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Australia's oldest top-sail schooner Alma Doepel is towed into Docklands high and dry on her barge on April 4 in anticipation of her restoration at Shed 2 in Victoria Harbour. See our story on page 3.

Serviced apartment battle to continue

By Bethany Williams

The serviced apartment dispute that has divided Docklands will continue on to the Supreme Court.

The Building Appeals Board (BAB) last month dismissed Docklands Executive Apartments' (DEA) appeal against a building order issued by the City of Melbourne in 2011

But the serviced apartment community has rallied around DEA operator Paul Salter and will launch a Supreme Court action.

Around 50 operators from Melbourne and beyond attended a meeting arranged by industry group VicShortStay in NewQuay last month and agreed to continue the fight.

By Easter the group had raised more than 65 per cent of the \$200,000 needed to fund the court action.

It has appointed legal counsel but, as Docklands News went to print, had not lodged its case with the Supreme Court.

The move follows the release of the BAB's determination on March 22, which affirmed the decision of council to issue building orders against owners of serviced apartments in the Watergate building.

The Watergate building is a Class 2 residential building according to the Building Code of Australia (BCA), but council has argued that serviced apartments fall within the Class 3 classification, usually reserved for hotels and rooming houses.

The building orders issued by council in 2011 ordered Watergate serviced apartment owners to comply with building regulations applicable to Class 3 buildings or to cease trading.

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

Yezz Pty Ltd, which operated as Grand Harbour Accommodation, and DEA appealed the building orders at the BAB.

The Watergate Owners Corporation also joined the case in support of council.

Yezz Pty Ltd withdrew from the case in November last year and has ceased operations at Watergate.

The determination issued by the BAB last

month was based on the interpretation of the BCA and specifically the term "dwelling".

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

During the BAB hearings Mr Salter's lawyer Richard Niall said the term dwelling did not impose a qualification of time and therefore could include serviced apartments.

But council's lawyer Tim Margetts said it had a condition of continual or habitual use.

In making its decision the BAB panel considered the definitions of Class 1, 2 and 3 buildings, the definitions of dwelling provided in past legislation and regulations and dictionary definitions of dwelling.

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DOCKLANDS NEWS Crunch time for forum

The fledgling Docklands Community Forum is faltering and urgently needs to be empowered to act in its own right.



Its fourth session on March 27 was disappointing as it broke no new ground and is no closer to defining its functions and governance structures.

Under its terms of reference, the forum should have already established its "rules of engagement", agreed on a standing agenda and confirmed its scope.

High-grade information was shared at the last meeting, but it is apparent that playgroup-style participation is valued more than actual outcomes.

Forum participants were forced to interrupt and intervene to prevent a premature closure of the March 27 meeting by the councilappointed facilitator without any outcome being reached.

In the end, it was agreed that the forum would write to the Minister for Education requesting a primary school for Docklands.

But there is still no agreed structure or process governing how even this simplest of tasks can be undertaken.

It is starting to look as if the forum is a shortterm diversion to justify the abandonment of the expensive Docklands Co-ordination Committee.

The aggressive attitude expressed by senior bureaucrat Martin Cutter at the forum was instructive.

The plain-speaking Mr Cutter was clearly resentful about being forced by councillors at their March 5 meeting to report to the forum on Docklands-specific events and marketing figures over the past few years.

The implication was that he had wasted two days of his life compiling a set of numbers which were no good to anyone.

What this revelation says about the council's accounting systems is another story, but Mr

Cutter was clear in his message that Docklands already gets more than its fair share and is not deserving of special treatment.

This expression of a prevailing culture within the City of Melbourne comes as a shock to Docklanders who live and work day-to-day in a half-completed building site without the community infrastructure that residents in other areas of the city (with the exception of Southbank) take for granted.

We naively assume that councillors and council officers share and understand our special needs.

Depending on the future direction of the community forum, it may soon be possible to draw a conclusion that the State Government was premature in handing back responsibility for Docklands to the City of Melbourne.

The lesson for the Government concerning the upcoming Fishermans Bend and E-Gate developments may well be: "Don't give these areas back to the local municipality until they are finished."

Serviced apartment battle to continue

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According to the determination, the panel formed the view that the term "dwelling", as it is used in the Class 2 definition, did not only refer to physical characteristics required by building codes but also to a sense of connection by the occupants.

The panel found that the operation of serviced apartments in the Watergate building was not a use permitted under the existing occupancy permit for Class 2 and constituted a change of use.

The panel agreed that council's municipal building surveyor was correct in classifying the subject apartments as Class 3 due to the apartments use for short-term stays and, therefore, dismissed the appeal.

Watergate Owners Corporation chairperson Barbara Francis, who gave evidence during

the hearings, said she was delighted and relieved at the outcome.

Watergate building manager Marshall Delves, who also gave evidence at the hearings, agreed and said the decision was a credit to everyone at Watergate.

"It's the hard work of the Watergate staff and Owner's Corporation committee that started two years ago that has brought about this result," Mr Delves said.

Mr Delves said Watergate had opened it up for all other buildings in Melbourne to see what could be achieved.

Former Arkley Owners Corporation chairman and committee member Roger Gardner said the verdict was a big step forward in combating the problems relating to serviced apartment in Docklands and that the decision had wide ramifications.

Serviced apartments in Docklands could be under threat if the Supreme Court action is unsuccessful as it could pave the way for council to issue building orders against other serviced apartment owners.

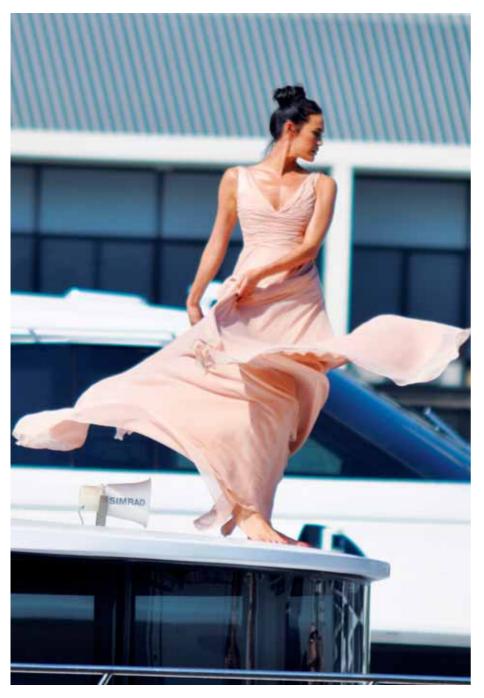
Docklands Private Collection of Apartments operator Peter Kelly said NewQuay would struggle without serviced apartments.

Apart from the affect on Docklands' tourism trade, Mr Kelly said the demise of serviced apartments would have other implications.

"I can't comprehend people who live here who don't understand what 400 serviced apartments coming on to the market will do to apartment values," Mr Kelly said.

The outcome of the case could also have implications throughout Melbourne and Australia because it pertains to a national building code.





Fashion festival hits Docklands

Models, designers and fashionistas invaded Docklands last month during the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival.

Model Megan Gale (pictured above) was spotted onboard Quest III on March 8 before the festival kicked off for a photo shoot to promote the event.

Once again the festival was centred on Central Pier, with plenty of runway events taking place from March 18 to March 28.

Alma is high and dry

Historic sailing ship Alma Doepel is now high and dry after being raised out of the water last month for continued restoration work.

A team of volunteers has been restoring the 109-year-old topsail schooner at Shed 2 in Docklands for the past four years.

But the ship had to make a journey out of Docklands in order to be raised.

In what was the second attempt to raise the ship, the Alma Doepel was towed to Williamstown where British Aerospace Engineering (BAE) had offered the use of its dry dock as a community contribution.

An attempt to raise the ship had been made in December last year using a submersible barge which was floated into position under the ship before being raised by pumping air into twin submersible pontoons.

Unfortunately the ship became unstable during the attempt to raise it and the restoration team had since been exploring other options for raising her.

According to restoration director Peter Harris, a dry dock was ideal because it was the fastest and simplest way to do the job.

The blue stone dry dock, known as the Alfred Graving Dock, was completed in 1837.

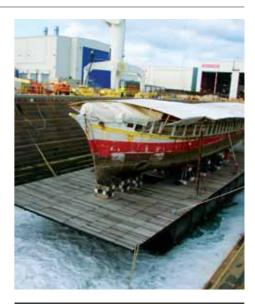
"It's a heritage-listed structure and predates Alma by about 30 years," Mr Harris said.

A dry dock is a basin which can be flooded and drained and is generally used for the construction, maintenance and repair of ships and boats.

Mr Harris said the raising of Alma was a whole-day effort starting with the ship and barge being towed from Docklands into the flooded dry dock at Williamstown.

The 140 tonne barge was then lowered, by letting the air our of its pontoons, and fitted to support blocks on the floor of the dock.

Divers monitored the lowering of the barge and were in radio contact with the team above the surface to provide direction to ensure the barge was placed in exactly the right position.



