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## Locals push for 9.30 fireworks

By Bethany Williams

*Docklanders are lobbying for the reinstatement of the 9.30 pm New Year's Eve family fireworks amid speculation that the City of Melbourne's safety concerns are unfounded.*

Melbourne's councillors approved the cancellation of the fireworks at a closed meeting in September.

The cancellation was part of a wider revamp of the City of Melbourne's New Year's Eve celebration.

According to the City of Melbourne, the new format was developed to address safety concerns identified by the council, risk management consultants and Victoria Police.

However, the council refuses to release the report alleging concerns about a potential crowd crush on the Southern Cross concourse when families leaving the 9.30pm display would meet the crowd coming into Docklands for the midnight event.

A statement from Victoria Police Inspector Mick Beattie to the council confirms police support of the changes to the New Year's Eve format.

But the statement focuses predominantly on the potential for crowd-crush incidents around Flinders St, Princess Bridge and Federation Square.

The safety concerns for Docklands are only mentioned in the last sentence of the statement.

"Victoria Police is also supportive of the removal of a 9.30pm display at Docklands as the growing audience in this area is also causing safety concerns around crowd

cross-over between the two displays," the statement said.

Inspector Beattie was unable to speak with *Docklands News* but his colleague, Superintendent Rod Wilson, said Victoria Police's major concern for New Year's Eve was around Princess Bridge.

Superintendent Wilson said the concern for Docklands was about the crowd growing larger and that there was a need to eliminate the risk before it became a major issue.

According to Inspector Beattie's statement to council, there was a need to "decentralise the audience".

The new format is intended to push revellers out of the middle of the city to live sites, such as Docklands, on the edge of the CBD.

Superintendent Wilson confirmed that the concerns for Docklands were due to the belief that more people would head to Docklands due to the new model and therefore the safety risk would be increased.

However, residents and local businesses have denied that there was a risk of crowd-crush on the Southern Cross stadium concourse.

President of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, said he had written to the lord mayor and all councillors

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## Merry Christmas Coen

*Christmas came early for Docklands' Ashton family last month when a double-lung transplant donor was found for cystic fibrosis sufferer Coen, 15.*

Coen came home to Yarra's Edge on Thursday, November 29 after a month of recovery at the Alfred Hospital. He was frail, but in good spirits.

He is by no means out of the woods and will be under medical supervision for the rest of his life, but every day from now is a bonus.

The Ashtons came to Docklands from Queensland in October last year to begin their wait for an organ donation.

Before a donor was found, Coen deteriorated to the point where medical authorities stopped testing his lung capacity and discussions had started about the next stage of being on life-support.

Coen's mum Dawn explained that they had suffered a false-alarm a month previously so when the phone call from the hospital came at 8am one morning, the family was apprehensive.

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**2012 closes with a promise of some very good things for Docklands.**

We do see evidence around us of some things that could be better in our suburb. And with a chorus of negative sentiment bombarding us almost daily, it's obviously easy to lose heart.

But Docklands is not a series of buildings, spaces, roads, retail outlets or businesses.

It is a community of people.

And it's coming in contact with the people who live and work here that gives me enormous confidence in the future.

Docklanders are just getting on with it and this year we saw evidence of an emerging sense of co-operation.

The highlight of 2012 for me was the establishment of the Docklands Community Forum.

The opportunity that it afforded people to come together to work towards a common goal is the achievement.

The way people have responded to this has clearly been a surprise to the forum's organisers who have not kept up by providing an adequate structure.

The forum met for a second time on November 28 and it was frustrating that the two-hour window of opportunity was largely wasted with presentations from the council and Places Victoria.

The information presented was highly relevant, well presented and appreciated by the audience.

But the two-hour opportunity to talk about

the things that matter most won't come around again until the end of January. We can't wait that long.

The Docklanders representing us on the forum had come together before the meeting to map out the things that matter. But of four items agreed on, only the cancellation of the 9.30pm New Year's Eve fireworks was discussed.

This was clearly the best part of the meeting. City of Melbourne director Martin Cutter gave an impromptu explanation and refused to take a backward step in the face of vigorous questioning from the community.

It was real, unscripted and greatly appreciated by attendees.

This should embolden the forum's organisers to have enough confidence that the Docklands community itself can set the agenda. Having come so far, it would be a shame to see the forum fail because the council refused to let go.

It should congratulate itself that its work is largely done. It has set the scene and now it needs to take a back seat.

I would also like to thank all the advertisers who have supported the *Docklands News* in 2012. Without our advertisers, we would not exist. So please support them in turn.

And to our readers, I extend the compliments of the season. Have a great break over the holidays and come back refreshed and invigorated for the work that needs doing to fulfill Docklands' true potential.

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## Locals push for 9.30 fireworks

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requested that the decision be reversed and that the fireworks be reinstated.

He said there had been no evidence provided to support the need for crowd management and agreed that many people who had attended the family fireworks in the past had travelled by car.

Jenni Hart runs Adventure Sails in Docklands and said her business was losing out because of the fireworks cancellation.

Adventure Sails ran a family cruise event in Docklands to coincide with the 9.30 pm fireworks but has had to cancel the event and refund customers who had already booked.

The company also runs a midnight cruise and has had customers requesting refunds due to fears the midnight fireworks would also be cancelled.

Ms Hart said the business had lost "substantial money" because of the fireworks cancellation and the reasons given for the cancellation were not justified.

"Most families drive and park at Harbour Town to avoid public transport and avoid going into the city," Ms Hart said.

Ms Hart said she had written to every councillor about the cancellation.

She received a response from City of Melbourne city business director Martin Cutter on behalf of the councillors.

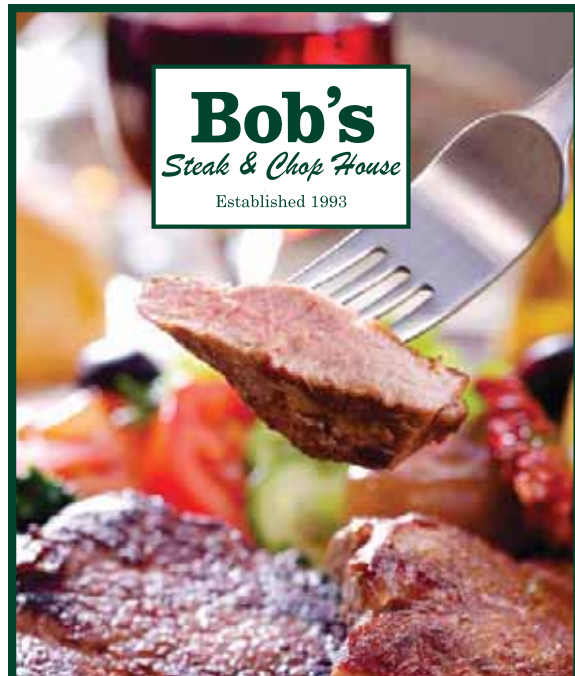
In the letter, Mr Cutter said that council had a legal responsibility to deliver a safe event and that the decision was not related to cost.

If a choice was offered the Docklands Chamber of Commerce favours the 9.30pm fireworks over the midnight show.

However, Mr Cutter told the Docklands Community Forum on November 28 that this was not an option.

He said the decision was irreversible and the new policy would drive more people to Docklands but encourage them to stay until after midnight.

Mr Cutter implied that he had been trying to have the 9.30pm Docklands fireworks cancelled for three years and had finally got councillors to accept that the public safety risk was too great.



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## What's that you said Jack?

*While the Norfolk Pines on Harbour Esplanade may struggle in Docklands' wind, there's a new tree in town that is firmly planted in the ground.*

A talking tree has found a home at Docklands' Wonderland Fun Park in front of the Spiegelent.

The tree has been shipped all the way from the Philippines and upon arrival required some heavy pruning to ensure it would fit in its new surroundings. Several of the tree's

longer branches were removed.

For those who have already seen the tree and heard it speak, you weren't wrong if you thought its voice sounded familiar.

Renowned Australian actor Jack Thompson has lent his talents to give the tree a truly distinguished voice.

# Vans weren't denied permit

*Reports that popular Melbourne food trucks were kicked out of Docklands after complaints from other traders are false.*

Last month, *The Age* reported that the council had not issued new permits to food trucks Gumbo Kitchen and Beatbox and that local businesses had complained about the trucks.

The food trucks had been a popular Friday lunch option, attracting queues of office workers and visitors each week.

The article implied that jealous local businesses had driven the vans out of town and that Docklands had shot itself in the foot.

It attracted more than 100 online reader comments, with many people deploring the fact that something so successful had been chased out of Docklands.

However, the food vans were not denied a permit to trade in Docklands. In fact, no application had been made for a new permit.

According to a City of Melbourne spokesperson, the vans had operated under a short-term permit issued to Places Victoria and Utopian Folk as part of a temporary activation project in Docklands.

Utopian Folk is a group commissioned by Places Victoria to activate Harbour Esplanade.

The spokesperson said the original permit was from July to August and was extended until October 31 at the permit-holders' request.

She said after this permit had expired Places Victoria and Utopian Folk had not applied for a new one.

The suggestion that council had not approved a new permit on the grounds that local traders had complained was false.

Complaints made by Docklands traders, if there were in fact any, have had no bearing on the fact the vans are no longer allowed to operate in Docklands.

## Sam Sangster resigns

*Sam Sangster has resigned as CEO of Places Victoria.*

Mr Sangster was appointed CEO in November last year and had worked for the organisation for six-and-a-half years.

Mr Sangster will remain with the organisation to assist with the handover to the new CEO, who is yet to be named.

Simon Wilson, general manager, city west development, is currently acting CEO.

The resignation comes at the same time that Places Victoria announced that the equivalent of 53 full-time positions would be made redundant by March 2013.

According to a Places Victoria statement, the positions will become redundant in response to a downturn in the property development market and subsequent restructuring of the organisation.

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# Decision time on serviced apartments

By Bethany Williams

*A resolution to the serviced apartment case that has divided Docklands is now in sight, with a Building Appeals Board (BAB) decision imminent.*

The case, involving the City of Melbourne, Watergate Owners' Corporation (OC) and Docklands Executive Apartments, was being heard by the BAB in Docklands.

Last year, the City of Melbourne issued building orders against 30 owners who were using Watergate apartments for short-stay accommodation ordering them to comply with building regulations applicable to a hotel or to cease trading.

Yezz Pty Ltd, which operated as Grand Harbour Accommodation and Paul Salter, who operates Docklands Executive Apartments, had appealed the building orders at the BAB.

Last month Yezz Pty Ltd withdrew from the case and has ceased operations at Watergate.

On November 14 the Building Appeals Board heard the final submissions from the remaining parties.

The outcome of the case rests on the way that the BAB interprets the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

Council has argued that serviced apartments should be classified as Class 3, a classification usually reserved for hotels or rooming houses.

It is widely accepted that the cost of converting a serviced apartment to comply with Class 3 regulations would make operating serviced apartments commercially unviable.

Mr Salter's legal team has argued that serviced apartments fit the definition of a Class 2 building.

Mr Salter's lawyer, Richard Niall, said serviced apartments were consistent with this classification and that short-stay apartments met the requirements because they had a kitchen, laundry and bathroom.

The BCA defines Class 2 as "a building containing two or more sole-occupancy units, each being a separate dwelling".

Mr Niall said the word "dwelling" meant a place of residence or abode and that in the context of Class 2 was most likely describing apartments.

He said the use of the word dwelling did not impose a qualification of time.

