house, Hooks @ the Yarra

Jessica joined the Hooks team when it opened on July 20. Jessica is still new to the area but is enjoying the views of the marina. According to Jessica, the views of sunsets are beautiful from where the restaurant is located. The first thing Jessica noticed about Docklands was the friendly people. "Docklands is different. It is all about the lifestyle," she said.

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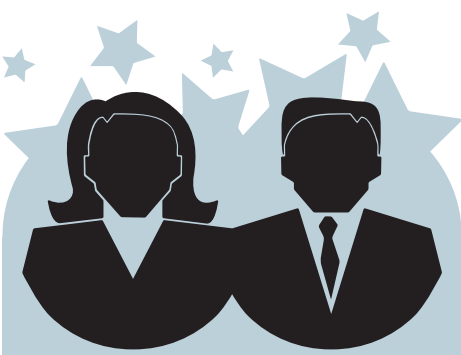
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Ravina

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North Node in Libra
South Node Aries time not known
Born Fijian islands

Nalin

August 25, 1974
North Node in Sagittarius
South Node Gemini
Born Fijian Islands

Ravina

Successful partnerships are your destiny in this lifetime as well as your challenge. In order to achieve your goal you will need to firstly embrace partnerships fully and not be quite so self-focused. Being a team player and doing what is best for the team will provide more than your share of personal rewards.

When you learn how to appreciate others and respect their limitations, you are on your way. A clue for you to remember is that not everyone is as capable as you so at times you will need to show patience, tact and respect for others' shortcomings. Another little tip is that you may expect that others know and do things the way you do but, in reality, everyone gives to a relationship in their own unique way. Appreciating your partner's subtle gifts, strengths and weakness and making allowances for these is a great way to ensure the success of your partnership and, as a consequence, your ability to get what you want.

Nalin

Your north node is where your biggest lessons lie and where your biggest fulfillment comes from. It is the path of growth, strength and empowerment.

Many times people acquire fame, fortune, love and assets, yet still feel empty. When you satisfy your north node you do not feel empty regardless of what else is happening in your life. Nalin, your north node is in Sagittarius and you are fortunate because you also have your moon in Sagittarius. This makes it easier to learn your lessons in this lifetime. North node in "Sag" people are learning to listen beyond the words to the true meaning of what others say. You need to develop a quiet mind and determine your own truth and your own integrity. There are many times you say and do whatever you think you need to say and do to get what you want or to attract the people you need to attract. You cannot second guess yourself or be swayed by others, but tell the truth as you see and feel it, regardless of others judgements.

Featured terminology

North Node – The hardest lesson we have to learn. In Capricorn it is honoring goals and tasks without emotion. In Gemini it is learning the art of listening and understanding others viewpoints without losing your own integrity.

Outcome of relationship:

All relationships, intimate or not, are given to us, not as coincidence, but by design, to teach us something – to help us overcome something, to provide us with something or to help us achieve something. Nalin, your Saturn is in Cancer and Ravina's sun is in Cancer. At times, you may not like the discipline of the nurturer and mother that Ravina projects, however it is your lesson to learn and by watching and accepting this part of Ravina's personality you develop the skills yourself and become a more rounded whole person. Ravina, you need to learn the art of relating, diplomacy and taking others into account before you dive into your projects. Nalin has several planets in Libra therefore being your teacher. By stepping back from your own self-interests and watching the ways of your partner, you become more peaceful, successful and grounded. Ravina, Nalin's gift to you in this relationship is to partner with you in the truest sense of partnering. Whatever you need in a partnership he provides. Nalin the gift you receive from Ravina is that of strengthening your identity in the world.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Rebecca Worcou, 21

LOCATION?

South Wharf

WEARS?

Denim vest, blue scarf from Abercrombie & Fitch, cargo pants and black print T-shirt.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

'90s casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Melbourne.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Printed T-shirts that are big and baggy.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Having a pop of colour in your outfit and wearing good shoes.

Alex D'agostin, 21

LOCATION?

South Wharf

WEARS?

Black duffle coat, salmon pink jeans, grey inner thermal wear from Bonds, sneakers from Converse.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Warm and cosy.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Spotswood.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Denim shorts.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Accessories.

Emily Watts, 22

LOCATION?

Victoria Harbour

WEARS?

Fur coat, tights, red gloves, striped tights and black ankle boots.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Warm.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Taking my mum, who is visiting from Tasmania, shopping.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

South Yarra.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Ankle boots and tights.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

An outfit that works around a staple piece.