Alma atop the submersible barge in the dry dock at Williamstown. Photo by M. Smith, Spectre Films

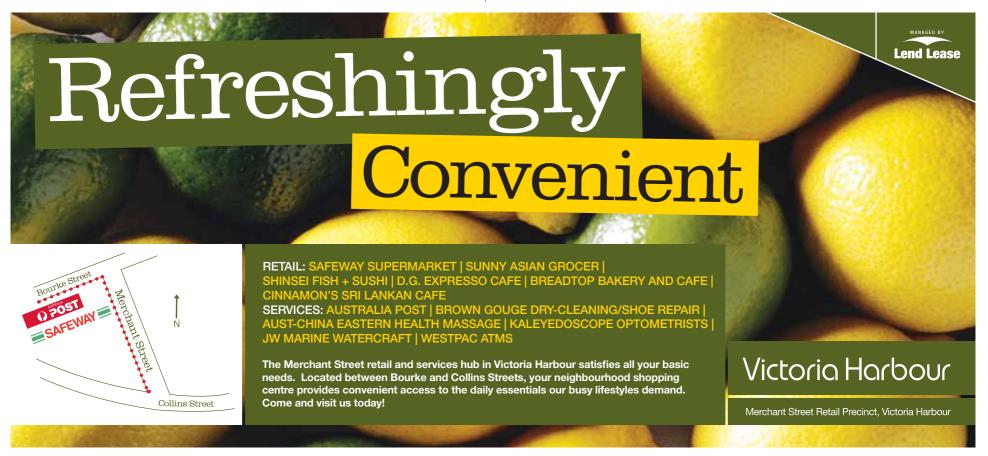
Once the barge was in place the ship was pulled over the top of the barge with the divers once again monitoring below water to ensure the ship was in the right position.

The water in the dry dock was then drained to allow the ship to rest on the barge. The valves on the barges' twin pontoons were then closed to allow it, and the ship, to float above the water when the dock was once again flooded.

Each element of the raising process required precision and about 40 people were involved in the process.

This group included BAE dock workers, marine engineers, naval architects, crane drivers, production crew, OHS staff and logistics managers and Fitzgerald construction, who built the barge, provided the use of its tugboat and crew.

The ship and barge remained at Williamstown for a week but were towed back to Shed 2 in Docklands on April 4 to allow for continued restoration work.





Music at The Hub

Docklanders are in for a musical treat when acclaimed cellist Zoe Knighton performs at a Hub lunchbox session this month.

Zoe is a founding member of the Flinders Quartet and performs with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria.

Cost: Free

When: Thursday, April 11 at 12.30 pm.

Where: The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade.

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

Destination Docklands awaits funding decision

The future of Destination Docklands rests on Council's 2013-14 budget deliberations.

Destination Docklands presented a three-year funding proposal to the Future Melbourne committee on March 12.

Councillors agreed to note the funding proposal and referred it to the budget deliberations.

But Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and councillor Stephen Mayne said Places Victoria should match council funding.

When asked about the likelihood of Places Victoria committing to further funding Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said it was unlikely.

Docklands News understands Places Victoria is unable to commit further funding, to Destination Docklands.

The council, Places Victoria and various Docklands stakeholders have funded the organisation since its inception in 2009.

Destination Docklands originally had a three-year agreement with council of \$50,000 per annum, which expired on June 30 last year.

Council then agreed to a further one-year

funding agreement of \$100,000 of core funding and \$100,000 for event activation on the condition that Places Victoria matched the core funding amount.

The agreement expires on June 30 this year and in the new funding proposal Destination Docklands has requested \$250,000 for core marketing and \$100,000 for event activation per year for the next three years.

Ms Donnelly said the three-year funding plan would allow long-term planning, vision and growth.

A drawback of the one-year funding agreement was that the organisation was focused on the requirements of the 12-month agreement rather than taking an extended view of the long-term needs of Docklands.

According to Ms Donnelly a three-year funding agreement with council would allow long-term planning, vision and growth and would be enticing to other funding partners.

Ms Donnelly also said the agreement would enable the organisation to become a sustainable business model that by 2016



Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly

would no longer require government funding.

If Destination Docklands receives the full amount of funding requested it is likely two additional staff will be hired, including a full-time business development role and an events assistant

Ms Donnelly said council would advise if the funding proposal had been approved at the end of April

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A: When people first move into strata or community titled properties often they don't realise that as owners they are a part of an owners corporation and what that actually means. Basically the owners corporation is responsible for the running of the property. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), owners elect a small working group called the executive committee and its members are responsible for carrying out the management duties of the property on behalf of all owners.

As a minimum a committee should have a chairperson (also called chairman), a secretary and a treasurer who are elected by the committee members. Each role has specific functions. Many of the functions of the office bearers can be delegated to an appointed strata manager. When this happens, the office bearers have a much easier time of things and can focus on the running of the scheme from a management perspective rather than having to worry about the logistical, accounting, compliance, legislative and legal side of things. However, they need to liaise closely with the strata manager for approval of tasks or works, and follow up or instigate those tasks that have been or will be actioned by the strata manager.

The role of the strata manager is to carry out only those functions, duties and responsibilities stipulated by the strata scheme. These are usually outlined in the management agreement. The strata manager is appointed to work with the committee but this appointment must be approved at the AGM. Some of the strata manager's tasks include:

- preparing and distributing meeting notices, agendas and minutes;
- attending meetings;
- provide guidance and expert advice on taxation and legislative matters;
- paying invoices for works carried out;
- keeping financial accounts
- providing continuity of management processes and record keeping;
- ensuring appropriate insurance is in place and up to date
- administration and handling day-to-day paperwork

Though the strata manager is appointed to perform general functions as outlined in the management agreement, the strata manager can only take instructions from a majority of committee.

Of course if you're in doubt about anything to do with the management of the property you're welcome to call your BCS strata manager.



Lilikoi Kaos performed at a Spiegeltent showcase at the Docklands Chamber of Commerce networking event last month.

Carnivale set to entertain Docklands

The Wonderland Carnivale is amazing and entertaining Docklanders and visitors at the Wonderland Spiegeltent.

The show features an amazing line-up of Australian and international comedians, acrobats and sideshow acts.

The show runs until April 20 and features circus and burlesque performer Lilikoi Kaos (above) and stand-up comedy duo The Nelson Twins.

Each night of the Wonderland Carnivale will

feature a special guest headliner including Fiona O'Loughlin, Ian Bagg, Lehmo, Dave O'Neil and Mick Molloy.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce got a sneak preview of the show at its last function on March 19.

For more information and to book tickets see **www.wonderlandspiegeltent.com.au**

Docklands loses two events

The redevelopment of NewQuay Central has resulted in Docklands losing two popular annual public events.

Melbourne Summer Japanese Festival organisers have confirmed that the event won't be held in Docklands next year. And Orygen Youth Health has announced that its annual Suit Up and Ride event is moving to Alexandra Gardens.

The Summer Japanese Festival has been held in the piazza for the past four years while Suit Up and Ride has held three Docklandsbased events.

The loss of the both events is disappointing for Docklands as they attracted large crowds.

About 15,000 people attended the Summer Festival in February this year.

Event organisers were told at the end of 2012 that the venue might not be available in 2014 due to the planned NewQuay Central development.

The redevelopment plans have now been pushed back and the festival organisers were told they could book the site but the booking

could be cancelled up until four months before the event.

The organising committee started looking for a new venue when they heard the piazza would not be available and have confirmed that Federation Square had been booked for the 2014 festival.

Suit Up and Ride organiser Lisa Bird said: "This being our fourth year and with the uncertainty around the development of Waterfront City for this year and the future, we thought it best if we try and find a new 'home' for the event."

"After traipsing all over town, we have settled on the Alexandra Gardens in front of the boat sheds and along Boat House Drive. This has been confirmed by City of Melbourne this week as our new spot."

"I'm sad we won't be back at the Docklands and Waterfront City. We've really enjoyed having the event there," Ms Bird said.

Induction case goes to VCAT

Conder Owner's Corporation (OC) is facing Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) action following the introduction of induction procedures at the building.

The Conder OC made pool and gym induction mandatory in February this year.

Anyone who has not completed the induction is denied access to the facilities.

Peter and Lyn Kelly, who operate Docklands Private Collection of Apartments, own three apartments in the building.

They've taken the action to VCAT privately on the grounds of being denied their rights as owners.

According to Mr Kelly, the induction procedures were introduced by the Conder OC to stop serviced apartments operating in the building.

MAB Corporation owns Docklands

Apartments Grand Mercure, which operates serviced apartments in the building and it's understood it has also taken the issue to VCAT.

A MAB spokesperson declined to comment on the matter.

Conder OC chairperson Warren Mills said the induction procedures were introduced in response to advice from its insurer.

He said people had been using the facilities irresponsibly and the OC wanted to ensure that the people using the pool and gym were aware how to use them safely and responsibly.

VCAT is yet to list the matter.



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Book launch bonanza

Docklands hosted not one, but two book launches last month.

The first, on March 7, was the launch of *John Batman: An Inside Story of the Birth of Melbourne.*

The book was written by Joy Braybrook and provides an account of John Batman's life and his impact on Melbourne.

Batman is recognised as having played a role in the founding of Melbourne and his house was in Docklands at the top of the now excavated Batman's Hill.

Ms Braybrook said she started writing the book after a discussion she had with her brother Robert Gottliebsen about details she had uncovered about Batman's life.

She said her brother told her if she was able to write a book about Batman then he would publish it.

The book was launched at an event held at Places Victoria commemorating Melbourne's naming day.

Jeremy Kewley was on hand to play the role of Governor Richard Bourke and proclaim the city to be Melbourne in a lively role-play.

The second book to be launched in Docklands last month was Nancy Hawkins' *Dreams for a World in Harmony.*

The book explores themes of religious intolerance and younger generations' indifference to religion and was launched at the Automotive Centre of Excellence on March 14.