However the council's lawyer Tim Margetts said the term dwelling had a condition of continual or habitual use.

He referred to the BCA definition of Class 3, which states that a Class 3 building is "a

residential building other than a Class 1 or 2 building, which is a common place of long-term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons".

Mr Margetts said this indicated that the duration of stay was a factor in building classification and that a building used for transient living was closer to Class 3 than 2.

He said that a building surveyor was required to classify a building as to what it most closely resembled and that serviced apartments most closely resembled a hotel or motel and therefore should be Class 3.

Mr Margetts said serviced apartments resembled hotels because apartments were rented through a licence to occupy rather than a lease; there were hotel-like services provided such as check-in and assistance with luggage and that apartments were available on a daily rate.

He also referred to evidence given by Watergate building manager Marshall Delves and Watergate OC chairperson Barbara Francis about the "interesting behavioural characteristics" of short-term residents.

However, Mr Niall said the question of classification related to whether the apartments are designed, constructed

and adapted for use as a Class 2 building and that the classification was of the built environment not of behaviour.

Mr Niall said that there was no evidence to suggest behaviour was a factor taken into account when classifying as Class 2 or 3.

He said the behaviour of occupants in one building could not influence a national classification.

From the outset the case has been a battle of political versus commercial.

The political side, the council and owners, has focused on building classifications in terms of behaviour.

The commercial side, Docklands Executive Apartments, has focused on defining the classifications in terms of building structure.

The outcome of the case is likely to change the face of Docklands.

If the BAB decides that Watergate serviced apartments should be classified as Class 3, it is likely to wipe out the practice of serviced apartments throughout Docklands.

However, if the BAB was to return the decision that Watergate serviced apartments are Class 2 it would pave the way for serviced apartments throughout Docklands.

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## Christmas time in Docklands

*It's that time of year again and Christmas is just around the corner.*

Three-year-old Julianna Krasnoff got an early taste of Christmas last month when she visited Docklands and had a good look at the Docklands Christmas tree.

And while there are no presents under the

tree, Docklands has been gifted with a range of activities and events to keep everyone entertained over the festive season.

See page 15 for all the details.

# NBN connection for some Docklanders

*The National Broadband Network (NBN) has come to Docklands, but most won't be able to connect to it for at least the next three years.*

Lacrosse, at 675 LaTrobe St, is the first Docklands building to be connected to the NBN.

The building was connected ahead of the rest of Docklands because the Federal Government wants all new developments to have NBN infrastructure installed during construction.

In areas like Docklands, which have new developments but are not on the current NBN three-year rollout plan, this means that some buildings will be connected, while others won't.

NBN Co is the government-owned corporation responsible for designing, building and operating the NBN.

The corporation is required, at the request of developers, to install the necessary infrastructure into developments of over 100 premises that have been approved

after January 1, 2011, even if they are not in a rollout area.

NBN Co media relations advisor Edwina Hinchcliffe said new developments, like Lacrosse, were connected to a temporary network, which would be replaced once the permanent NBN network was installed in Docklands.

Ms Hinchcliffe said the next Docklands building scheduled for connection to the temporary NBN network was The Quays.

At this stage, the earliest that the NBN will be available throughout Docklands is 2016, but it may be longer.

The next update of the NBN three-year rollout plan is due in March next year and will reveal if there are plans to rollout the NBN across Docklands in the next three years.

## Try sailing on December 9

*Locals and visitors are invited to a "try sailing day" this month in Docklands.*

Hosted by the Docklands Yacht Club and supported by Docklands Rotary, the day is a great way to test the water and learn more about sailing.

The event will be held on Sunday, December 9 from 11am until 4pm at the Docklands Yacht Club (Shed 2, North Wharf Rd).

A \$20 registration fee (\$40 for families) is required and includes the supply of life-jackets and boats.

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# Revival for Waterfront City

*Empty retail spaces in Docklands are to be temporarily filled with start-up businesses and projects.*

The Waterfront City Piazza area is to be the first area to be tackled by an alliance between MAB Corporation, Places Victoria and Renew Australia.

Renew Australia came to prominence in 2009 when it was responsible for the revitalisation of Newcastle's retail district.

Founder Marcus Westbury is aware he faces different challenges in Docklands but he says the objective is the same.

"The aim is to get people to circulate in the area and build some interest and momentum," he said.

He said Docklands was well served by public transport and could become a destination of interest if the offering was appealing enough.

"The thing about what will be created by the temporary tenants is that it will be unique," he said. "You won't find it anywhere else in Melbourne. And people are looking for that these days. The reward is the discovery of something new."

The Renew Australia model works on the principle of mutual benefit.

Landlords bear no cost and can reclaim their premises on 30 days notice should they get a commercial rental offer. And tenants get free rent and an opportunity to experiment with their new businesses without entering into a long-term lease.



Renew Australia founder Marcus Westbury in Docklands.

Insurances and overheads are taken care of by Renew Australia which, in turn, is funded by MAB, The City of Melbourne and Places Victoria.

Renew Australia has up to eight premises on ground and first floor levels facing the piazza ready to go when expressions of interest close in mid-January.

Mr Westbury expects the first temporary tenants to move in and start operating in mid-February.

He said the Newcastle experience suggests that some start-up businesses could become so successful that they become permanent commercial tenants in the future.

"It's a dynamic situation. Some will fall away, others will be more successful and

some could stay the distance and become Docklands businesses," he said.

"It's an incubator model where people with ideas can come together and collaborate and experiment with what works and what doesn't."

"The cost of Docklands rentals has meant that there has not been a lot of diversity of commercial offering down here."

"Our model means we can get a lot of activity happening here without spending much money."

Mr Westbury said ideal temporary tenants would be those whose business models did not depend entirely on passing trade to succeed.

## Docklanders don't drive

By Georgina Scambler

*Docklands residents are abandoning their cars and finding alternative ways to get around.*

2011 census data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed 27 per cent of Docklands households did not have a motor vehicle, compared with 19 per cent in 2006.

In the Greater Melbourne area, only 9 per cent of dwellings did not have a motor vehicle at the time of the census.

Locals are instead taking advantage of our central location and walking to work.

Between 2006 and 2011 the numbers of people walking or taking the train or tram to work all increased, while the percentage riding their bicycle remained steady at around 1.5 per cent.

While only 3.3 per cent of Victorians walked to work in 2011, in Docklands a whopping 27 per cent made their way to the office on foot.

Despite the large number of vehicle-free residences, driving was still the most popular method of transport to work for Docklanders, with 33 per cent travelling by car.

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# Victory at last for Cadel Evans

**International cycling champion Cadel Evans returned to Docklands last month for the third annual Suit Up and Ride event.**

Hundreds of workers came together on November 23 to compete for glory and to raise money for Orygen Youth Health.

The quirky event saw competitors cycle a 1.2km loop along NewQuay Promenade in their work attire.

After coming second at last year's Suit Up and Ride, Grocon, assisted by Cadel Evans, rode to victory last month.

It was the second year running that the champion cyclist had been paired with the Grocon team, albeit this year with more successful results.

This year's runner up was the Frank Health Insurance team, which competed alongside Dutch professional cyclist, Koen de Kort.

After the formalities had been taken care of, competitors were treated to a live performance from Hunters and Collectors front man Mark Seymour and two other band members.

"With perfect weather and Mark Seymour performing it was wonderful to see so many dressed-up corporate teams enjoying the best of the Docklands," organiser Lisa Bird said.

Some 38 teams competed in the event which raised over \$30,000 for Orygen Youth Health.



Cadel Evans and the Grocon team celebrate.

## A CLUE to Docklands' workforce

**A recent study shows that Docklands is fast becoming Melbourne's finance and insurance centre.**

City of Melbourne's Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) 2012 report shows that the finance and insurance sector accounts for 31.8 per cent of all employment in Docklands.

According to the report, the sector's workforce is made up of about 12,148 people and occupies 223,120 sqm of commercially-occupied space.

This news comes as no surprise considering ANZ, Bendigo Bank, NAB, AXA and Medibank all have headquarters located in Docklands.

And the industry's Docklands-based workforce is set to grow with the Commonwealth Bank also set to relocate its Melbourne headquarters to Docklands.

Information media and telecommunications was the second-largest employer, accounting for 12.6 per cent of Docklands' workforce.


Industry heavyweights The Age, Channel 7 and Channel 9 all have head offices in Docklands, making the media industry one Docklands' largest employers.

This is followed by public administration and safety, which employs 11.4 per cent of the workforce and the business services industry, which accounts for 7.9 per cent.

The CLUE report also revealed that Docklands businesses are, on average, larger than those in the CBD.

Docklands businesses employ an average of 45 people per business, compared with 28 people per business in the city.



While the retail vacancy rate has risen slightly in the past two years (from 18.4 per cent to 20.8 per cent), the office vacancy rate has declined (from 5.6 per cent to 2.1 per cent).



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**Docklands** 2301/70 Lorimer Street  
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**Inspect** By appointment

Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views to the Yarra, Port Phillip Bay and the city skyline, is this impressive four bedroom apartment. With three bathrooms high up in Yarra's edge Tower 3 is the epitome of inner city living. Capturing glorious northern sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer Smeg appliances kitchen/ meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite) & a wing of 4 bedrooms (BIRs), family bathroom.



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## Merry Christmas Coen

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"At 4pm the transplant nurse came in and said 'it's happening' and Coen was wheeled in five minutes later," Dawn said.

After a six-hour operation, Coen had a new set of lungs and his breathing tube was removed when he woke from an induced-coma the next morning.

The surgical team switched his lungs by prising apart his ribs (breaking a couple in the process) and, with five intravenous lines and four draining tubes, it was a very serious operation.

Coen is facing three months of three-days-per-week rehabilitation so the Ashtons aren't making any plans yet to return to Queensland.

Coen said he didn't feel weird at all about having someone else's lungs inside him.

"When you buy a second-hand car, do you think about who owned it before you?" he said.

Dawn is encouraged by Coen's great progress but it's too early to pop the champagne.

She sincerely thanked the Docklands community for its support over the past

year. In February a fund-raising event was held at Yarra's Edge and contributed \$10,445 for accommodation before Queensland Government funding kicked in.

"I have never lived anywhere where we have enjoyed as much support as we have experienced in Docklands," she said.

"This was very unexpected as you would generally think that in the inner-city people would keep to themselves."

"We've been blown away by the amount of support we have received."

Established protocols prevent the Ashtons from knowing anything about the donor and they, too, are anonymous to the donating family.

"It's a bitter-sweet situation," Dawn said.

"As happy as we are, we are very aware that another family is going through pain at their loss."

"We hope we can make them proud, that we can be a family that can make the most of these lungs," she said.

# The murky business of marketing money

By Georgina Scambler

*The City of Melbourne has promised Docklands millions of dollars for marketing since 2007 - but have we been short-changed?*

According to Docklands Co-ordination Committee's Finance and Infrastructure Plan 2011-12 Financial Report, \$857,500 was budgeted for marketing expenses in the last financial year.

However, last financial year only \$652,388 was spent, a variation of over \$205,000.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson was unable to specify exactly what happened to the \$205,000 budgeted for marketing in Docklands that was unspent.

"Rather than being rolled over, funds allocated to 'marketing' may be spent on events or sponsorship, and this alters the figures set out in the forward estimates," she said.

The spokesperson said the city recognised that Docklands was an emerging and growing precinct, and was committed to promoting Docklands.