The spring vibe

By Sam Goss

Melbourne is a rather exciting city to call home in the latter months of the year.

As any local knows, September is a time where footy finals rule the land, ensuring that even the most unenthusiastic of sports supporters have some sort of AFL-related event to attend.

If you are attending a game (and don't feel the need to dress like Joffa in team colours and a sparkly wig) jeans of any kind are your best bet as you will be sitting down and will need to be comfortable.

To avoid looking like a tragic wannabe WAG, women should opt for a sturdy boot with a comfortable heel. Stilettos are NOT okay at the football. Layered knits or a chic faux fur teamed with a coloured fedora or beanie will give you an elegantly-casual vibe to ensure you retain some semblance of class whilst you are sipping wine from a plastic cup and spilling hot-dog sauce down your front.

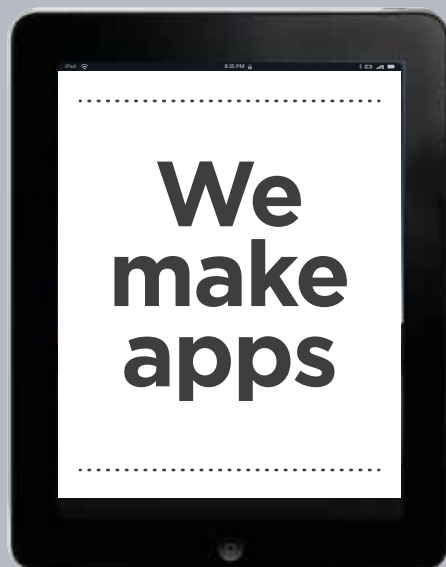
After the footy winds down there is the spring racing carnival to look forward to. The latest collection by Sydney-based label Camilla and Marc showcased a lot of chic racing attire, and showing support for Australian designers is always a bonus.

Think pastels and structured, asymmetrical shapes to win big in the fashion stakes. Avoid anything too glitzy (it's daytime) and flesh-revealing (IT'S DAYTIME).

A classic blazer is a sound investment and, if you acquire one with pockets, you have hit the spring racing fashion jackpot as you have somewhere to store your mascara and Band-Aids.

Men who dare to be different should head on down to the suiting department at Topman on Chapel St. Leave the pinstripes, wide collars and Oakley sunglasses combination to the bogans of years gone by and give good tailoring, unconventional shirts and classic wayfarers a go. A man in a good suit with a quirky twist is at once dashing and approachable.

The best advice? Wear something that's comfortable enough to spend the day in, covered enough to see your Nan in and cool enough to get street-style snapped in. And go easy on the wine.



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Letters to the Editor

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Serviced apartments

My name is Peter Kelly and we started running serviced apartments here at NewQuay from September 2002 through to October 2005 and again between May 2009 to the present.

Under our management, we have worked in the first instance with 200 apartment owners and the second instance 65, so we have many years experience in running serviced apartments here at NewQuay and at Watergate in the early days.

Your correspondent Gil King (Letters to the Editor, August 2012 Docklands News) moved in 18 months ago and stated that he was not aware of the serviced apartment issue.

Well, there wasn't an "issue" when they

moved in. It has only become an "issue" due to some who have taken it upon themselves to get rid of this investment option.

The latest issue with the Melbourne City Council at Watergate is completely different and has been brought upon by a poorly performing operator.

The ramifications to Dockland investors or owner-occupiers, if successful, will have a huge damaging effect on the value of their properties.

Likewise, if retailers and restaurants lost the business that serviced apartments bring they will surely fail as it is only because of these guests that the NewQuay businesses survive.

I can assure you Mr King if the restaurants or the IGA relied on residents they would go broke very quickly because all businesses acknowledge that locals don't frequent their businesses as well as they would like them to.

Gil also claims that Paul Salter's comments amuse him. Well Gil, I can assure you that

we have had only two instances where parties have been reported to us by security or fellow residents and we have stepped on the problem immediately – and that is with 265 apartments in six years. Not bad, eh?

We have run a very tight ship so far as taking security bonds is concerned and we have found that this deters most trouble-makers. Sure, we have noise complaints but once Mon Jon Security or our staff knock on their door the noise stops immediately.

I have never experienced, nor have I had reported to me, any instance of obscene language or drunks in lobbies or lifts as he suggests.

I agree that specialty-built towers for serviced apartments would be the ideal, but MAB developed NewQuay as they did with serviced apartments as an investment option and many investors have chosen that choice. The Conder, for example, was sold off the plan – with that being the prominent option to investors

The serviced apartment operators here at

NewQuay are very responsible and I would suggest that they have helped contribute to the success of the area.