Joy Braybrook and Jeremy Kewley playing Governor Richard Bourke

Cracked windows becoming customary

A window at the Customs House in Docklands cracked last month causing a lane of traffic on LaTrobe St to close for more than five hours.

The incident happened on March 6, with the road closed from around 3.30 pm until after 9 pm.

Police blocked off the patch of Latrobe St in front of the building as a precaution while the fire brigade worked to secure the window.

The windows in the building are double sided with a layer of glass internally and a layer externally.

The internal window had cracked but there was minimal risk of the window falling onto the road.

The window was removed and boarded up and Digital Harbour precinct manager Mark Newbegin said the cause of the break was now being investigated.

It's the second time a window in the building has broken and required the assistance of emergency services.

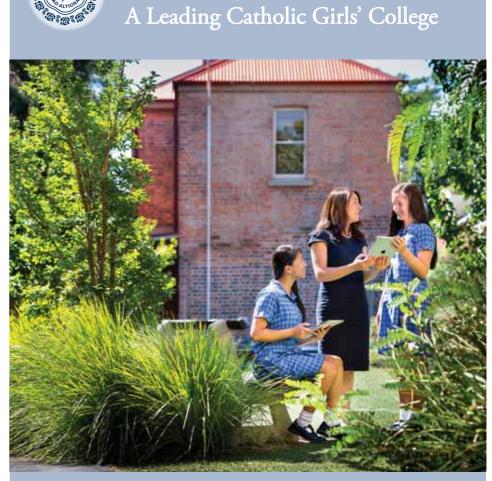
Mr Newbegin did not disclose the cause of the first break but said he no longer believed this explanation to be correct and that further investigation was required to determine the cause of both breaks.



Fire crews attend the scene at the Customs building last month.

Mr Newbegin declined to comment on whether last month's heatwave was a factor in the window breaking as further investigation was required.





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Ferry on the way

The long-awaited Docklands commuter ferry service is one step closer to reality.

Planning minister Matthew Guy released a discussion paper last month reporting on the viability of a ferry service in Port Phillip Bay between Docklands, Williamstown, Point Cook, Werribee South, Geelong and Portarlington.

A ferry has long been called for in Docklands as a way of activating the waterways and encouraging visitation.

The discussion paper is the first step towards creating a ferry service and the initial report shows it is a feasible option within Melbourne's transport network.

Mr Guy said a ferry service could drive activity to tourism and business precincts.

The ferry service would also help to reduce traffic congestion for commuters in Melbourne's western suburbs and would provide commuters with alternatives.

"If Melbourne is to grow sustainably we need to examine all aspects of commuter movement to keep our city liveable," Mr Guy said.

The discussion paper identifies two preferred sites for a ferry terminal in Docklands if the ferry service goes ahead.

One option is the north side of the Yarra River near Collins Landing but the report identifies that due to the silting in the area maintenance dredging would be required.

Another option for a Docklands ferry terminal identified by the report is Harbour Esplanade south.

The report suggests that both sites could potentially be used for ferry terminals with services stopping at Harbour Esplanade when there are events at Etihad and near Collins Landing for commuter services.

Mr Guy said further work would be completed to explore the final feasibility of various route options including a review of speed limits on the Yarra River and consideration of any conflicts with the Port

The final report on the ferry service is likely to be completed by mid-2013 and will identify the conditions where ferry services would be viable and the service conditions necessary for it to be an attractive alternative to road or rail.

The final report will also provide a forecast of commuter and recreational passenger demands and will outline the necessary infrastructure investments required for a

Readers can view the ferry service discussion paper and make comments and suggestions at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning



Councillors (from left - rear) Leppert, Mayne (front) Mortimer-Pinder, Louey and Riley in Docklands last month.

Councillors visit Docklands

Five of Melbourne's councillors toured Docklands last month, taking in the sights from the water.

Deputy Lord Mayor Susan Riley, returning councillor Kevin Louev and new councillors Stephen Mayne, Beverley Pinder-Mortimer and Rohan Leppert were ferried around Docklands waterways.

The tour aimed to familiarise the councillors

with the different areas of Docklands

The group was accompanied by City of Melbourne (CoM) waterways chief Doug Jarvis, who skippered the expedition and CoM director of city design Rob Adams, who acted as tour guide.



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Community services to join boating hub

City of Melbourne has approved funding for a Docklands family services facility ahead of its 2013-2014 budget deliberations.

At a council meeting on March 26 councillors endorsed a proposal to work with Places Victoria and Lend Lease to finalise the design and estimate for the integration of a family services centre into the planned community boating hub in Victoria Harbour.

Because the facility will be built as part of the Docklands Library and Community Centre project, Lend Lease required council to commit funding for the facility by the end of March

Council confirmed it would commit \$2.1 million to the project in addition to the \$1.5 million it committed to the boating hub in May last year.

Councillor Stephen Mayne said he was a strong supporter of the investment because council was a minority contributor to the total spend for the facility.

The estimated cost of the facility is \$8.5 million, with council committing \$3.6 million to the project.

Cr Mayne said there was a significant backlog of community infrastructure needed in Docklands and also a need to activate the water, both of which would be addressed by the project

Docklands' family services program currently operates at both The Hub and The Harbour Family and Children's Centre.

The lease for The Hub expires at the end of June and can only be extended for three years.

The new facility will allow the program to be consolidated into one location close to other community services. It will be home to the Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club, Victorian Dragonboat Association and the Docklands Yacht Club.

Melissa O'Brien, from Dragon Boat Victoria, said the group welcomed the inclusion of family services in the facility.

"This is an exciting project and Dragon Boat Victoria is looking forward to the design consultation process," Ms O'Brien said.



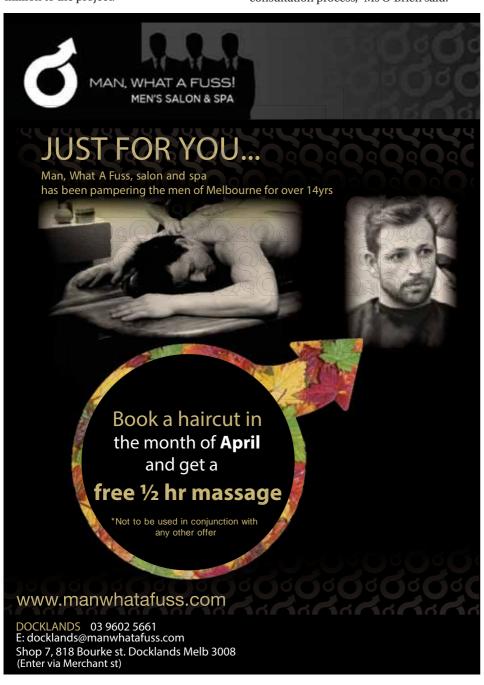
Medibank building grows

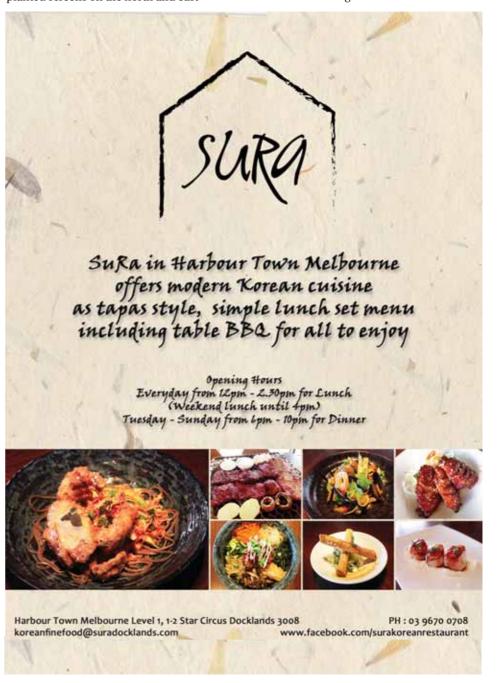
Development of Medibank's new office building continues to progress in the midst of the evolving stadium precinct.

The façade of the 16-storey building at 720 Bourke St will feature growing vegetation including two green walls on Bourke St, planted terraces at various levels and planted screens on the north and east

facades of the building.

The sustainable development is aiming to achieve a 6 Star Green Star design and a 5 Star NABERS rating.





Renewal gets underway

The revitalisation of Docklands' Waterfront City Piazza has begun with the first of the Docklands Spaces businesses moving into their new temporary homes.

The first to move in were Studio Batch, a 3D printing studio and retail operation, and hamper company Bird & Plane.

The Docklands Spaces project is an initiative of Renew Australia and aims to activate the area by introducing interesting and exciting projects into what is currently an underutilised part of Docklands.

The concept involves property owners allowing their empty shops, offices and commercial spaces to be used on a short-term basis for creative projects and initiatives.

The spaces are made available on a monthto-month basis, which means owners can reclaim the property quickly should they get a commercial offer.

Landlords bear no cost, with insurance and overheads covered by not-for-profit Renew Australia, which is funded by City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and MAB Corporation.

The businesses and creative enterprises that gain access to the properties get the opportunity to experiment with their initiatives without entering into long-term leases.

Renew Australia received 80 expressions of interests before the first round of applications closed in January.

Last month Studio Batch moved into a retail space in the piazza with the aim of transforming it into a 3D printing studio, retail operation and community hub.

The group of four, Marinos Drakopoulos, Ilya Friedman, Rowan Page and Dean Ovens, met as students and have industrial design backgrounds.

The group plan to sell products created using 3D printing including jewellery and pendant lights.