"\$1.29 million was provided in funding for Docklands events and sponsorship in the last financial year," she said.

"A further \$400,000 - 30 per cent of the City of Melbourne's marketing budget - was invested in destination marketing for Docklands."

The Lord Mayor, Cr Robert Doyle, incorrectly stated to Docklands stakeholders at a networking function last month that the council spent \$1.3 million annually on Docklands marketing.

The City of Melbourne was also asked why

its 2012 financial planning showed \$371,000 less for Docklands marketing in 2012-13 than its 2011 plan.

The September, 2011 Five-Year Plan projected \$894,000 in marketing expenses for the 2012-13 financial year, but by September 2012 the projection for the same period was \$523,000.

The council explained that marketing was categorised in budgeting and projections in different ways, with distinctions made between destination marketing and events marketing.

"Funding to Destination Docklands has increased this year, from \$50,000 to \$200,000 to support new marketing and events programs," the council spokesperson said.

She said that, in addition to the marketing budget, the council had provided \$1.29 million in event funding and sponsorship for Docklands.

"This includes the annual winter fireworks held on Friday nights throughout July," she said.

"The cost of the July winter fireworks and the related marketing cost sits outside the destination marketing budget."

The council declined to provide an itemised account of expenditure on marketing and events.



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Paramedics attend to a Victoria Point resident who was shot by police

# Victoria Point man shot

**Police shot a Docklands resident last month, following a confrontation about a stolen car.**

The man, 35, lived at Victoria Point and was shot in the building's car park on November 12.

He was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Victoria Police commander Rick Nugent said four plain-clothes police officers had been in Docklands investigating a stolen car racket when the shooting happened.

He said police had located a stolen car in the car park and had seen the man approach the car.

According to Commander Nugent, when a police officer approached the man and produced his identification the man pulled out a handgun and threatened the officer.

He said the police officer had taken cover and another officer had come to his aid, shooting the man multiple times.

Witnesses said two other men were seen running from the car park after the shooting and were arrested at nearby Docklands Park.

Following the shooting, police charged a 24-year-old Southbank man with two counts of burglary, two counts of theft and theft of a car.

A 23-year-old Docklands man was also charged with two counts of burglary.

Both men were bailed to appear at the Melbourne Magistrates Court on April 30 next year.

On November 19, the man who was shot was charged with numerous offences including four counts of conduct endangering life, assault police, common-law assault and use of a firearm to resist arrest.

He was also charged with possession of the proceeds of crime and multiple firearm and drug offences.

The man had been remanded in custody and is due to appear before the Melbourne Magistrates Court on February 18 next year.

# Mural comes to life

**A team of artists is currently creating a larger-than-life mural in Docklands.**

*The Water, The River, The Town* is a large-scale mural being painted on the side of the Aurecon building in Victoria Harbour.

Lend Lease commissioned the work through a partnership with RMIT University's Art in Public Space program.

Artists Pixi Mix and Christopher Bold are alumni of the program and beat a field of competitors to have their work selected.

The artwork is about 37 metres long and 10 metres high and takes up most of the Import Lane side of the Aurecon building.

Pixi said the artwork reflected on the organic nature and man-made influences of the surrounding area.

When complete, the artwork will feature two fish-scale patterns. One pattern is of the brown trout, an introduced species.

The other fish scale pattern is of the tupong, a small native species that travels down the Yarra to marine areas like Docklands once a year to breed.

When complete, the artwork will have a

watery sheen, creating the appearance of a fish skin.

Pixi said this echoed Docklands' history of fellmongery. Fellmongers are traders of animal skins and hides and were common in Docklands in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The top line of the mural is of the highest and most recent tidal marking found on the Victoria Harbour pier.

Pixi said this marking signified the time that the building was built and occupied.

She said the artwork reflected on the past and present of Docklands, which gave it the feeling of representing the area.

RMIT Art in Public Space program director Geoff Hogg said the creation of the mural on-site gave it a sense of emerging into the area.

"One of the important things is that the work is being created on-site. It becomes part of the life and activity of the area," Dr Hogg said.

The artists, and their assistant Pablo Alvarado have been working on the mural for about three and a half weeks.



Pablo Alvarado, Pixi Mix and Christopher Bold



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# Robert connects with the people

*For artist Robert Lee Davis, it's all about connections.*

So it's no surprise that his work *Mirage Rising* was announced the People's Choice Award winner of the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition on November 8.

More people liked his work than any other during the popular Docklands-based exhibition which was on display during October.

Mr Davis was flattered and overwhelmed when award sponsor, Tony Cousins of PB Towage, announced his \$3000 prize.

It was especially pleasing for Mr Davis as he has only been in Australia since last December, having accepted an invitation to visit a friend for Christmas.

Mr Davis had spent his previous 10 years in Shanghai, China and has also spent time in Egypt.

He said his work symbolised the interconnectedness between humanity and the sea.

"The striking thing about Australia is the openness of the culture and how people are made to feel welcome," he said.

"Internationally, Australians are known as the most hospitable people."

"My work celebrates the journeys and connections between people of all cultures."

Mr Davis's 28 x 76 cm work in magazine collage, acrylic, ink and coloured pencils



Robert Lee Davis is congratulated by Tony Cousins.

obviously appealed to visitors of the annual art show at the Mission to Seafarers in Flinders St, Docklands.

In introducing the People's Choice Award, mission vice-chairman Captain Nigel Porteous paid tribute to the Asset 1 WTC and PB Towage for their sponsorships.

He said the Docklands-based art prize was the biggest maritime art prize in Australia and could soon be among the biggest in the world.



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# Reprieve for truckies' diner

*Truckies can breathe a sigh of relief with the news that the Ports Diner Roadhouse is here to stay for at least another two years.*

Earlier this year, the diner, which is located on Footscray Rd just outside of Docklands, was at the centre of a dispute over potholes.

Large potholes had developed in the diner's extensive car park, which provides parking for up to 130 trucks.

For the past five years the Port of Melbourne has rented the land for the diner from VicTrack.

But neither party was prepared to foot the bill for the costly repairs to the car park.

Brothers Tass and Forty Koumakis, who own and operate the diner, had been prepared to pack up and leave when the port's lease expired in September.

The closure of the diner would have been disastrous for the truck drivers who regularly visit the port.

The diner provides the only facility near the Port of Melbourne where drivers are able to park, rest, eat and shower.

Customers had been signing a petition to keep the diner open and truck drivers had threatened industrial action if it was allowed to close.

However, recent discussions have led to a resolution for the diner owners.

Tass Koumakis said VicTrack had repaired the potholes and had agreed to maintain



*Tass Koumakis and the Port Diner are here to stay for at least another two years.*

the land and pay outgoing costs such as electricity.

He said VicTrack had guaranteed them another two years at the site.

The diner had operated rent-free under the Port of Melbourne but will have to pay rent to VicTrack to continue to operate at the site.

VicTrack has also called for expressions of interest for the development of a permanent

truck service-centre at the former Melbourne Fish Market site on Footscray Rd.

The proposed service-centre will include parking, amenities and retail.

"Given the high volume of traffic on Footscray Rd, the 2.7 hectare site is a logical place for this type of facility," Public Transport Minister, Terry Mulder said.

"Importantly, the centre will allow truck

drivers to take a decent break to help make sure they manage fatigue at the wheel," he said.

Mr Koumakis said the diner would be interested in operating at the proposed site for the permanent facility.

Mr Mulder said it was expected that the development of the new facility would be completed by mid-2014.

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# Living history at Central Pier

*When the Bryant family first arrived at Pier 10, Victoria Dock on November 14, 1912 they were met with a completely different Docklands than the one we know today.*

The family had left England and travelled to Melbourne on the M.V. Indrapura.

“It was the ship’s maiden voyage as an emigrant transport vessel following a refit and there was a crowd of dignitaries and newspaper representatives there at Pier 10 to greet the newcomers,” descendant Pamela Bryant said.

“Family members can be clearly identified in press photos of the day.”

100 years later more than 20 descendants of the Bryant family returned to Docklands for a get-together on November 11 at The Woolshed Pub at Shed 9 on Central Pier.

Ms Byrant said family members had travelled from as far as New Zealand and Queensland to be there on the day.

“Their efforts are very much appreciated and I’m sure that all enjoyed the experience of “walking the walk” of their ancestors,” Ms Byrant said.



# Carols to delight Docklands

*Get into the festive spirit this month and head down to the Piazza at NewQuay Central on December 23 for the Planetshakers’ Carols at Docklands.*

The event starts at 5.30 pm with a children’s carnival featuring face-painting, fairy floss, a jumping castle and rides.

The carols get going at 8pm and will feature special guests Stan Walker, Evermore and hip-hop group NO-LIMITS.

Santa will be popping by for a visit and there will also be a fireworks display.

This is the third year the free event has been held in Docklands and, according to event

organisers, has grown to well over 10,000 people in attendance.

It’s clear to see why the Planetshakers continue to return to Docklands for the event.

“Docklands is an amazing precinct that is developing into an exciting and energetic area,” Planetshakers senior pastor, Russell Evans, said.

*Last year’s celebration.*



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# So much to do during the school holidays

*Christmas is almost here and six weeks of school holidays are on the horizon.*

What better way to keep the kids entertained then to head down to Docklands and explore all that's on offer?

To make things easy, we've put together a guide to Christmas and school holiday activities in Docklands.

To start with, you can enjoy the fun and festivities of the Christmas Twilight Markets each Friday before Christmas from 4pm until 9pm along Harbour Esplanade.

The first market was held on November 30 and attracted about 2000 people.

Pick up some last-minute presents, enjoy the carols and say hi to Santa.

There will also be two other carols events in Docklands in the lead up to Christmas.

Planetshakers is holding a Carols at Docklands event at the piazza at NewQuay Central from 5.30pm on December 23. For all the details see the story on page 13.

If you're looking for somewhere to keep the kids entertained for hours, then head no further than *Santa's Christmas Spectacular* at Wonderland Fun Park.

Walk through to the North Pole, visit the enchanted forest with the talking tree, stop by the Christmas village and take a photo with Santa before posting a letter in Santa's special mailbox.

And don't miss the Christmas circus show featuring acrobatic elves and an aerial snow angel at the Spiegelent.

For more opening times and ticket prices see [www.wonderlandfunpark.com.au](http://www.wonderlandfunpark.com.au)

While nearby, why not pop into Harbour Town and enjoy the Christmas festivities on offer?

Elves performing circus tricks, the great Christmas Gizmo and his unicycle and a Christmas clown will all be roving around the centre during the week before Christmas.

Don't miss Harbour Town's Christmas Wonderland where you can enjoy story-time with Mrs Claus, design your own toys and write a letter to Santa.

And of course you can meet the jolly man



Destination Docklands communications and event activation manager Danielle Phyland (left) and CEO Anita Donnelly enjoy the Christmas market with Santa.

himself. Santa will be available for photos and will also be wandering around the centre in the lead up to Christmas.

For further details see [www.harbourtownmelbourne.com.au](http://www.harbourtownmelbourne.com.au)

From Harbour Town it's just a short walk to the Medibank Icehouse where, on December 16 and 17, you can see the *Christmas on Ice* show.

The show features a cast of international skating stars, Victorian state champions, Melbourne ice hockey players, synchronised skating teams and an ensemble case of 90 amateur figure skaters.

The show will include Beatles classics along with all the favourite Christmas carols.

See [www.icehouse.com.au](http://www.icehouse.com.au) for show times and ticket prices.