To suggest that serviced apartments have reduced the value of his property is just foolish and I truly believe if these businesses were banned you would really see a drop in the value.

Finally, all of the aggressive and silly comments outlined in the letter do nothing to assist with the problem that he says he encounters.

To the suggestion of the threat of negative impact, I say open your eyes Mr King and see NewQuay without the 1000 visitors a day that the serviced apartment operators bring to NewQuay.

Serviced apartments were here well before you Mr King – in fact, 10 years earlier. So maybe you should have done some homework before buying into NewQuay.

An honest view from the other side.

Peter Kelly
Docklands Private Collection

Paper can link people

I have now lived in Docklands for one year.

The *Docklands News* arrives in my mail slot every month, and reminds me that I am part of an emerging community. This newspaper plays an important role in local development – and I want to help. I have conducted an analysis of historical *Docklands News* issues and would like to share my findings.

Docklands News provides great coverage of businesses, government activities and upcoming events. It regularly delivers a

broad range of articles, advertisements and images to connect the reader with local dining, entertainment, community services, real estate, charity and sport opportunities. The paper also successfully tailors content towards the young adult demographic which is so prevalent throughout Docklands.

However, reading *Docklands News* with the view of it being a tool for community development, it is clear there could be more emphasis placed on the environment, spiritualism and health. The paper could take on the role of nurturing the community by identifying avenues for the residents to grow personally. This could be delivered by incorporating an employment section, increasing advertisements for religious

groups and educational opportunities and including more articles promoting green living and wellbeing.

If *Docklands News* can assist readers to grow into healthier, more successful, more responsible, and more balanced individuals, this can be translated into a more vibrant, interactive and successful community. *Docklands News* can promote opportunities for residents to connect with each other and combine their individual strengths for the benefit of the community. This could be delivered through offering a classifieds section, advertising volunteer opportunities and providing more coverage of social and purpose-driven groups.

My final observation, as a new resident to the

area, is that things are hard to find! Unit this, laneway that, street extensions, road works, constructions, etc. Whilst *Docklands News* can introduce readers to various locations around town, it can often be difficult to find exactly where they are. The problem could be solved with a local map included in each issue of the paper. A key could identify the location of any businesses, services, groups or landmarks covered in that month's issue.

All that being said, there is no argument *Docklands News* is a successful and interesting media outlet. But I believe their role as a powerful agent for community development should not be overlooked.

Anonymous

Hear, hear Gil

Thank you for your continued coverage of the short-term accommodation issue.

It is a very important issue to us long-term residents as articulated by Gil King's letter in issue 78.

To Gil, thank you so much for explaining the issue so well. As both an owner-occupier and investor in Docklands for the past seven years in NewQuay, I couldn't have said it better myself. My partner and I completely

concur with all your points about short-term accommodation and also found Mr Salter's ignorance both comical and infuriating.

Perhaps us long-term residents should invest in the neighbouring properties around Mr Salter where we would be free to holiday with 14 of our mates, congregating outside his front gate, lost, looking for reception, banging our luggage against his doorways, conversing loudly outside his window and then throwing our stabbies over his fence, while parked across his driveway?

That is a snap-shot of living amongst short-term apartments, something we experience all too often. We are now the only residents

on our floor, one of eight apartments. In such close living spaces, trust, respect and security are paramount. Since the influx of serviced apartments this has decreased immensely along with the number of people who we consider our neighbours. We have seen thousands of faces walk our corridors, yet we can probably count on one hand those who we built a rapport with.

And it is this very important point in this debate, one we are yet to hear mentioned in the public forum. Community.

We hear a lot about building a Docklands community, but how can us residents do so when we are surrounded by a transient

population, a sub-set of which shows no respect for our neighborhood or our homes. Why should I as a resident who chooses to live in a residential apartment miss out on the benefits of feeling as part of a community?

It's about time that we all got real about serviced apartments and used some common sense. Short-term apartments and long-term residents don't mix. The solution put forward by Mr King is the only way forward. We too agree that there is a place for serviced apartments, and that is within their own buildings.

Alex Sosa



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Medici is owned by Lee Moussi, and managed by his daughter Monique. Lee says he has been lucky enough to work alongside his whole family, with wife Salwa, daughters, Denise, Monique, Natasha and Michelle and sons, Serge and Julien.

Lee and Monique are active in the running of Medici and are passionate about the NewQuay precinct.