They also hope that the space will become a creative centre where people can learn more about 3D printing and collaborate on projects.

"Primarily we'll be using the space to run our studio as well as incorporating that into a



Ilya Friedman and Marinos Drakopoulos of Studio Batch.

retail space selling our own design work and curating a collection of other people's work," Mr Drakopoulos said.

"We want to make this our studio, people can come in and see the end product as well as how it's made," Mr Friedman added. "There will be an opportunity to customise pieces as well."

The group is also planning to run student workshops to encourage repeat visitation.

"If we create a space where people can come in with technical questions or for a workshop it will create a community of people using the space," Mr Friedman said.

According the pair, the concept of having a 3D printing studio and retail store is a first of its kind for Australia

3D printing is a relatively new technology and according to Mr Friedman the movement is predominantly taking place in America.

"We want to bring the community and movement here," he said.

The retail space in Docklands will allow the group to introduce this method of design

and creation to Melbourne.

"A lot of stuff we're doing is quite experimental so having the opportunity to go straight into a retail space and see what the reaction is without having to take out loans or leases is a really great opportunity," Mr Drakopoulos said.

The other new Docklands operator, Larissa Manski of Bird & Plane, is also excited about the opportunities the Docklands Spaces project will provide.

Bird & Plane is a one-woman operation, which started as an online store late last year.

Larissa creates hampers from local Victorian produce with a focus on fresh food.

She's been offered a kiosk in the piazza until May, which she says will allow her to test her business as an over-the-counter enterprise.

"I hope the project will encourage people to come to Docklands. They can pick up a hamper, go for a walk and enjoy the surroundings," Ms Manski said.

"Docklands is such a scenic location."

Clarity on marketing stats

When it comes to marketing Docklands, the City of Melbourne has not been as generous as it has been claiming.

When defending its commitment to Docklands lately, the council has been fond of claiming it spends 30 per cent of its marketing budget on the fledgling suburb.

However, figures presented to the Docklands Community Forum of March 27 reveal that the Docklands component is more like 6 per cent of its marketing and events budget.

The 30 per cent figure, explained council director Martin Cutter, actually relates to a sub-set of "destination marketing".

However, this qualifier was not included in an official press statement to *Docklands News* last November when the council said: "The City of Melbourne dedicates over a quarter of its annual marketing budget to promoting Docklands."

And in the minutes of the March 5 Future Melbourne Committee, the Lord Mayor, Cr Robert Doyle is summarised as saying: "30 per cent of the marketing budget of the City of Melbourne is either Docklands focused or has Docklands integrated into it."

Docklands News asked the City of Melbourne whether it considered it had been misleading in quoting the 30 per cent figure.

A council spokesperson in response said: "This line of questioning by *Docklands News* is surprising given the detailed explanation presented by the director at the Docklands Community Forum."

"The budget funding for destination marketing for Docklands is around a quarter of our destination marketing spend."

"As explained at the Community Forum, the destination marketing of the city is done on an overall basis and this is an estimate of content that relates to Docklands."

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One curtain drops and another opens

Cirque du Soleil may have finished its run, but another international touring show will soon arrive in Docklands.

Cavalia will be setting up its Big Top in Docklands at the end of NewQuay Promenade in August.

Cavalia is a multi-disciplinary show that explores the longstanding relationship between humans and horses.

It's founder and artistic director Normand Latourelle was previously a co-founder of the Montreal-based Cirque du Soleil.

Enjoyed by some 3.5 million people across North American and Europe, *Cavalia* is a lavish production involving 50 horses and featuring 42 riders, aerialists, acrobats, dancers and musicians from all over the world.

Cavalia celebrates the relationship between humans and horses, virtually reinventing the equestrian arts.

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Unlike traditional horse shows, *Cavalia's* audience faces a single 50 metre-wide stage which allows the horses space to gallop at full speed, at times running completely free,

unfettered by bridles or halters.

Cavalia takes place under a white, 2,440-square-metre big top, rising some 35 metres high that gives the horses an ample playground to perform with their trainers and artists.

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Audiences have found *Cavalia* exhilarating in scope, yet touching in the compassion shown by both horse and human.

The show opens in Docklands on August 7 and runs until August 18.

For more information see www.cavalia.net/en

Precincts funding shake-up

The City of Melbourne funding of local groups, such as the Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) has undergone a change in structure, with the abolishment of over-arching Melbourne Business Precincts (MBP) organisation.

MBP was established to bring together Melbourne's eight business precincts, pooling their funding and encouraging them to undertake joint marketing campaigns.

A council review into the MBP program found "various issues associated with the MBP program 2011-13," which included:

- Lack of collaboration;
- Duplication of activities by MBP (of what the council was already doing);
- Extra costs;
- Confusion regarding program objectives and performance requirements; and
- A lack of standard process.

The review put forward a new model for 2013-17, whereby funding is distributed to associations individually, as was the case before the formation of MBP.

DCC president Stephen Clement said the chamber had been a key driver behind the

implementation of the new strategy.

"The new strategy gives the power back to the precincts," Mr Clement said.

Mr Clement said the Melbourne Business Precincts organisation had not served the precincts and the new model would allow each precinct to have control over its own destiny.

The new program will require each group to have at least 25 paid members. The council also outlined objectives for these associations, such as marketing and promotional activities, representing the interest and views of precinct members and seek opportunities for recognised associations to collaborate with each other.

Each association is eligible to apply for up to \$75,000 annually under the new scheme, \$25,000 for administration and \$50,000 for marketing, with funding to be determined by the number of members in each association.

Council promises transparency

City of Melbourne has vowed to become a more accessible, transparent and responsive organisation in its new four-year plan.

Council released the Council Plan 2013-17 document for community input last month.

The document is the initial release of the plan, which outlines the work council intends to do over its four-year term.

Councillors have added goals about accountability and transparency to a list of existing council priorities.

The document states that council aims to increase public disclosure and access to information.

Council will measure its progress in

achieving these goals through a decrease in the amount of agenda items that are dealt with in confidential sessions and an increase in the level of information published online.

Comments on the document can be submitted until April 12 via the feedback form at **www.melbourne.vic.gov.au** or in person at City of Melbourne customer service centres and libraries.

Following the community consultation period the draft plan and draft Annual Plan and Budget will be released on May 10. Feedback on these drafts can be submitted verbally and in writing until June 7.



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'Mr Sold' VCAT case dropped

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) inquiry into former Docklands real estate agent Ali Abbas was withdrawn last month after he failed to appear at a third hearing.

Mr Abbas fled the country in January 2012 and the case was withdrawn until such time that he returns.

The inquiry into Mr Abbas' company, Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd, continues and Jay Bisset has been identified as the remaining company director.

Mr Bisset appeared at a VCAT hearing on March 14 and said he believed he was not a director after 2009 and that he had no knowledge of the alleged actions of the company.

Consumer Affairs Victoria launched an investigation into Mr Abbas and Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd in November 2011.

Mr Abbas operated a Century 21 franchise in Docklands for two years before closing in

The Consumer Affairs investigation allegedly uncovered nearly \$100,000 worth of trust fund irregularities and led to a VCAT inquiry into both Mr Abbas and Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd.

It has been alleged that Mr Abbas received bonds in cash from multiple tenants and did not lodge the money with the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority

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

Mr Abbas failed to attend VCAT hearings on October 26 and December 7 last year.

At the March 14 VCAT hearing Consumer Affairs lawyer Kathryn Bannon said checks from the immigration department showed Mr Abbas was still out of the country and there was no indication when he would

VCAT member Elisabeth Wentworth said the case would be struck out with right of

Ali Abbas

reinstatement if Mr Abbas returned.

According to Ms Bannon there was no time limit for VCAT proceedings relating to the case but there was a three-year limit for criminal action.

A Consumer Affairs Victoria spokesperson said proceedings for any offence against the Estate Agents Act 1980 must be brought within three years of the alleged offence.

However, the spokesperson said proceedings could still be brought after this time with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Accordingly, Mr Abbas could still face criminal charges if he returns to Australia.

Running alongside the inquiry into Mr Abbas was the inquiry into his company Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd, of which Mr Bisset has been identified as a director.

Mr Bisset said he had been involved with Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd when his former father-in-law was a director.

Mr Bisset said he was told by his accountant in November 2009 that there had been a meeting of directors and that he had been removed as a director.

He said he had asked his accountant if there was any paperwork he needed to sign to confirm his removal from the board but was advised this was unnecessary.

Mr Bisset said he did not hear any more about the company until Consumer Affairs contacted him in October 2012.

Mr Bisset said he had never met Mr Abbas, had never stepped foot into the real estate agency and did not hold a real estate license

Mr Bisset said he did not wish to challenge any of the orders Consumer Affairs wanted to impose on the company.

But VCAT member Wentworth questioned whether Mr Bisset was completely aware of what he was agreeing to and encouraged him to seek legal advice.

"These are very serious matters and potentially very serious for you and you need to seek some guidance and legal advice," Ms

"You may not care whether Worldwide Scope keeps its licence but there are implications for you."

Mr Bisset said he could not afford to pay for legal advice and was ineligible for legal aid due to being self-employed.

If VCAT finds in favour of Consumer Affairs Mr Bisset could face a fine and will have to disclose his involvement with Worldwide Scope should he apply for any licensing or registration schemes in the future.

A date for the next VCAT hearing is yet to be determined.

Authorities hasten slowly on repair

Yarra Trams and City West Water took more than three months to fix a burst water pipe and repair a footpath on Harbour Esplanade.