But the fun and festivities don't stop with Christmas. Docklands is set to come alive on New Year's Eve with celebrations starting from 7pm at the piazza at NewQuay Central.

The celebrations will include Channel 7 broadcasting live from the site, entertainment on the piazza stage, dress-ups

and face painting.

Midnight fireworks will launch from a barge in Victoria Harbour.

With Christmas and New Year's Eve taken care of, you'll have time to stop by the Pavilion at Waterfront City for the *Chronicles of Narnia* exhibition.

The exhibition opened last month and will be in Docklands until February 2. For all the details see the story on page 21.

To top off the end of the school holidays, don't miss Cirque Du Soleil performing *Ovo* in Docklands under the company's own big top.

The show explores the world of insects and can be seen in Docklands from January 17 until February 3.

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With so much happening in Docklands we're sure you'll find plenty of ways to celebrate the festive season, ring in the new year and enjoy the summer holidays.

## Alma to rise

*The restoration of the historic sailing ship Alma Doepel is one step closer to completion.*

The Alma Doepel is a 109-year-old topsail schooner, which is being restored by a committed team of volunteers at Shed 2.

Construction of the submersible barge that will raise the ship out of the water is now complete.

Restoration director Peter Harris said it was likely the barge would be raised in the first week of December.

He said it could take a few days to complete the process of raising the ship out of the water.

Once raised, restoration work on the bottom of the ship will be possible.

Mr Harris said it was hard to say how long this work would take but said it would be at least a year.

The barge is set to have a secondary use after the restoration work is completed. Suggested uses for the barge include an events stage or a soundstage.



Peter Harris standing on the barge that will raise Alma Doepel out of the water.

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# Hortus is almost here

*Harbour Esplanade will soon be activated by a glasshouse installation on Harbour Esplanade.*

It will feature an edible plant installation and an outdoor environment, which is hoped to bring new life to the esplanade.

The glasshouse has been named Hortus, which is Latin for garden.

The project is being developed by a group called Utopian Folk and has been funded by Places Victoria.

Local companies have also supported the project through assistance with the design, construction and fit-out of the glasshouse.

Hortus is a temporary installation and is expected to operate at least 12 months, after which an alternative use may be found.



# New courts take shape

*Work has started on Docklands' own multi-purpose sporting courts in Batman's Hill.*

The courts will provide facilities for netball, basketball and futsal and will be located next to the Hub.

Outdoor multi-purpose courts were included in the Docklands Community and Place Plan released earlier this year by City of Melbourne and Places Victoria.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said the courts would be completed and ready to use at the end of January.



# Ouch, that hurts

*Vehicles mounted the footpath and caused damage at two locations in Docklands last month.*

On November 11 a gold Mercedes turned right from Bourke St into Harbour Esplanade and mounted the curb.

The car hit a Norfolk Pine on Harbour Esplanade, snapping its trunk.

The tree, located near the NAB forecourt, has been removed and is yet to be replaced.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said the tree would be replaced during the next planting season, which starts from March 2013.

Street signs on the corner of Geographe St and Keera Way were also ploughed over by a vehicle on the morning of November 21.



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# Coldplay campers not disappointed

*Docklands was invaded by scores of Coldplay fans last month when the award-winning British band hit Etihad Stadium for its Mylo Xyloto tour.*

The most loyal Coldplay fans could be spotted outside the stadium hours before the concert started.

Alice Greet, 17, was first in line after arriving at the stadium at 6.30 pm the night before the concert.

She had braved a night in the elements in order to secure a spot in the front row.

Jessica Riley, Madi Warner and Sam Ward, told *Docklands News* they had skipped a day at school in order to join the queue of eager fans.

The sixteen-year-olds arrived at 6.30am and said they were the third group to arrive.

Hundreds of fans were lined up outside the stadium by late afternoon and about 60,000 people attended the concert.



*Nathan Goode, Jessica Riley, Amy Raffé, Madi Warner, Slade Camiller, Patrick Adams and Sam Ward await Coldplay in Docklands..*

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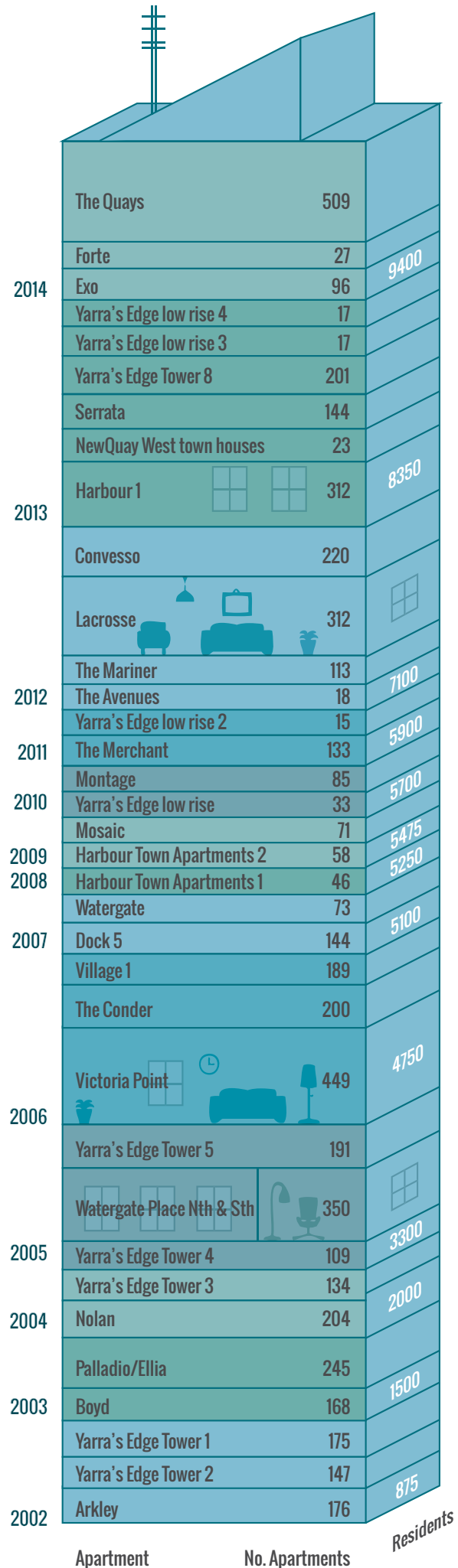
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# DOCKLANDS: THE STORY SO FAR

## RESIDENTIAL



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## URBAN RENEWAL

Urban renewal for Docklands was talked about from the 1980s. But the talk failed to materialise until 1991 when the Docklands Authority was formed.

The following year, Jeff Kennett was elected Premier of Victoria and in 1996 a tender process was launched.

A change of government in 2000 resulted in a new government entity with oversight of the Docklands project – VicUrban (which in 2011 became Places Victoria, following another change of government).

### Governance

The development of Docklands is based on a series of confidential agreements between the State Government and the various developers granted rights over specific precincts.

The state retains ownership of the land until such time as specific development applications are approved by the Minister for Planning. The land is then deemed to the developer at a negotiated price.

Historically, the Docklands community has been excluded from this process.

Until 2007, VicUrban (now Places Victoria) negotiated directly with developers without reference to the City of Melbourne.

But in July of that year, the “municipal function” was handed

back to the City of Melbourne.

However, the council was not satisfied with performing a “rates, roads and rubbish” role without a say in the planning process.

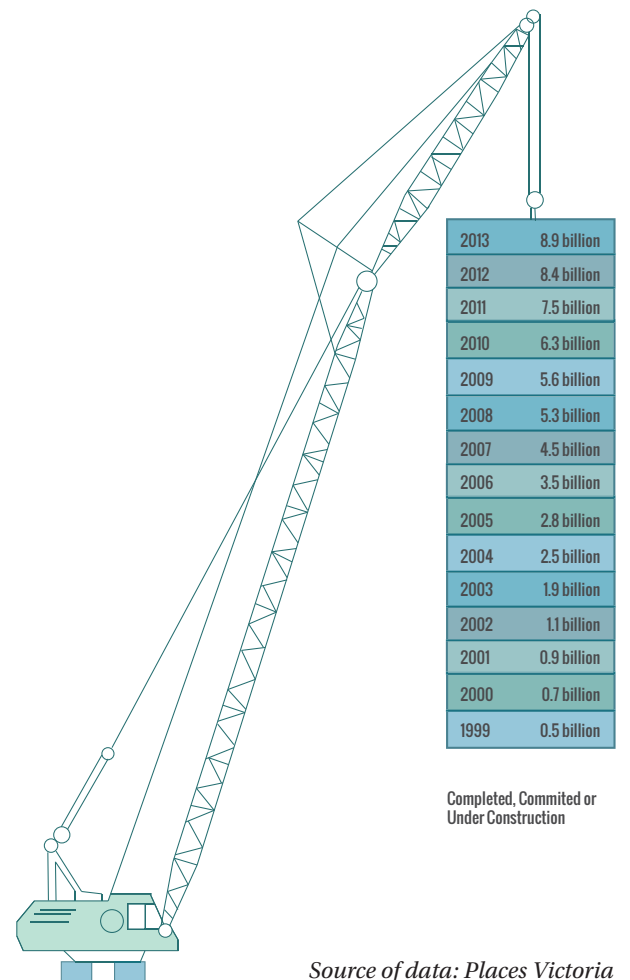
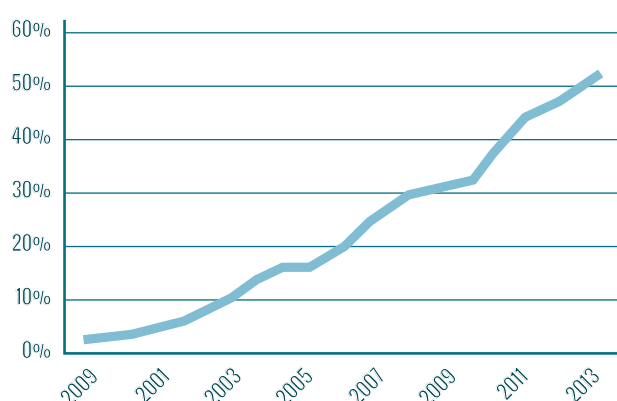
In 2012, the City of Melbourne became the referral authority for developments in Docklands of less than 25,000 square metres of floor space.

Places Victoria still negotiates with developers on all projects but refers smaller developments to the City of Melbourne for approval, rather than the Minister for Planning.

This gives the local community more opportunity to view and comment on applications should they come before the council.

### % Complete

**Docklands** is **only half way** through its development



Source of data: Places Victoria

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## THE DEVELOPMENT STORY

*The Docklands development story is a little more than 10 years old and can be characterised as a steady string of successes.*

There has been more commercial development and less residential development than first envisaged but, nevertheless, a residential population target of 20,000 is still predicted by 2025.

At the end of next year, Docklands will have 5404 apartments housing an estimated residential population of 9400 people. (These predictions are based on a practice of multiplying a factor by the number of apartments, whereas actual census figures have revealed in the past that they are generous estimates.)

The Arkley, in MAB Corporation's NewQuay, was the first completed residential tower in 2002, followed closely by two towers in Mirvac's precinct of Yarra's Edge.

Pioneering residents recall the early days fondly and many are still living in the area to share their tales.

Because there were no services at all at the time, residents used to take turns to travel over to nearby South Melbourne for essentials like milk and bread which was then shared among the close-knit group.

More towers at NewQuay and Yarra's Edge were built before the first central building was achieved when Watergate was completed in 2005.