Lee, known for his extroverted personality with a great sense of humour, has extensive hospitality experience in Melbourne, having owned the Underground nightclub, Red Eagle, Albert Park Hotel, College Lawn, Mentone Hotel and the Station Hotel.

"We value all business and strive to ensure experiences at Medici are faultless," Lee said.

"Naturally, every event is different and people have particular objectives they wish to achieve. Depending on the day and the size of the group we offer flexibility with price as well as meal options for celiac and vegetarians."

Ms Moussi said Medici could cater for groups up to 300.

"Our accommodating nature allows functions to be catered to specific needs. The restaurant presents well, is inviting and boasts properly-trained staff which we pride ourselves on."

"The food is recognised to have great flavour and value for money."

Located on the NewQuay marina, Medici is just a decent punt kick from Etihad Stadium and perfect for grabbing a quick bite to eat before the footy or concert.

"Come in for a cheap midweek lunch, whether is it business or pleasure," Monique said.

"We are particular about our coffee and it can be enjoyed from 8am every day of the week."

Medici offers ongoing specials such as Super Tuesday: order two courses and receive 50 per cent off your food bill; \$13 Pizza and Parma nights on Thursday; and \$15 mid-week lunch specials which includes a glass of house wine.

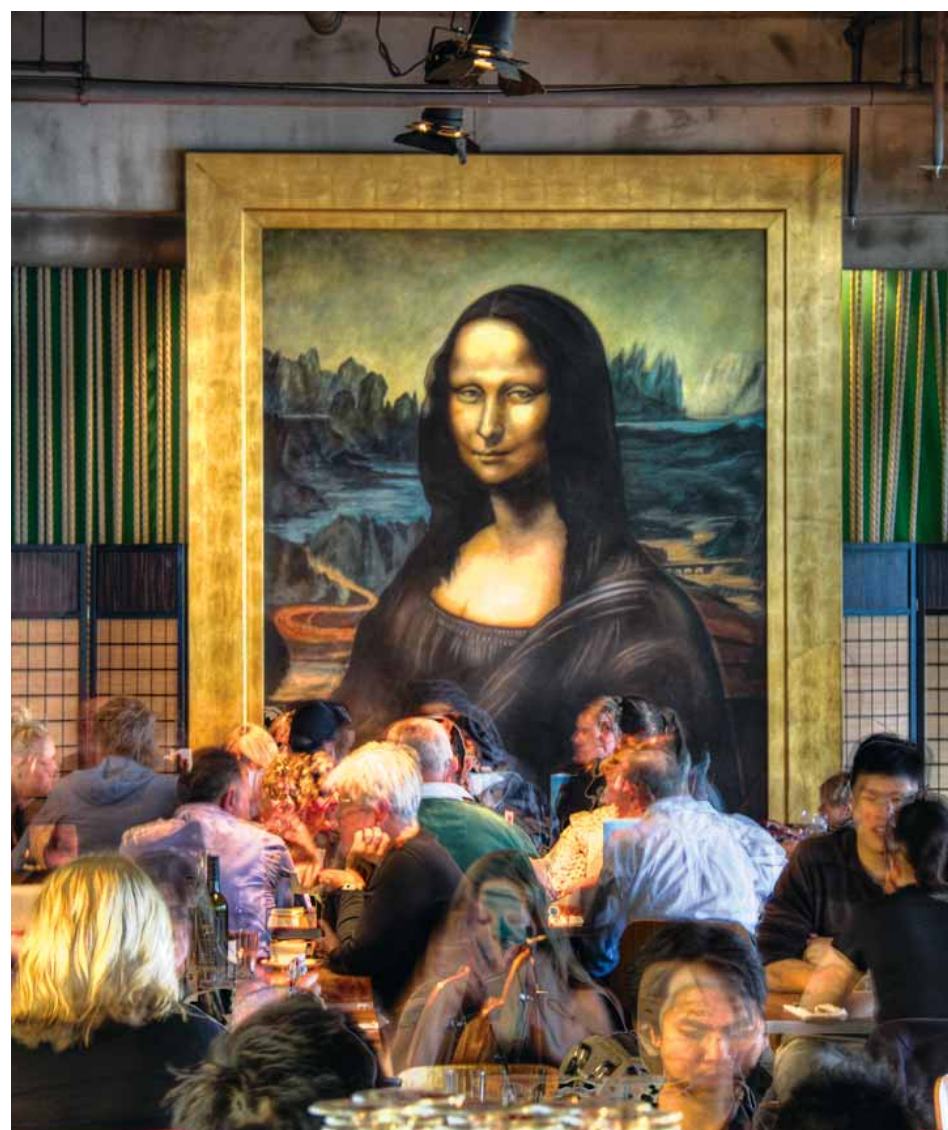
"Medici's success relies heavily on word-of-mouth promotion and we also work hard on identifying who our customers are, where they come from and what they want," Ms Moussi said.