In January repair work was done on a burst pipe in front of the Customs building on Harbour Esplanade.

Two parts of the footpath were dug up to reach the pipe. Over the next few weeks repair workers were observed returning to the site but the footpath was not resurfaced.

According to a Yarra Trams spokesperson, Yarra Trams worked with City West Water to fix the burst pipe because it fed a sub-station that powered the tram network.

The spokesperson said the repair process had to be carefully managed due to safety reasons relating to high voltage cable located

The spokesperson said City West Water had attended the site on March 26 and carried out a permanent repair to the pipe and Yarra Trams had then filled the hole and removed tripping hazards from the area.

The spokesperson said asphalting of the site was due to be completed on the same day.

But only one of the holes has been asphalted. The other remains open and filled with rubble.





Docklands Community Association came together with the Southbank Residents Group and the Eastenders last month for a community forum about the Metropolitan Planning Strategy.

The forum, at the town hall on March 19, gave residents the opportunity to hear from representatives from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) and to voice their concerns.

The forum followed the release of the discussion paper Melbourne, Let's Talk About the Future in October last year.

The forum featured a presentation from DPCD community relations manager Ken Thornton and DPCD planner Lester Townsend and a question and answer

Attendees were vocal in their concerns when it came to development decisions that affected Docklands and Southbank.

Concerns discussed included traffic congestions, building approvals and building regulation of serviced apartments.

Many attendees said they felt they were wasting their time attending community forums and making submissions to the planning department as they felt the planning minister ignored their concerns.

Mr Townsend said the feedback provided at the forum would be passed on and all formal submissions about the discussion paper would be considered.

Formal submissions on the discussion paper were accepted until March 28 with the draft strategy intended for release for consultation in June and the final draft release later this

Networking in Docklands

Around 40 Docklanders came together to network and enjoy lunch at the Docklands News Networking Lunch last month.

Guests were treated to a delicious lunch at SuRa Korean restaurant at Harbour Town.

Guests mixed and mingled with the crowd including many familiar Docklands faces along with Councillors Stephen Mayne and Kevin Louey and the State Member for Melbourne Jennnifer Kanis.

Docklanders then had another opportunity to network at the Docklands Chamber of Commerce networking event at the Spiegeltent. Attendees also enjoyed a showcase of upcoming events at the Spiegeltent.

The next Docklands News Networking Lunch will be held at Va Bene on Central Pier at 12 noon on Friday, June 21.

Va Bene is a popular venue and numbers are restricted to 48. So the first to book will be attending.

As usual, the cost will be \$60 and bookings and payments need to be received by June

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Close shave at Yarra's Edge

Yarra's Edge residents and workers raised over \$1500 for breast cancer research this month by shaving their heads.

Dianne White decided to shave her head after her friend and fellow Yarra's Edge resident Maree O'Brien was diagnosed with breast cancer and was told she would lose her hair due to chemotherapy treatment.

The pair had their heads shaved together at the Papillon Day Spa in Yarra's Edge on April 3.

"We hope by doing this we can raise awareness about the importance of breast screening," Dianne said.

Maree said she had no family history of breast cancer, which is the case for three out of every five women who are diagnosed with breast cancer

She said without screening her breast cancer would not have been detected.

The pair weren't alone in their fundraising efforts. Mad Duck Cafe owners Adam Green and Jay Ocampo also decided to join in and had their heads shaved in support of the cause

Dianne and Maree said they wanted to thank both Mad Duck Cafe and Papillon Day Spa for supporting their fundraising efforts.

You can donate to the cause at http:// give.everydayhero.com/au/diannewhite

Rats invade garden

Volunteers who care for the Docklands Community Garden say council has failed to act against a rat plague that is threatening to destroy the garden.

The rats have tunnelled through every garden bed and have eaten almost all the produce grown over summer.

Any remaining produce is unsafe to consume because rat urine can cause illness and disease in humans.

Scores of rats have also been observed on the new multi-purpose courts in the evening.

According to Greg Wise from the garden committee, the City of Melbourne was notified in January that a plague of European rats were destroying the garden.

The committee requested assistance in tackling the problem and asked for signage to advise visitors not to consume produce from the garden due to the health risks.

Mr Wise received confirmation in January from City of Melbourne officers that a baiting program would start.

Mr Wise also spoke to Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and City of Melbourne director of city design Rob Adams who said they would ensure the problem was fixed.

But according to Mr Wise none of the promises made by council have eventuated.

Mr Wise said the situation was becoming increasingly frustrating for the volunteers who work in the garden.

However, a City of Melbourne spokesperson said council had been monitoring and treating the rodent problem in Docklands for

According to the spokesperson, rodents are a common problem in high-density areas where food shelter and water are plentiful.

The spokesperson said the prolonged warmer weather was also likely to have resulted in increased rodent activity.

According to the spokesperson, council officers visited the garden in January and had given advice to the garden volunteers about the rat problem.

"A baiting program which was already in place in the area was extended and increased to weekly treatments to help reduce the rodent population," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said council officers and a professional pest control operator visited the garden again on March 8 and would continue to assess progress and the adequacy of the baiting program.

According to the spokesperson, City of Melbourne was developing signage for the garden that would provide information to garden users on washing of fruit and vegetables.

Road closures update

The development of community facilities will cause some interruptions to normal traffic and public transport in Docklands over the next few months.

Lend Lease is continuing work to deliver a new library, community centre, boating hub and a park in Victoria Harbour.

Due to this work, Collins St will be closed

westbound in front of ANZ, between Navigation Drive and Merchant St until May 31 to allow for the extension of Collins St as part of the road network development.





GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Greetings everybody and happy Easter!

A few from Docklands including myself attended the major community forum on the Melbourne Planning Strategy held in the Peninsula, Shed 14 Central Pier, on March 2, hosted by the former Premier Baillieu and Planning Minister Guy and attended by some 600 representatives of community groups from around Melbourne.

The lengthy strategy, issued by the Planning Department, sets out proposals for Melbourne's development and environment for the next 40 to 50 years. Amongst the ideas is a concept called "a 20 minute city" where local developments would be self-contained with facilities and services within easy reach. Feedback discussions were held at tables. It all sounded good but there was some cynicism about things like additional infrastructure to meet expanded population actually being achieved.

A smaller evening forum on the subject was held in a town hall meeting room on March 19 organised primarily by the Southbank Residents Group and attended by myself for the DCA and by the Eastenders [city] Group, with presenters from the department. Attendees from Southbank took the opportunity to strongly criticise the approval given by Minister Guy for a 108-storey skyscraper in Southbank, despite the fact that the council voted against it.

There is concern about further development plans for NewQuay put forward on the quiet to Places Victoria by MAB Corporation, which differ significantly from earlier master plans. Residents have not been informed and there has been no public consultation. What else is new! We found out through a backdoor source. This will be pursued.

On behalf of the DCA, I have met with the leaders of the Southbank and East Ender Groups to discuss common issues and joint action.

The DCA is preparing a letter to the Education Minister supporting the request for a school, using data supplied by Places Victoria The quarterly meeting of the combined OC Chairs was held on March 7. Matters discussed included relationships with council and the State Government, OC fees

comparison, how to reduce electricity costs and serviced apartments.

An interesting item related to a building in the city which is near nightclubs. The Owners Corporation set up a sinking fund, a fighting fund to pay for repairs to damage to the common areas caused by visitors to the building. It was approved through a ballot and a \$50,000 "war chest" was created. Their OC manager gave advice that the sinking fund should be possible.

One resident took the Owners Corporation to VCAT on it because he did not want to make contributions to the fund. The OC won. This is important because it provides a precedent for a fund to counter an external issue.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Docklands Community Forum was held on March 27. Council and Places Victoria officers gave a progress report on implementation of the Community and Place Plan. The Council CEO Kathy Alexander has given an assurance that relevant managers will be contacted directly on items raised and requiring attention and will be followed up.

As reported elsewhere in this edition, a judgement was handed down in late March by the Building Appeals Board, ruling against serviced apartments in the Watergate buildings. It included a statement that residential buildings, which are classified as Class 2 under the Building Code, cannot be used for serviced apartments. This has wide ramifications.

Event and activity programs issued by Etihad, council and The Hub continue to be emailed to members.

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

Regards to all

Roger Gardner President DCA



People I've met, places I've been & things I've seen

Road trip

By Susan Wells

Jenni and I went way back. We'd known each other since third grade.

She had been living in Queensland for a few years and had decided to do a road trip to Perth, then further north, via Melbourne for a couple of months. She had brought Cruiser along with her, part German shepherd and part dingo, with the personality of a princess and a penchant for travel.

We were 19, it was the last half of the 70s and life was good. After a couple of months working and partying in Melbourne it was time to leave. I quit my bank job and asked

Mum if she would fix up my bills. She agreed, the adventure was on, the road was waiting and the other side of Australia beckoned.

We left one morning in the little Corolla with our three-man tent, sleeping bags and pillows, a few pots and pans and not much else except clothes. Lots of clothes.

We drove from Melbourne to Adelaide in one go. Scenery became more interesting as we approached the outback, away from the towns and traffic and housing estates outside of the cities. Getting to the Nullarbor was a buzz. We stayed a few nights along the way, pitching the tent as we went.

We went out to Cactus Beach, navigating the

sand track in the Corolla as if in a four wheel drive. Cactus was on the Great Australian Bight, out from the highway. We sat on the beach until sunset watching surfers paddle out to chase the perfect wave. Water sparkled like a thousand diamonds and then the next set would roll in.