It was followed quickly by Victoria Point and Village 1 in 2006 and Dock 5 in Victoria Harbour in 2007.

Docklands is currently on the cusp of a worker population of 35,000 - a far cry from when the first workers moved into Etihad Stadium and Channel 7 a little over 10 years ago.

2005 was the year that commercial enterprise really got going in Docklands with the opening in that year of the NAB building in Victoria Harbour, the Innovation building in Digital Harbour and the Medibank building at 700 Collins St in Batman's Hill.

In 2009, the worker population nearly doubled from the previous year, with the opening of the massive ANZ Centre, the Gauge and 717 Bourke St, home to Channel 9.

In the beginning, it was difficult to imagine Docklands as part of central Melbourne but, with the commercial development which has followed Collins and Bourke streets over the railway, the centre of the CBD has moved west.

With the massive Collins Square development in full swing, the border between the city and Docklands is being further blurred.

But the Docklands development story is not just a success for the people who live and work here; the economic stimulus of its construction has been priceless for Victoria.

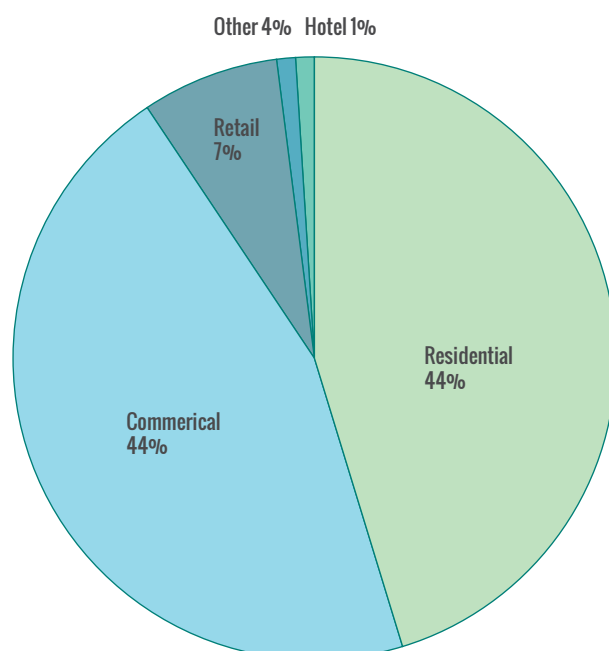
By the end of the year, it is estimated that nearly \$9 billion will have been invested - with a similar figure required to complete the project.

Other states have had mining booms to sustain them. In Victoria, it has been largely thanks to a construction boom in Docklands that has helped the state weather difficult economic times.

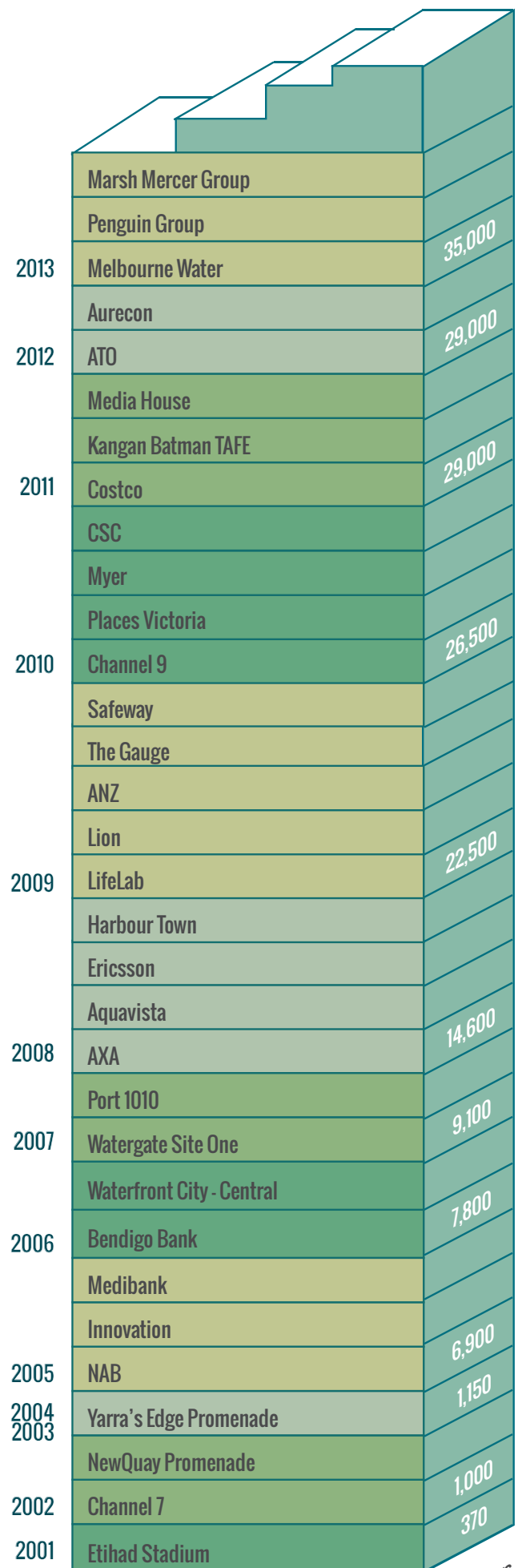
By 2025, it is estimated that

**\$17.5 billion** will have been invested in Docklands

It will be home to **20,000 residents** and **60,000 workers.**



## COMMERCIAL



Commercial/Retail buildings

**35,000 workers**

# Hub healthy habits

*Christmas is almost here and for most of us the temptation to indulge in delicious treats is too strong to resist.*

This month's Lunchbox presentation at the Hub is sure to put you on the path to eating well during the silly season.

As part of its fifth birthday celebrations, the Hub is running free Lunchbox presentations on the second Thursday of each month.

This month nutritionist Lola Berry will conduct a session on eating healthily during the festive season.

Lola will teach attendees how to make delicious raw treats and will answer nutrition-related questions.

Cost: Free

When: Thursday, December 13 at 12.30pm

Where: The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade.

For more information contact the Hub on **8622 4822**.



Timothy Reynolds and Kirilie Blythman of the Victorian Opera.

## Operatic treat

*Docklanders are invited to attend a free lunchtime opera performance at the ANZ building this month.*

The half-hour performance, by Victorian Opera's rising stars, Kirilie Blythman and Timothy Reynolds, is sure to liven up your lunch hour.

Victorian Opera managing director, Lucy Shorrocks encouraged everyone to take some time out to enjoy the show during their lunchbreaks.

"This is a unique opportunity for Docklands residents, workers and visitors to step inside one of the precinct's most innovative buildings and experience opera's bright young things breathe new life into a timeless art form," she said.

The one-off performance will be held at ANZ on Tuesday December 11 from 12.30 pm.

## The magical world of Docklands

*A new exhibition in Docklands recreates C.S. Lewis's magical world of Narnia.*

In *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the Pevensie children enter Narnia through a wardrobe.

In Docklands, children can enter the mythical world of Narnia through the door to The Pavilion at NewQuay Central.

C.S. Lewis's grandson, Tim Gresham, visited the exhibition when it opened last month and said he thought it was wonderful.

"It brings the magic of the movie sets into the neighbourhood," he said.

The exhibition recreates the world of Narnia with costumes, props and sets from the films.



Tim Gresham and a recreation of C.S. Lewis's study.

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## DIARY NOTICE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY FORUM

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### MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: Wednesday 30 January

TIME: 6pm-8pm

VENUE: The Hub @ Docklands

80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

(near the corner of Bourke Street and Harbour Esplanade)

Melway reference: 2E H7

For more information about the Docklands Community Forum, please visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands) or [www.docklands.com.au](http://www.docklands.com.au)

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Chris Buckingham, Cr Beverley Pinder-Mortimer and Clive Dwyer.

# Travelator given the thumbs up

*Nearly 60 per cent of Docklanders surveyed last month think a wind-powered travelator idea for Harbour Esplanade is "brilliant".*

Some 31 of the 53 respondents to the online survey (58.5 per cent) said the travelator idea would be "the iconic feature that will draw visitors from near and far."

A further seven respondents said: "OK. Yeah, it's not a bad idea", two were neutral about the idea and 13 said: "Stupid. The person who thought of this is an idiot".

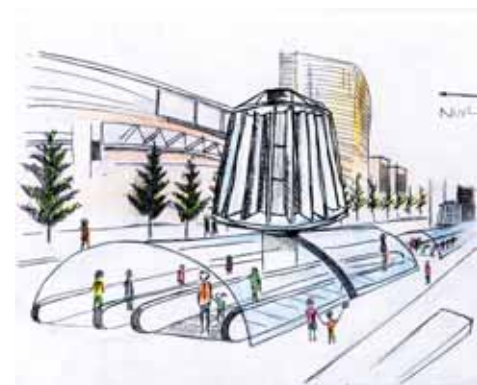
The proposed travelator would be powered by wind turbines and would be covered to protect pedestrians from the worst of Docklands' weather.

Of the negative comments left about the idea, many critics said it would make people lazy if they were not made to walk.

Others objected to spending money on the idea and its potential to block water views.

Of the many positive comments, supporters agreed that something unique was needed to attract visitors to Docklands.

Les Turner summed up the thoughts of many: "This is an idea worthy of consideration. Why? Because what we have a lot of in Docklands is wind. So let's use it to great effect. It will also be a great feature along Harbour Esplanade that needs a way of traversing and under cover out of the wind! I reckon it will attract a lot of interest and will work."



# Networking at the pub

Destination Docklands and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce held a joint networking event at the Woolshed Pub in Docklands on November 12. Local business owners had the chance to mingle and also heard from speakers including Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.



Josephine Tan, Philip D'Souza and Loredana Parletta.



Andrea Fleming and Cr Stephen Mayne.

# The Quarter approved

*MAB Corporation has received permit approval for the first stage of its \$250 million development The Quarter.*

The Quarter is a 35,000 sqm commercial development to be built on an entire block on Docklands Drive in NewQuay.

The development will be comprised of four buildings of between 6000 and 11,000 sqm,

connected by laneways.

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# GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Season's greetings everybody

Firstly, our DCA Christmas party was held on Wednesday, December 5 - the same day that the *Docklands News* was published. If you get this reminder in time, please don't forget to attend.

All are welcome! It starts at 7.30pm and is only \$10 each for non-members, which includes both savouries and drinks. The venue is Harbour Kitchen under the NAB building on Victoria Harbour Promenade.

Now to business ... the DCA's annual general meeting was held at the Hub on October 29. Besides the moderate attendance, a total of 12 proxy votes were received from people unable to attend. Guest speakers from the council included officers from its urban design department who provided an insight into planning processes. There was not much joy for residents I'm afraid in terms of community input.

It is worthwhile to remind people what the DCA does. It was instituted by the Docklands Authority to promote growth of a strong community in Docklands.

It is registered under the Act. Essentially, we promote activities for the community

and take up issues with the council, Places Victoria and the State Government on behalf of the community, to improve facilities and amenities and the local environment.

The association is regarded as the conduit for distribution of material on issues and events to residents from the council, Etihad Stadium, the Hub, the Port of Melbourne Authority and outside organisations and to provide responses, including to individuals such as researchers.

We also provide opinions, convey matters requesting attention, submit recommendations and follow up outcomes on behalf of the community.

Our representatives attend briefings, forums and meetings on issues and we liaise with other community groups.