"We have many loyal customers who have supported us over the 10-year period we have been in NewQuay."

"We try to get to know our customers better by inviting them to become a Medici member, where they can keep up-to-date with our specials."

Monique said she had a lot on her plate just keeping up with digital media trends.

"A really big change in the way our venue is viewed by the public in recent times is the use



Under the gaze of Mona Lisa, diners enjoy the Mediterranean cuisine and warm atmosphere at Medici.

of social media and other online marketing and reservation systems. Just keeping up to date with all these is a job in itself."

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Mr Ma's Melbourne city store combines the strength of experience, with adaptability to evolving technology.

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"We have one support staff for every sales staff who are trained and accredited across all Telstra's suite of products, to ensure delivery of differentiated levels of customer service," Mr Ma said.

"We are leaders in service quality in the telecommunication industry. The team includes Telstra Business Certified Solutions Professionals, who are experts in tailoring communication solutions for businesses in the heart of Melbourne."

"We are passionate about helping local businesses with their communications."

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a dedicated account manager to deliver better service; an appointment to visit us, or we can visit you at your office for a tailored consultation; management of mobile repairs, fleet issues and enquiries and free next-day delivery of orders to anywhere in the Melbourne metropolitan area."

Mr Ma said prospective customers could come into his business centre, unlike other outlets, to see small business telco solutions in action and demonstrated live.

"There are also solutions that are sold exclusively through the business centre where we are required to be trained and accredited to sell those products," he said.

"James Elia specialises in business phone systems and complex data requirements. Rachel Ben is particularly good at servicing larger mobile phone fleet, citing Hyatt as one of her major accounts. Jay Burgess is our in-house digital business guru – a great solution for small businesses that gets them ready for the world of VoIP and NBN."

Mr Ma studied industrial design and business administration and has a retail background. He was a training manager for Hungry Jacks restaurant chains before managing Sony and Bose centres.

"One of my employers owned a Telstra Shop which I was involved with administratively," he said. "The owners sold the business to me and we have since expanded into a business centre."



Albert Ma and his team at Melbourne City's Telstra Business Centre.

Mr Ma sees Docklands as an expanding suburb.

"I think that it has stayed true to its vision of being a technology hub and differentiates itself from the CBD. I believe more needs to

be done to attract foot traffic into the area in order for more small and retail businesses to thrive."

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Life's sweeter when you've cheated cancer

Cheating death obviously gives you an enhanced appreciation of life, so cancer survivor Annie Horsley's 80th birthday party in Docklands on August 26 was a very special occasion.

Most of the guests at Lamore Restaurant were fellow breast cancer survivors who have come together to celebrate the gift of life through their involvement with dragon boat racing.

Known as DAMBusters, the club is the Melbourne chapter of a worldwide phenomena known as Dragon's Abreast.

Annie is one of the local club's "tribal elders" and is obviously well loved by the rest of the tribe.

Club president Alison Sutton said Annie was as "funny as hell" and nothing was too much trouble when it came to the needs of others.

Alison said: "The generosity in this room is amazing."

Annie doesn't paddle anymore, due to a recent relapse of the cancer which first struck in 2007.

She's clear of cancer again and is determined to help in other ways and remain active within the club.

"This is such a fantastic organisation," she said. "After my first cancer and treatment I contacted the club and they said come and try."

"In 2010 our team travelled to Canada which was a wonderful experience for us all. There



DAMBusters president Alison Sutton celebrates the occasion with Annie Horsley. The women are cancer survivors who paddle dragon boats in Docklands.

were 2500 cancer survivors there from seven countries."

"The years I have spent with these ladies at DAMBusters are some of the best years of my life," she said.

And Annie has been around for a while. Her heavily-pregnant mother walked across the

Sydney Harbour Bridge when it opened just before she was born in 1932.

She grew up in Bondi and now lives in East Melbourne.

Docklands is the DAMBusters' training ground and Lamore is the team's watering hole.

"I feel so privileged to have met these wonderful ladies," Annie said. "They are warm, caring, inspirational people of all ages and all walks of life."

"Cancer is a great leveller and everyone is so very accepting of each other."



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