Less traffic travelled the Nullarbor in those days, although the road was much narrower in places than today. Trucks thundered past, often overtaking our small car, and their headlights in the dark dazzled mercilessly as they approached from the opposite direction.

We shared driving, mostly. Cruiser either sat in the back or adopted her favourite position with both paws on the console between Jenni and I. We listened to Steve Miller Band, Led Zeppelin and Santana and other 70s tapes over and over again on the car cassette.

We were on the Nullarbor one night at dusk. Kangaroos were jumping around all over the place. A big one clipped the front of the car and then took off. We pulled over onto the gravel to examine the damage, which wasn't as bad as we'd thought and then decided to pitch the tent.

It was very quiet and still, apart from the odd truck lumbering past. Pink hues appeared with the sunset in a brilliant indigo sky stretching out as far as the eye could see.

The start of our journey ...



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Janine is on a mission

Janine Stanfield is a Docklands crusader and her mission is to make sure Docklands gets a school.

Janine and her family have lived in Docklands for the past seven years and she is passionate about the need for a school in the area.

Janine has a six-year-old son and when the time came for him to attend school, Janine and her husband found out he was not zoned to attend any local state schools.

Luckily he had been accepted into a private school in South Melbourne but this too was at capacity.

According to Janine, the need for a Docklands school is one of the reasons she joined the Docklands Community Forum as a parent representative.

Janine said although she and her husband were able to find a private school for their son, many families weren't able to and were forced to move out of Docklands.

"It's just not fair for so many families," Janine said.

Janine said her family might eventually be forced to move out of Docklands when her son reached high-school age because they weren't zoned into any local secondary schools.

But Janine has found the forum to be a step in the right direction in raising the profile of the school campaign.



The group has taken up the cause and it was discussed at the last forum meeting in January.

"I think the forum is a really positive group and I felt very supported when I brought up the school issue," Janine said.

Although Janine feels Docklands is lacking in some community services she said she had certainly seen improvements in the past seven years and hoped this continued.

Janine said her family loved living in Docklands.

"It's been great living here because you are so close to everything," she said.

Janine said she enjoyed spending time in Docklands Park, particularly on sunny days when plenty of people were out and about.

"And of course, I love the view across the water," Janine said.





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Docklands Chamber of Commerce report

The newly invigorated Docklands Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to increase its membership.

Membership is what makes a chamber relevant. If you want your chamber to be relevant to your needs, then you need to support us and become a member. Benefits include being kept informed in a timely manner through networking meetings and newsletters.

The chamber continues to deliver on its promise to keep members informed. We held another successful networking night at the Wonderland Speigeltent last month. We were entertained by samples of the Comedy Festival that is running at Docklands' own Spiegeltent for the next few weeks. Dave O'Neil and the Nelson Twins performed some of their hilarious comedy sketches before we were bedazzled by Lilikoi Kaos as she twisted her way through numerous hoola hoop routines. The show ended on a high note (literally) as Farhad performed his amazing hand-stand routines! Before the show, the Stevie Paige Band gave us an introduction to their sultry blues style of music followed by the City of Melbourne's Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, and Cr Kevin Louey talked about funding models for precinct support. At the conclusion of the opening speeches there was good open discussion from the floor on what would work in Docklands. These meetings are a genuine

opportunity to participate in discussions.

The chamber has been informed about plans for temporary activation of Harbour Esplanade. Once again this is likely to cause lively debate and it is exciting to see that attempts are now being made to positively activate Harbour Esplanade. Places Victoria has announced the implementation of Hortus - a temporary glass house, art and event program along with other activations that will draw new audiences, encourage neighbourhood participation and build a sense of community within the area. Plans include celebrating the urban renewal of the site through arts, education, food and community participation programs. The project will attract a strong public and media following that will promote public engagement within the Docklands.

The chamber has been invited to put forward a representative on the Lord Mayor's Commendations Advisory Group. The program acknowledges and celebrates the long-term commitment of small and familyrun businesses to the City of Melbourne. A photographic exhibition of past recipients is now on display in the Block Arcade and I'd encourage vou to have a wander through

and read the fascinating stories of small business success and longevity. Applications for the 2013 Commendations are now open until Friday 31 May. Nominees can apply in five different categories from 10+ years as a proprietor to the Generational Family category, celebrating businesses that have operated in the municipality for three or more generations. Let us see more Docklands businesses nominate for 2013!

The Australian Retailers Association presents a workshop on retail leases entitled "Learn to successfully negotiate your retail lease". This may be appropriate for many a small retail business in Docklands. It is \$50 to attend and will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 8.30am to 12.30pm. This in-depth workshop will provide retailers with the knowledge and confidence to successfully negotiate their retail lease. Attendees will learn more about the Retail Leases Act 2003 and their rights and responsibilities as well as the fundamentals on how to research and evaluate retail lease terms. The Victorian Small Business Commissioner, Geoff Browne will attend each workshop to explain in further detail how his office can assist. Contact the chamber for more information.

Your chamber encourages you to familiarise yourself with and provide your feedback on the next four-year Council Plan 2013-17. A draft plan articulates the goals and outcomes against which the council will be measured and explains, at a high level, how it will achieve them. The detail of what it will do and how it will fund activities is agreed each year as part of the annual plan and budget process. If you want to know more on how you can access the plan, call the chamber.

Collins Street Precinct Group is presenting a Neighbourhood Networking evening with the Lord Mayor. Book now for an opportunity to enjoy an audience with the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle on Wednesday, April 10. Contact the chamber for more information.

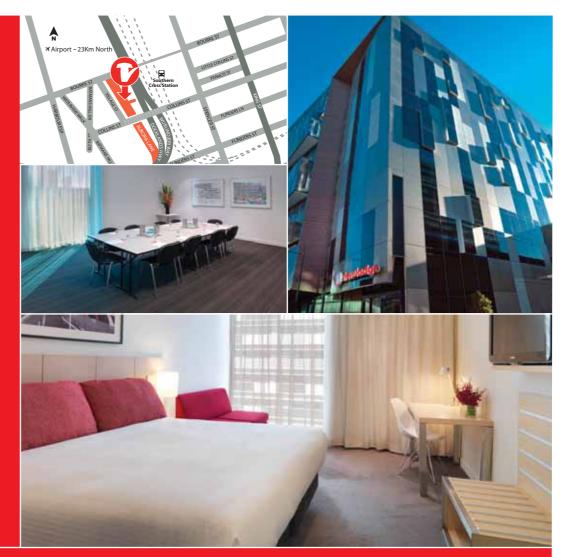
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The benefits of exercise

People associate exercise with the well-known health benefits that are taught to us even at a young age. However the benefits of exercise don't stop with direct health benefits. This article focuses on the other associated benefits of exercise highlighted in a VicHealth research summary into participation in physical activity.

Health Benefits: the health benefits of physical activity are well recognised and include increased life expectancy, physical fitness, energy, mental health, cognitive functioning and social connectedness.

Psychosocial health impacts: There is evidence that physical activity can make a significant contribution to preventing depression, reducing stress and anxiety and improving moods.

Community health impacts: Participation in physical activity can provide opportunities for social interaction and reduce isolation and exclusion though strengthening relationships, building cohesive communities and enhancing our access to safe and supportive environments.

Economic impacts: By reducing physical inactivity by as little as 5 per cent in the Australian population there would be significant savings to expenses in the health sector, increases in overall productivity and reduced mortality.

The rise of futsal

Futsal is a sport that is increasing in prominence not only in Melbourne but across the whole of Australia. This trend is on the back of the increase in popularity of soccer and an improving A League competition that is starting to attract numerous household names.

Some of the major differences between soccer and futsal include: Futsal is played between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper. Unlimited substitutions are permitted which allows for a fast paced style of game. Futsal is also played with a smaller ball with less bounce than a regular football. The surface, ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as ball control and passing in small spaces.

These differences have allowed the shortened format of soccer to explode in popularity. Active Melbourne City Sports offers three futsal competitions within the CBD including Docklands Sports Courts, Flagstaff Gardens and MSAC. Over these three venues are five different competitions across a variety of grades. Visit www. melbourne.vic.gov.au/amcs for more information.

Fitness in the Square

Fitness in the Square is a fantastic community event which provides free Zumba classes at Federation Square. These classes will be held on April 3, 10, 17 and 24 during lunchtime from 1pm to 1.45pm. These sessions are led by a qualified Zumba instructor and are guaranteed to provide a refreshing way to break up your working week.

The Zumba revelation that has spread worldwide is due to the fact that Zumba is an exercise class that anyone can enjoy regardless of prior experience, age or fitness levels. Zumba can be described as a program that fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one of a kind fitness program.

To register for event information and updates please visit www.melbourne.vic. gov.au/amcs or email mcs@ymca.org.au for any assistance.



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Feel right at home while you're away

By Greg Hackett

It's all about the freedom. While hotels appeal to the single, short-term visitor, a self-catering apartment offers so much more to so many more.

I've been fortunate to stay in and review some of the best hotel rooms, and selfcatering apartments, in the world and across Australia. Each appeals to a different type of traveller. Self-catering apartments are the answer for a small group of friends, two couples wanting to share and cut costs, families with children, corporate clients and workers needing medium to long-term accommodation, and couples who just want to have everything with them on their holiday ... including the kitchen sink.