I have written to Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and councillors requesting they review their decision behind closed doors to cancel the 9.30pm fireworks on New Year's Eve and asking for the courtesy of a response.

We have received responses from two councillors only, suggesting we refer to others. I'm not sure of our chances but you have to try.

Our protest in 2009 when the council tried

a similar cancellation resulted in it being reinstated.

We doubt the crowd management excuse again put forward and suspect the reason is cost-saving. There is no evidence of crowd-management problems in previous years.

We had suggested that the Chamber of Commerce also write to the council requesting review, on behalf of the restaurants/retailers, but are not aware of such action being taken as yet.

On November 15, I chaired the quarterly meeting of the OC chairs of high-rise residential buildings in the inner city. Chairs include members of the DCA.

Main items discussed included the amended Metropolitan Planning Scheme and the sub-committee review of the OC legislation and maintenance planning and funding.

A meeting of the Docklands Community Forum was held on Thursday, November 29.

We were given presentations over two hours on planning and council projects. We were told by a council director that there is no way the NYE 9.30pm fireworks will be reinstated.

Nonetheless, I challenged that vigorously saying there is no evidence of crowd

problems and the Lord Mayor admitted at a function that he was not prepared to spend the extra money.

The same decision was reversed in 2009 and it should be reversed again. The 9.30pm cancellation deprives families with children of the event and also families from the Western suburbs, many of whom come in by car, to say nothing of the loss of business for struggling restaurants.

Some of us asked that there be less lectures in future and more opportunity for discussion of issues amongst ourselves, being the community and business representative members. Following that, we could come up with views and recommendations ourselves.

Regarding the major esplanade redevelopment we were told that options will be presented to the community to review prior to decisions being made. That will be a welcome improvement in the process.

I'd like on behalf of our committee to wish to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year! I look forward to preparing a column for you in the New Year.

Regards to all

Roger Gardner, President, DCA

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# A decade in Docklands

*Michele Anderson was one of Docklands' first residents.*

She and her family moved to the area 10 years ago searching for a home by the water.

They had previously lived in waterside suburbs, moving from Williamstown to Port Melbourne, before settling in Docklands.

Docklands proved to be the right fit for the family of four.

"To have an apartment right on the water was a unique experience in Melbourne," Michele said. "There are not a lot of places in Melbourne where you can live this close to the water."

The family lived in the Arkley tower for two years and has spent the following eight years in an apartment at the Nolan.

Closeness to the water was one thing, but another drawcard for Michele and her family was the proximity to the city and the ease of lifestyle in Docklands.

"I love the fact that absolutely everything is close by," Michele said.

Now working at Harbour Town, Michele said she loved having to travel no further than across the road on her daily commute.

Likewise, the fact that public transport is so readily available means she might not use her car from one week to the next.

Over her time in Docklands, Michele has been involved in many different aspects of the community.

She has been chairperson of both the Arkley and Nolan towers and had been involved with the Docklands Community Association and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

Having now clocked up a decade in Docklands, Michele has had plenty of time to watch the area grow.

Likewise, she has also had time to think about how she would like the area to evolve.

Michele's vision for Docklands is of an artistic community.

"I'd like the whole NewQuay Piazza area

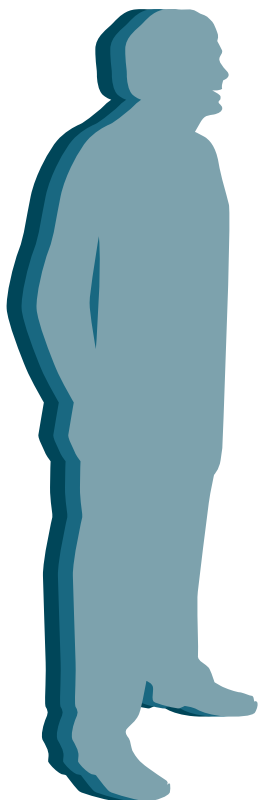


to be transformed with small cafes and protection from the sun and wind. I'd love it if it was an area of extreme art so that it drew people to the precinct," she said.

Michele also said she felt that a theme of maritime art would be a great way to connect the different precincts in Docklands.

As her first decade in Docklands draws to a close, Michele now looks forward to seeing Docklands grow and develop over the next 10 years.

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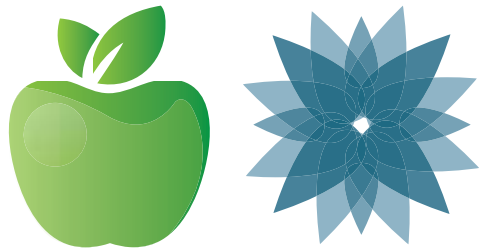


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## Leadership in sport

What is a leader and what roles do they have within sport? Firstly, let's look into leadership and what defines a leader. A leader is someone that others follow, someone that others draw motivation from and someone who others aspire to be. To quote the infamous NFL coach Vince Lombardi: "The strength of the group is the strength of the leaders".

As a result, we know from good leadership that we are able to achieve a level in sport we would not achieve by ourselves. This is tangible across elite-level sport, fitness classes, personal training and social sport.

I have decided on four leadership qualities to take a closer look at:

1. Communication - like any good relationship, communication is the key. Finding the time to talk to your peers as well as providing a listening ear;
2. Motivation - a good leader will know when to use motivation and how to motivate different individuals;
3. Courage - leaders will need to show courage by backing up their words with actions; and
4. Creativity - change is always good and the same applies to sport; be creative to increase results.

By combining these aspects, a leader will create more incentive to engage in sport at any level.

## King of the Tan

We all know that within the western world physical inactivity continues to rise and, as a result, we observe the many negative side-effects that inactivity can have on our health.

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

***It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. Like an awfully lot. Kind of overwhelmingly so – not that I don't want it to be here already, it's just that I had a little bit more to do before, well, now.***

I know Christmas is the same time each year – as in specifically the same time. Not subject to full moons, third weekends of a month or anything that you can say took you a bit by surprise – but the exact same date every single year. And yet it's still not enough notice to be ready.

Oh you'd think I was ready if you walked in the house – I have the tree up. I even have a ham bag. It's just that I haven't quite

had time to get the lights for the tree and I haven't quite had time to order the ham. I've seen plenty of Christmas lights, but I thought I'd find something more ... perfect, so I waited. And whilst I've been to plenty of butchers pushing their ham order sheets, I thought I'd sample them all before selecting the best of the best – a ham cured with something a little unexpected, something different, something a bit gourmet. Well, it turns out I should've just ordered the first ham I came across because I haven't got around to completing my providore challenge.

It's a bit like the perfect dress I was going to find, to look dead-set elegant at the party I haven't managed to get the invitations out for. I was too busy at the gym in a last-ditch effort to get the legs I'd need for the dress I'd dreamt of wearing. And as for finalising all my business meetings, finishing my online shopping and having perfectly co-ordinated presents under the tree and easing into a

well-planned holiday – well, it might be gift vouchers for everyone (again) this year. And I'm still cramming those meetings in, racing all over town desperately searching for parking spots!

So in my state of flustered rushing – I paused. I took a breath. I closed my eyes. I found an inner calm and looked into my very heart and soul.

And the perfect face of my nine-year-old son beamed back at me. And I thought about how much he'd grown, and what he'd achieved. I thought about my gorgeous crazy dog and how she can't wait to plant her big kisses all over us, every single day. I thought about our darling horse who thinks stopping is overrated but loves a good cuddle. I thought about how we'd managed to scrape through another massive year, with love and happiness and laughter.

And I realised I had everything I needed

for Christmas right there. In the love of my family – our odd collection of a child, a dog, a horse and a house – and I realised I couldn't wish for one more thing. And I felt calm.

So I may not have a gourmet, smoked ham – we'll go with sliced ham from the deli if we have to! I may not have creatively wrapped the perfect present to give – but I will give my love, my attention and my time to my family this Christmas.

I will celebrate with my son Nikolai and I will cherish making every day count and know that we will have these holidays as memories for the rest of our lives. And that, must be the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas to you all. May you stay safe, may you feel loved, and may you be happy this Christmas, and know that your love is the best gift you can give.

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## It's Tucker time

***Tucker the Siberian husky is 15-months-old, and was rescued by Austin Kenny and his partner earlier this year.***

Austin is originally from Bermuda, and moved to Docklands with his Canadian partner who is studying at Melbourne University.

Austin said Tucker was still a bit underweight, but otherwise was adjusting well to life in Docklands.

"She loves chasing rabbits around Docklands," Austin said.

"You'd be surprised how many rabbits there are darting around the bushes down here in Docklands."

According to Austin, Tucker is a really friendly, gentle dog who just loves children

as well as running around the place on her daily walks.

Siberian Huskies are known to be a friendly breed and luckily for Tucker, Docklands is full of friendly people.

The breed is also known for having high energy levels so it's fortunate that there is plenty to entertain Tucker in Melbourne Docklands.

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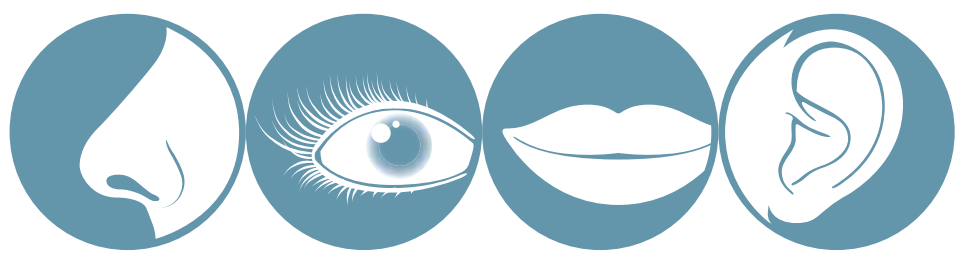
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# DOCKLANDS SECRETS

## Spot the error

*Wouldn't it have been terrific if Bourke St had have been extended into Docklands when the urban renewal was first contemplated back in the 1990s?*

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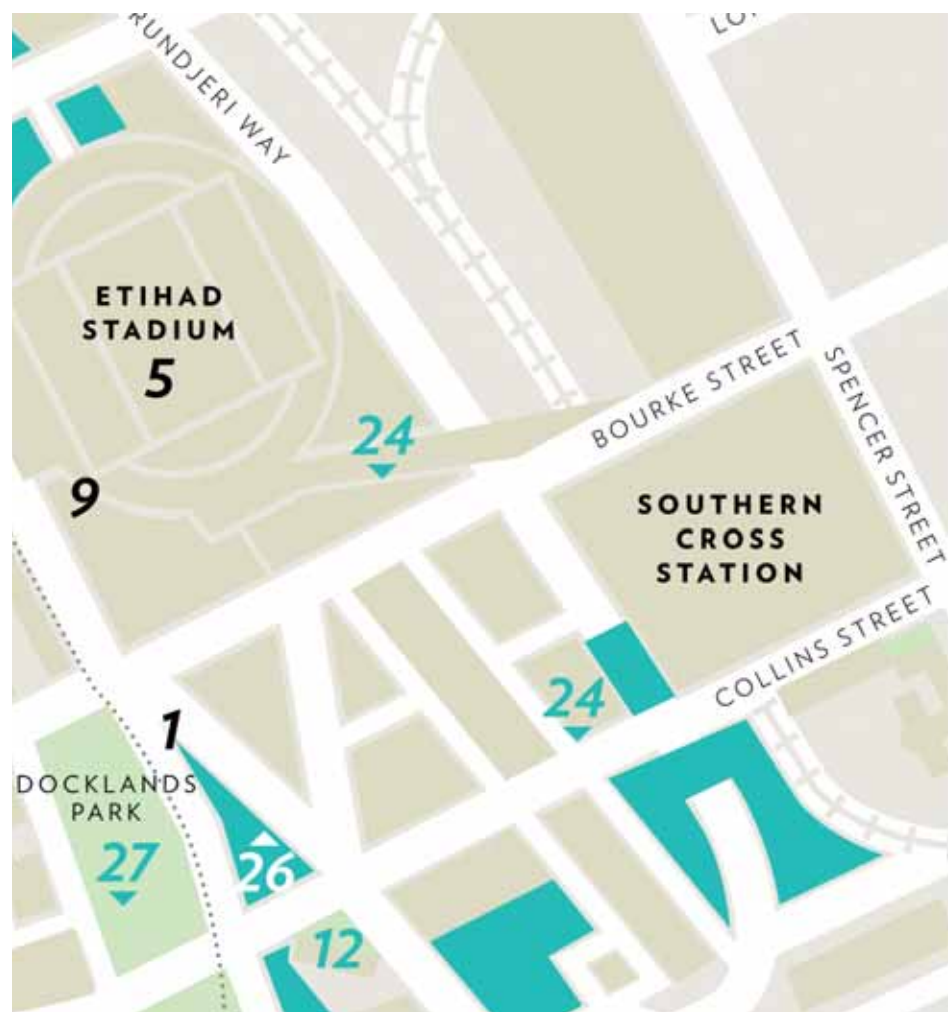
Some Docklanders would like to see a tunnel dug because the benefits would be so strong.