Don't underestimate the benefits of having a washing machine and clothes dryer in your apartment - especially when you have children. Self-catering apartments also boast a kitchen with a full-size fridge (without the mini bar prices), dishwasher, and facilities such as an oven or cook top and microwave. Believe me, it beats trying to heat up last night's leftover pizza with the hair dryer.

Lyn Kelly, owner of Docklands Private Collection, stresses the added convenience offered by self-catering apartments. "Our apartments are a home away from home," Lyn says. "We strive to provide the conveniences of home, while our clients are enjoying all of the other aspects of being away from home. This is why our apartments are fitted out with modern kitchen appliances. You can eat what you want, when you want. Self catering is what makes us different from hotels. And we offer exceptional value."

The Docklands Private Collection has 32 self-catering apartments, called the Soho collection, in Digital Harbour, opposite the NewQuay restaurants precinct and within a drop punt of Etihad Stadium. Considering Etihad Stadium will host seven AFL games in April alone (two involving the Geelong Cats), they are in an ideal location for a weekend stay to watch the footy. Next day, catch the free City Circle tram that stops outside the entrance to the apartments and trundle to Harbour Town shopping precinct for some bargains and have a crack at ice skating at the Medibank Icehouse. Then catch the free tram back past the many attractions of Docklands and the CBD, such as the Melbourne Aquarium. Try three-wheeler fun with Tours on Trike, located next door to Soho apartments' reception, or directly across the road is a "blue share bike" stand where you can hire a bike for a small fee.

"We often have people stay in the Soho apartments so they can attend functions, such as weddings and the Melbourne Fashion Festival at Central Pier, just across Harbour Esplanade," says Lyn. "Another busy time for us is during the Melbourne Food & Wine Week, and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (which runs until April 21). "You'd be surprised at how many regional and country people stay with us, so they can shop at nearby Costco."

The Soho apartments have secure undercover parking for \$15 a night, and wifi is \$15 a day, \$50 for a week, or free in the reception office from 8am-7pm. Lyn says the one-bedroom apartments are a perfect fit for the corporate traveller, each having a full kitchen with dishwasher, laundry with washing machine and dryer, and LCD TV with Foxtel. Reception has a free DVD library. The queen bed can be divided into two small singles, and some apartments have a sofa bed in the living room for guests. The two-bedroom choice is spacious by inner city apartment standards.

Docklands Private Collection's Soho apartments are in the Lifelab Building in the Digital Harbour precinct, 198 Harbour Esplanade. Call 9642 4220, email: info@ docklandsprivatecollection.com.au or visit www.docklandsprivatecollection.com.au

For a comprehensive, online video guide to Docklands businesses and attractions, visit www.docklandsdirectory.com.au



Each of the Docklands Private Collection's Soho selfcatering apartments has a well-appointed kitchen

Letters to the Editor



Needing some sleep

I have read your article The Docklands factor (issue 84) with interest.

It would already solve some issues if residents were not constantly given the feeling that they come last in the food chain. Restaurants and shops count, which is why the street cleaning with water once a week has to be done between 11 pm and midnight (when shops are closed). The same is true for the street cleaning in general which happens at 6 am on Saturdays and Sundays.

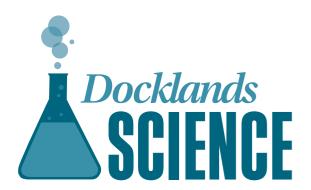
Residents who are already kept awake by youths screaming and smashing bottles until 2 am will be woken up again at 6 am when the city chooses to clean. I did call and ask if the cleaning could be done Saturday and Sunday during the day. I followed up with another call one month later, which caused annoyance.

We have been living in the Docklands for one year now and won't stay. Someone who works hard to pay these exorbitant rents should be able to get some sleep.

Kind regards, Andrea Leber

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Whether you have walked through Docklands Park or let your dog off at Victoria Green, taken a stroll down Harbour Esplanade or made a trip to Costco, you no doubt would have walked past something quintessentially Australian: the eucalyptus tree.

The eucalyptus tree is endemic to Australia. This means it can only be found here and nowhere else in the world. Though the eucalyptus trees dotted around Docklands are quite young (a reflection on the age of the area), eucalyptus species have endured

Australia's drought ridden and fire prone landscape exclusively for millions of years. Though they are quite ancient, scientists are still learning much about them.

As recently as this year, a team of biologists found that a eucalyptus tree located in a sheep paddock in Yeoval, New South Wales, was able to modify its genes to protect itself from being preyed upon. This ability is known as "genetic mosaicism".

The scientists studying this tree observed that this particular eucalyptus species, eucalyptus melliodora, was able to change the colour of its leaves and scent to attract predators, like insects, to only certain parts of the tree, leaving other parts predatorfree so that it could continue to grow and reproduce.

There is surely the possibility that this genetic trait is more widespread than within



a sheep paddock in New South Wales. You never know, the eucalyptus trees here in Docklands might just start to exhibit these characteristics. Make sure to keep a look out.

Next time you look upon these iconic trees,

hopefully you view them as much more than koala feed.

David Sibenaler is a Docklands resident and a budding science communicator.

What are the working dynamics of your relationship?

Check the astrological charts by emailing yours and your partner's birth date and time to heaven@docklandsnews.com.au

Our attraction to others is usually more dynamic than we know. When our north node and south node connect strongly, a karmic type of relationship begins. Understanding the dynamics is half the battle.



David

September 1, 1962 December 26,

Sun in Virgo

Andrea

Virgo

1960

North Node in Leo Sun in Capricorn North Node in

David

David is a perceptive person and is particularly attached to the material or tangible things in this world. David likes luxury, nice clothes and nice cars but is never excessive about it. David is very self-critical, constantly analysing every motive or desire and very conscious of personal faults and vulnerability. David is a perfectionist who needs to be in control. His strict system of thought does not account for the irrational elements of human life. This forces David to constantly question certain personality aspects. David demands the same kind of perfection from other people, which may be what gives him a reputation as a difficult person. These critical and methodical analytical skills can be of use in his professional life. A pragmatic attitude can help David solve even the most difficult problems.

Your North Node is in Leo. David, you have come to learn how to accept love. You have come from many lifetimes of having the "common good of the team" as your mantra. You do not feel worthy of shining out in the crowd and having a leadership role where you call the shots. If you are in this position then you need to congratulate yourself for having overcome your challenges and rising to the occasion. If not, then you will come to see that in order for you to be fulfilled in any area of your life, you will need to be creative in knowing what you want, how you want it and leading others to assist you in having it.

Andrea

Andrea is perseverant and frugal, selfdisciplined and pragmatic, and capable of accomplishing great things. Behind a cold attitude is someone very sensitive and tenderhearted, someone who is hungry for passion. But it is hard for Andrea to express emotions because they are not rational. Incredible patience and self-control allow Andrea to endure restrictions and frustrations that for many would be unbearable.

Andrea is a lively, feverish person who seems like a real live wire. Although unaware of it, Andrea has a subconscious insecurity that sets the high pace and stays in constant motion. Andrea always has to have a task to do or something to excite interest. An audacious personality and impulsiveness make Andrea feel like a businessman or an athlete who has to satisfy a strong desire for independence and constant need for change.

Your North Node is in Virgo. Andrea you have come to learn discernment and discretion in your choices. You have a soft spot for your fellow beings and can always make allowances for people's misdemeanours because you know instinctively that everyone makes mistakes and forgiveness is divine. Whilst this is a good philosophy in life, you need to be vigilant in ensuring that your needs are met and that you do not become a doormat for others. This does not assist you or, more importantly, your partners.

Together

The notions of mutual help and devotion will be very strong in Andrea and David's relationship. The sun's position will help Andrea to know immediately when something is bothering David. Andrea's pertinent remarks will help David realise limits in certain areas and do what is necessary to solve the problems. The notions of work and love will be inseparable in this mutually beneficial relationship.

This position will allow Andrea to completely incorporate David's professional goals and objectives into their life as a team. Andrea will help David to realise how to use creative imagination toward career development. Andrea's great faith will help David to visualise future professional success.

The outcome

Together your destiny is to creatively find the success, status and personal fulfilment you both desire. An ability to use light-heartedness and playfulness is a great asset to help you both when life seems too serious. Andrea will help David to understand that even the most serious matters can be handled with a little fun! David will help Andrea to overcome some of her deeply ingrained psychological barriers to success with kindness, support and understanding. Both will benefit because of this.



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Temporary Docklanders

Portia and Rowan are short-term citizens of Docklands.

Docklands residents Adelheid and Budi Sutanto fostered the daschund pair after their owner fell ill and was hospitalised.

Adelheid stumbled upon the dogs online and couldn't resist when she learnt they needed a home.

She picked up the dogs from a Beaconsfield kennel in February and will take care of them until their owner is well again or the dogs are adopted.

Her own dog Schnitzel recently passed away, so 12-year-old Portia and 15-year-old Rowan are welcome additions.

Adelheid said Portia and Rowan were

enjoying exploring their new short-term

"But at first they kept bumping into every glass door," Adelheid laughed.

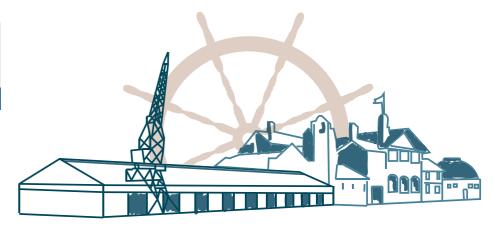
Adelheid and Budi will themselves be moving on from Docklands shortly too.

The pair have lived in Docklands for over a decade after moving into their apartment in NewQuay in 2002.