So they were please to see a mistake in the map circulated to all residents by the City

of Melbourne and Places Victoria in July as a summary of their Docklands Community and Place Plan.

The map (pictured) shows Bourke St running straight through Southern Cross Station.

Wishful thinking? Freudian slip? Or perhaps the graphic artist charged with the task just assumed because it was so obvious?



## WORDPLAY FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

*This is the final installment in a series brought you to you during 2012 by Docklands Writers. Each month's installment was written by a different writer from the group. The ongoing story is at [www.docklandsnews.com.au/columns/list/category/word-play/](http://www.docklandsnews.com.au/columns/list/category/word-play/) We trust you have enjoyed it. Feedback is always welcome as are membership enquiries to [jane.x.hutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:jane.x.hutchinson@gmail.com)*

## Beginning of the end

By Nandita Chakraborty and Jane M. Hutchinson

Tom had seen many things in my life; but to see Jenny covered in his blood made Tom freeze. The sight of Jenny lying in a pool of bright red blood gasping for help. A crowd gathers around. "Are they scared as I am a foreigner? I must leave before it turns out into a police case."

Trying to shift my body on the footpath; the pressure in my head was painful, paralysing. With all my strength I crawl like a child to Jenny. I shook her but she was still, still and cold. Her lifeless eyes wide open staring at me, screaming out at me. I gently smoothed her eye-lids closed.

My eyes are foggy - obscure with tears and blood; the sinking feeling of death is more frightening than dying alone in a foreign country. Surprised at this thought, I am scared now. The sun, almost setting, starts to dry and crust the blood on my face; just then I saw a figure from the crowd approaching me.

In and out of consciousness, I struggled to keep my eyes open. Somehow, I have to see this person; Someone was not a coward after all. I forced my eyes to stay open. By now the

shadow of this person covered me. Raising my head to look up at the shadow, I touch my nose for my spectacles, but they were gone.

I panic! I hear a loud bang; struggling to breathe; after a short gasp I fall into a deep peaceful sleep".

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The nurse spoke in such a heavy accent in English. Still under the heavy influence of medication, the hum of the surrounding noises and the cold sterile smell of antiseptic triggered Tom's memory.

"I ..." Tom paused and attempted to shift his head to look around.

"What day is it today?" "Thursday," the nurse replied with a smile, looking at him with suspicious eyes. She walked towards the other side of the room.

The last two days flashed before him. Running with Jenny to Hawaii, stealing the money from Kate, drugging her with sleeping pills, remembering Jenny's last words that the money is not cursed, having lunch with her just before he could propose to her. He nearly got run over by a motorbike killing Jenny in that accident. What was the need to kill her!

"Can we call anyone for you?"

"Ah ah! No! No! I've got no one, I'm alone travelling."

"Maybe a lawyer? The police will be in shortly."

\*\*\*\*\*

The blind hand searched for Tom's personal belongings under the bed, finally feeling the taped-up paper bag, he pulls it right and slips it under the bed covers.

He waits for the right moment to open the bag, drawing around the curtain on his bed.

Opening the paper bag, Tom pulls out the nurse's uniform and slowly changes into it, cautious of not making too much noise. Removing the bandages from his nose, how can he camouflage the bruises? Tom cringes in pain. His body felt so heavy, checking his watch, and he quickly realises he doesn't have much time.

A wheel chair had been placed next to his bed; he quickly took charge of it and walked towards the elevator.

\*\*\*\*

The evening was humid when he jumped on the back seat of the white Fiat, where his

contact was waiting for him.

"Here is your new passport and tickets. Your ship leaves in an hour. Be careful with the money, the police are already in search for you. Here take these," handing him the yellow manila envelope.

Tom took the manila folder, quickly glancing over his new passport. He prepared to leave the car when his contact stopped him. "By the way what do you intend doing now, just out of curiosity?" Closing the door behind him, he waved a goodbye to his contact. He smiled.

Tom had never loved a sunset as much as he did tonight, as if telling him a new beginning was here. There was a strange sense of freedom rising within him.

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Just as Tom was crossing the road, a car came screeching from behind, hitting him, and throwing him to the opposite side of the road in a pool of blood.

A shot was aimed at his heart enough to leave him gasping for a short breath.

For one last time, he looked up at his assassin, his contact - the nurse - his lover Kate. She was wearing his spectacles. Gasping for air, he fell into a deep peaceful sleep, forever.



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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

### Caroline Meaden, 27

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town

**WEARS?**

Her mum's vintage skirt, Country Road top and Joanne Mercer shoes.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

Cool.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

Work.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Geelong.

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

A great pink dress I bought in Amsterdam.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Something interesting and inspiring.

### Jackson Stone, 17

**LOCATION?**

NewQuay.

**WEARS?**

All op-shop and second-hand.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

Cool.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

School field-work.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Bayswater.

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

Dryzabone coat.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

It has to be comfortable.

### Samantha Pennisi, 17

**LOCATION?**

NewQuay.

**WEARS?**

Zara jeans and jacket, mum's Nympho scarf, Novo shoes.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

Chic and colourful. I don't like skimpy.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

On holiday, just exploring.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Brisbane.

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

A white leather jacket with studs.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Dressing for your shape and colour.

## Summer style is not easy

By Sam Goss

*Whilst summer's approach has brought along a number of contrasting things (mosquitoes, daytime cocktails and backyard cricket), it has also brought a myriad of style queries.*

Australians are lauded for their easy-going approach to life and the same goes for their style philosophy. However, living in a city with a climate about as stable as an elephant on a tightrope, summer dressing needs to be a well-thought-out task.

A cheat's approach is the stock-standard denim cut-off shorts and an old pair of thongs. However, this laid-back method can quite easily cross over into "white-trash" territory depending on the length of your shorts and the amount of skin showing.

A safe (and classy) rule for ladies is to purchase your shorts a size too big to avoid anything "hanging-out" the back. If they're too loose up top, belt it. A belt will always be chicer than having half (or all) of your lady-behind on display.

Instead of donning a pair of havisanas, leave the "havs" behind and get your toes into a flat sandal in a fun, bright colour or a leopard print if you are of the daring-animal variety.

Man-style oversized tees are always a sexy option for women. Hit up Bassiske in Hawksburn for classic cuts and colours or Ksubi on Chapel St for edgier options with tongue-in-cheek slogans like "Boys Who Skate Are Better at Grindin".

If you're keeping in mind the most imperative aspect of summer dressing, take note of this: SUN-SMART IS SEXY. Write that down!

Men can walk into General Pants or any skate shop and choose from a bucket load of trendy baseball caps or snap-backs. And the ladies can throw on a '70s-style, felt wide-brim or a sexy fedora and make even the simplest of outfits more interesting.

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**The festive season is upon us as I write my final column of the year – so have a safe and merry Christmas everyone!**

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce has been very busy and I have discovered that within Docklands there are a number of businesses that are doing very well. So, in my capacity as an executive member of the chamber, I am going to discover their stories and relate them over the next few months. The tough economic climate that is biting hard everywhere is certainly being felt here in Docklands as we continue to complete the many works in progress.

The Burger Club Cafe at 39A Caravel Lane in NewQuay is one such business. They have been quietly getting on with business and have built up a great reputation for good

food at reasonable prices, which is all dished up with great customer service from the owners, Murat and Ashleigh.

They quietly slipped into Docklands, taking over a business that had closed its doors. Yes, they found it tough at the beginning – but they made their niche and they dug in and now they have a good customer base.

So it was, when I called by the other day, that I learned they are now opening up across the road at 42 Caravel Lane a new enterprise – frozen yoghurt! There are dozens more businesses quietly getting on with it and reporting that things are going well.

You may have seen me out and about on the office bike – the Docklands News bike that is. What a fantastic way to see Docklands. I can get around Docklands in no time at all, and no parking issues! I urge you to get out and try out the blue Melbourne Share Bikes. Once you have seen how easy it is, I am sure you will not go back.

I am interested to hear from anyone who would like to join me for a tour of Docklands? I will post an event on Facebook – Docklands is Beautiful - and look forward to having you join me. Please “Like” this page to be updated on all good things Docklands.

You may have read in The Age a story about food van operators on Harbour Esplanade having their permits cancelled. Do you know what really happened? I have discovered that the article as reported in The Age had little to do with the facts.

It would seem that Utopian Folk and Places Victoria had the permit to operate food vans, and they sublet out to these operators. It was reported in The Age that the food van permits were not renewed by City of Melbourne when, in fact, it was Utopian Folk that chose not to renew the permits. That is a different story, isn't it?

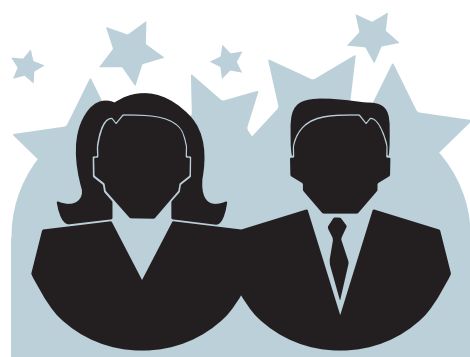
In February next year, the Chinese New Year of the Snake happens on February 10. To celebrate, Dragon Boat Victoria is planning a “Try Dragon Boating” day (dates and times to be announced). You must come and expect to get a little wet – but it will be a worthwhile experience. We will arrange a ferry shuttle from Melbourne Marina (formerly Waterfront City Marina) to the Dragon Boat headquarters where you will be given a brief induction, kitted out and then invited out onto the water to have a paddle. There will be a small charge for this which will include the ferry service. I might also mention that there are plans to have other celebrations with Harbour Town for Chinese New Year. Keep an eye on Destination Docklands and Docklands Chamber of Commerce websites for further announcements.

Happy holidays everyone.

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**Danielle**

December 28 1990  
North Node in Capricorn  
South Node Cancer  
Born Melbourne, Australia

**Daniel**

May 27, 1990  
North Node in Aquarius  
South Node Leo  
Born Queensland, Australia

**Danielle**

Successful partnerships for you Danielle can be complicated as you expect a great deal from your partner. You are emotional, sensitive and love your family very much, so whoever is to be your partner had better love and respect your family or the relationship is doomed. You are also driven to succeed and have a passion for accomplishing the extraordinary. Your partners will have to be up early in the morning to keep up with you.

Daniel has come into your life to teach you about relationships. Dan's North Node is conjunct to your seventh house. This simply means that, without even trying or being aware of this, his presence helps you to bond in a healthy way.

He will support you as a partner, believe in you, yet also teach you how to love in a healthy, non-possessive way. You probably knew straight away that Dan would make a good partner and you wanted to spend more time together. The feeling would have been very mutual.

None of us ever really knows how long we are in each other's lives but to have a seventh house connection usually means that the relationship is centred on a committed bond. This bond is not necessarily marriage in the traditional sense, just that the bond is strong and the desire to stay and work things out is strong.

**Daniel**

Daniel, being with Danielle helps you to become very productive and to achieve your goals in a steady, organised way. Sometimes you may not like how you feel in her presence because you may feel like you are being tested and pushed beyond what you are willing or capable of doing. When you need to have a quiet time to reflect, or time to “let loose” and just be, you may seek out others (friends and or colleagues), not Danielle.

When you really need to be organised and productive, it is Danielle you need. When you need an honest opinion or help, it is Danni you call upon.

You are powerfully connected with Danielle from the start as you both have a seventh house connection. This means that as much as sometimes you don't want to feel like the naughty boy being scowled at by his mother, you keep coming back, because instinctively you know Danielle is right.

You are very attracted to Danielle and therefore working out your differences seems to be unavoidable.

Daniel, the quite achiever, is disciplined, organised and very much “on the beat” with life, busy making his dreams come true. Danielle sees this potential in you and wants to help you achieve it.

**Outcome of relationship:**

All relationships, intimate or not, are given to us, not by coincidence, but by design to teach us something – to help us overcome something, to provide us with something or to help us achieve.

Dan and Danni, your relationship is leading you both to Aquarius in the seventh house. What this means is that building a relationship that is not restrictive, non-traditional and truly humanitarian is the goal.

You are learning to support and trust in one another and mankind, no matter what. When you understand the purpose of your coming together you may find it easier to let go of the jealousy, possessiveness, the theatrics and dramas that sometimes plague your relationship. You will know that each of you needs to make sacrifices and compromises for the other but without letting go of who you are and what you want as individuals.

Neither one of you should control or manipulate the other. You will both give up your traditional or personal values around relating and may even follow a more unusual and individualistic relationship model. You may both set about devising your own very special way of being.

As always, good luck and I hope you thoroughly enjoy the learning.

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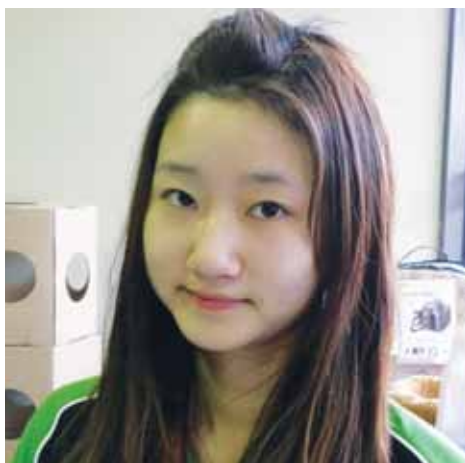
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**TIFFANY LIU, 21**  
*Sales assistant, CT Pets*

Tiffany has been working at CT Pets at Harbour Town Shopping Centre for one month, travelling on the V/Line train from Deer Park. She really loves animals and helping people find the right pet. "I love being around all the little dogs," Tiffany said. Tiffany said she enjoyed meeting friends for coffee in Docklands when she's finished work



**RAUMA GAUTAM, 34**  
*Store manager, Nepalese Crafts*

Rauma moved to Melbourne from Nepal three-and-a-half years ago, and has been working at Nepalese Crafts for the last two years selling handmade Nepalese products, including felt shoes and bags. She particularly loves the shopping and food court at Harbour Town, and Wonderland Fun Park. "Docklands is beautiful in summer," Rauma said.



**CHRIS HANSON, 36**  
*Sales manager, Lucas Real Estate*

Chris has worked in sales for 13 years and is thrilled to be joining Lucas Real Estate. Originally from England, Chris met his Melbourne wife in Dubai. Chris loves that Docklands is so similar to Dubai with its marina and great waterfront. "It's new, up-and-coming and has huge potential," he said.



**AZ DE LA CRUZ, 30**  
*Learning and development facilitator, AMP*

Az lives in Hawthorn and has worked at AMP in Collins St for three years. He says the best thing about working in Docklands is the shopping. "It's great having access to DFO," he said. His colleague added that another positive about Docklands was that there weren't many fast food outlets, so they were forced to eat healthy lunches!



**KIMBERLY GRESSIE, 22**  
*Visiting from Holland*

*Docklands News* spotted Kimberly taking photographs in Docklands Park with friends. She had arrived a day earlier and was planning to spend several weeks in Melbourne before continuing to travel around Australia. Kimberly said Melbourne had changed a lot since she last visited nine years ago, particularly Docklands.



**ELISHA HEYWOOD, 26**  
*Manager, Optus*

Elisha has just started managing the Harbour Town store after six years with Optus. She has enjoyed meeting people from all the different stores and said everyone around Docklands was really friendly. She's also appreciating all the great discounts at the local shops. "There's definitely a lot of potential here," she said.

## Letters to the Editor

### Here's some new energy

*I'm Italian and moved to Australia at the beginning of September 2012 and to the Docklands two weeks later, so I've been living here for two months now.*

Why did I chose to live in the Docklands with my husband? It is a question I have frequently been asked. And maybe because of that I'm taking a bit of pride in being a Docklander, although a very recent one.

And that is why I just started a page on my blog [lavaleandherworld.wordpress.com](http://lavaleandherworld.wordpress.com) about Docklands: "The Docklands Spotter". My intention is to discover and then to write about all the fantastic things you can do in the Docklands! From having a coffee, eating lunch or dinner, doing your grocery shopping or clothes shopping or getting a service you need well done.

So my answer to why I've chosen to live in Docklands is for many reasons. Among these is that we wanted to stay quite close to the CBD. We don't have a car yet and Docklands is so well connected to the CBD

and other locations in Melbourne via trams (48, 31, ...) and the Southern Cross Station.

It's also next to the water and you have the feeling to live in a marina and being on holidays all-year round. Depending on where you are, you get a fantastic view of Melbourne skyline. And I think that it is a nice, quiet neighborhood, but also lively, full of people and things to do e.g. at the Hub.

And you are still close to the beaches in Port Melbourne and St Kilda and the rest of the city. The last, but not least, reason is all the services you'd want are at arm reach.

Of course I have not enough experience about living in the Docklands, but I guess it takes time for a neighborhood to build its own soul. And it also takes a lot of new people with new enthusiasm to help experienced Docklanders to bring back an

additional energy to spur new activities.

Anyway, I reckon every Docklander should contribute to the community, even with just small gestures, like having a coffee / breakfast / lunch or dinner at least once or twice a month in the Docklands and spread the word.

And I think sharing stories about nice experiences had in the Docklands would also help other people to enjoy them and especially newcomers, usually more eager to integrate in the community and prone to try out new stuff. At least this is my experience!

So I'd be more than happy to go around, try out new places and write about them in my free time.

*Valeria Vigliani*



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MGA owns Whittles and Mr Morgan is based in their shared offices at Level 2, 58 Lorimer St, in the beautiful Yarra's Edge precinct of Docklands.

"MGA is one of the bigger independent insurance brokers in Australia, with 51,000 clients and \$161 million in gross written premiums," Mr Morgan said.

"New apartment towers are being built all the time here in Docklands, so we have plenty of business! But we do want local small businesses to be aware of our services and expertise."

Mr Morgan is a single father, and shares his time between Docklands and Warrnambool,

where his 11-year-old son lives and where his father manages the MGA office.

"MGA insurance is definitely a family business," he said.

"The three original owners who started MGA in 1975 and are now looking to retire, and their sons are taking over the business."

Mr Morgan believes businesses and apartment purchasers have a great future in Docklands.

"So much is happening in Docklands, and in the next five to 10 years, it will develop into a good business hub," he said.

"It is nicely set up to grow and will attract many tourists."

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MGA Insurance Brokers' Docklands manager Gareth Morgan says things are on the up.

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## Local teams struggle through opening rounds

By Robert Bremner

*Melbourne Heart and Melbourne Victory have both started off their 2012/2013 A League seasons in an unconvincing fashion.*

After seven rounds neither Melbourne team was placed in the top half of the ladder, with Victory sitting in sixth place with three wins, three losses and a draw. Heart, meanwhile, was languishing in ninth place with two wins, four losses and a draw.

The season began on October 5 with a classic Melbourne derby played at Etihad Stadium. Heart proved the better side and surprised the Victory with a 2-1 upset. However this good start to the season by Heart was short lived as they suffered over the course of the next few rounds. Heart have struggled to score this season due to being unable to capitalise up forward without a decent striker.

Victory on the other hand have shown a great deal more than last year even without Harry Kewell and are playing with great attacking flair, which has seen them play in some very entertaining games. However, the great emphasis on attack has left much to be desired on the defensive end as the Victory has suffered some huge defeats such as the 5-0 drubbing at the hands of Brisbane Roar.

Only the top six teams make the finals so both teams have a lot of work ahead of them. For Victory, they need to tighten up their up defence. However they have shown enough

promise in the last couple of weeks to suggest they are on the up and should make the finals. The players are still becoming accustomed to their new coaches' game style. Expect a finish in the lower half of the top six at the end of the season.

Heart also have a relatively new coach at the helm. Heart is struggling to gel together as a team. This is likely due to a number of players leaving last season and so the new players have not played together as a group. With former Socceroos star John Aloisi as their coach, Heart will be challenging for the title in the near future. However I do not expect them to make the finals this season.

In round two Melbourne Heart took on Wellington and came away with a 1-1 draw after leading at half time.

The following week Victory came from a goal down to knock off Adelaide 2-1. Victory is currently the only side to have knocked off Adelaide. Heart were outplayed by the Perth Glory 2-0.

Round four was a bleak weekend for the Melbourne sides, which saw Newcastle down the Victory 2-1 and Melbourne Heart go down 1-0 to the Central Coast Mariners at home.



Competitors at the Australian Corporate Games Dragonboat Competition.

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*Docklands' Victoria Harbour hosted two dragonboat competitions last month.*

The first, on November 24, was the Australian Corporate Games dragonboat competition.

Around 35 teams competed in the event with about 700 people taking part.

Teams competed in 200 metre sprints, which made for some fast and furious action, according to Dragonboat Victoria communications director Melissa O'Brien.

Westpac came out on top, with the IBM Dragons coming second and the BECA Becaneers taking out third place.

The following weekend saw another round of dragon-boating with the Docklands Cup held on December 2.

Ms O'Brien said this season was the most competitive that Victorian crews had ever

seen, following the national championships in Docklands earlier this year and the establishment of several new clubs.

She said teams had travelled from Geelong, Ballarat, Albury and the Mornington Peninsula to join local Melbourne-based teams at the event.

Docklands-based dragon-boating club, the Melbourne Flames, dominated the cup.

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