A change is now on the cards and they soon move to the Mornington Peninsula.



Portia and Rowan receives a \$25 gift voucher from Port Melbourne Veterinary Clinic



NORTH WHARF NEWS

The Mission to Seafarers presents itself to visitors as the historic gateway to North Wharf and centre of a growing maritime precinct.

The mission has stood on this spot for 95 years and was once a thriving hub for seafarers whose windjammers would berth outside next to historic Shed 5, delivering goods from around the globe. It was a short walk to the mission where the seafarers would relax and enjoy entertainment affording relief from their otherwise lonely and cramped existence. Today, the ships have been moved downstream and the mission runs a regular bus service to pick up today's modern mariners and bring them to their home away from home.

The mission's unique dome is the Norla Dome. The structure was built with funds raised by the ladies of the Harbour Light Guild as a gymnasium for the health and well being of the seafarers. If you have not visited the Norla Dome lately, then you don't have long because restoration work is due to commence in May and is expected to be completed by August. The finished result will give renewed vigour and purpose to this iconic feature of the building complex.

Planning is well underway to fully restore the grand old building by her centenary year in 2017. By then tourists will be able to better enjoy and appreciate the maritime history of this area as they casually stroll from the Polly Woodside across the Seafarers Bridge through the Seafarers Rest public gardens to the 100-year-old Mission to Seafarers.

Gone are most of the goods sheds that once stood here, but today you can enjoy the ambiance of times gone by at the numerous bars, cafes and restaurants that now occupy the remaining refurbished sheds and the World Trade Centre at North Wharf with its

calming river views. The Yarra Loop is a ferry service operated by WTC Water Taxis and runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays offering visitors alternative way to experience North Wharf and other Yarra River precincts.

In order for the mission to continue providing a valuable service of caring for the welfare of seafarers, they have to raise every dollar they spend. One way the mission raises money is through functions, regular music nights and Friday lunches. In March there was a successful music evening with Victor Stranges and DC Caldwell entertaining a very appreciative audience. If you missed that one, then look out for the next music evening on Friday, April 19. This is an evening of blues and a whole lot of soul soothing sounds by the Jacqui Walker Band and Carol McCoy.

Another popular way the mission raises funds is through membership of the exclusive Mission VIP Club known as Crew 717. Members enjoy timely access to information on upcoming events, discounts at the bar and their quarterly newsletter Ship to Shore.

The latest edition of Ship to Shore is now available. This edition tells the story of two and half years of captivity experienced by 22 crew at the hands of nine young pirates aged between 14 and 21 years of age. This is one of the most harrowing and disturbing tales of the hardship and cruelty suffered by modern day mariners. Copies are available now at the mission or download the autumn edition from the website www.missiontoseafarers.com.au.

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LOCATION?

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WEARS?

Black washed out slim jeans, casual grey shoes, second hand women's denim jacket, ripped maroon t-shirt, op-shop scarf.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Op-shop, alternative.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS?**

Visiting a friend.

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

I love jackets.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

A good outfit makes a good movement. When you look good you move well. The outfit should just fit who you are.

LOCATION?

DFO, South Wharf

Dress and bag from Sportsgirl, romper stomper shoes from Famous Footwear, jacket from Cotton On

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Funky, different.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS?**

Shopping.

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

My new dress.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

The way you wear it.

Yvan Gogniat, 20

LOCATION?

Spencer Street

WEARS?

Black top hat, chequered red shirt, grey shorts, casual red and black shoes.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Lazy, relaxed.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS?**

Visiting as a tourist.

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

My hat.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

A good outfit should have lots of colour.



Local fashion is forward

By Nicola St John

Almost as soon as they arrived, the fashion savvy and style snappers fluttering around Central Pier have gone again.

Like a flurry of models escaping the runway, the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival (LMFF) for 2013 came, entertained and left without a trace, except perhaps, a bit of a hole in your wallet.

The festival pitched as "a fashion event for everybody to enjoy" by the LMFF chief executive, Graeme Lewsey surely showed off the talents of local designers, in very wearable and very "Melbourne" styles.

City staple Gorman continues to show Melburnians that bright is best, with a myriad of geometric and animal prints, bright orange coats paired back with classic neutrals. The continued success of the brand highlights that playful and quirky clothing continues to dominate the Melbourne market.

Local designers Kuwaii blended paired back elegance with modern tailoring in a sea of beautiful colours - lilac, yellow and teal. Perfectly suited to banish those winter blues.

Jolet features digitally printed cityscapes, paired with navy and black tones with LIFEwithBIRD combined sports luxe with evening wear suggesting we're in for comfort and practical dressing this season. All designed in Melbourne, these local designers know how to dress for this city and make it such an enjoyable affair.

If ever you needed convincing to support local designers - this is it! Showcasing the talents of the city hopefully rubs off to the women who will wear it.





80s Sundays rock Docklands

By Sean Car

Sunday nights have been given new meaning as the James Squire waterside bar brings 80s rock inspired entertainment to Docklands.

Renowned as Australia's greatest ever 80s tribute show, Stand and Deliver have made a lasting impression since they kicked off New Year's Eve at the venue and have attracted a major following to the area.

They have now firmly planted their position into Sunday nights, drawing regular weekly crowds of up to 180 to James Squire.

The five-piece band inspired by the era that brought us spandex and hair spray overuse provide the ultimate show in combining Duran Duran-Van Halen style stage charisma with explosive glam rock.

Owner David James says that since the

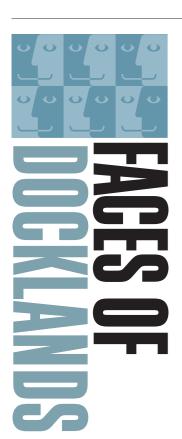
Sunday sessions were launched in mid-January, the night continues to bring new faces to the area.

"You never get the same crew every week," he said. "No one is left having a bad night, everyone is just up and dancing."

The magnificent upstairs function room at James Squires at NewQuay Central provides the perfect centrepiece for the evening with breathtaking views spanning all along the harbour up to Etihad Stadium.

The night is a true crowd-pleaser offering free entry to all as well as free bubbles from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

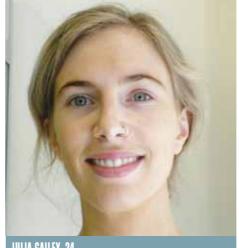






MEGHAN PATTEN, 20

Meghan has worked in Docklands for the past six months after moving to Melbourne from Queensland in search of a cool change. Although the recent heatwave wasn't what she had in mind, Meghan can look forward to a chilly Docklands winter. "I love cold weather," Meghan said. Meghan enjoys working in Docklands and said it was full of friendly people.



JULIA GAILEY, 24

Over the past year Julia has grown to enjoy working in Docklands. She said her customer were very pleasant and friendly. One of Julia's favourite things to do in Docklands is to visit Le Cirque Fine Foods with her friend.



Michael opened his store in Harbour Town four years ago because he felt Docklands offered a new image and new experience. He loves working in an open-air shopping centre. Michael also lives in Docklands and said it was great to be able to walk along the waterfront on his way to work.



Lucas has only been working in Docklands for three weeks but so far is enjoying his new surroundings immensely. "I think Docklands is beautiful," Lucas said. "It has a very relaxing atmosphere."



In the five years that Vince has worked in Docklands he has come to know and love the area. "I love the atmosphere and I love the people in Docklands," he said. According to Vince, Docklands is a great place to work because there's always something happening.



For Sabrina the best thing about working in Docklands is getting to know her regular customers. "You get to know people quite well which is nice," Sabrina said. She also enjoys meeting the many tourists who visit Docklands. "The tourists are always a lot of fun."



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We fill up our lives so easily. But so few of us live "full lives".

All too often, our days are run by to-do lists outlining the most menial - yet unavoidable - of tasks. Pick up dry-cleaning, pay lawnmower man, get groceries, apply for holiday leave - calculate if I have any holiday leave, get car serviced

I have to admit that there are times I feel so busy running the house and overseeing homework, taekwondo pickup, soccer drop off - that I honestly wonder how I have time to work. This is unfortunate as it is not only completely essential, given the frequency of those damn window envelopes in my letterbox, but work is also something I used to absolutely love doing - recently it has felt like just another item on my "to do" list.

I rationalised the way I've been feeling as being completely "understandable". Life is big, responsibilities are big. It takes so much energy running the essentials that the really big picture things will just have to wait.

Until when? Until there's more time in the

day, or until there's more money in the bank, or until Until. That's it. That was where I was at, just getting through each month, just ticking things off the list.

UNACCEPTABLE! That is completely not the way to live! I was snapped out of this way of thinking - thank goodness - by a particular situation. You see I am a member of our community health committee, working at the hospital. There's lots of things we do, but right now, I am working on a training package to help everyone understand the role of the hospitals in our area and the resources the community have at hand -Hospital at Home, mental health, drugs and alcohol, sexual assault and domestic violence, dieticians, palliative care etc.

In going out to the broader community, I have been devastated to understand some of the problems that people are facing. I am shocked by their situation. I am affected by their pain and I am overwhelmed by the frustrations they are encountering.

Suddenly the "problems" of my cushy existence, my to-do list that I'm not overly excited by, pale to insignificance. Suddenly, my work life that focuses on providing people with a beautiful event, finding sponsors to support a chosen sport, marketing opportunities to "own more stuff", seems insignificant. Perhaps I am having a mid-life crisis (thanks to my lovely friend who pointed THAT out as an option!), but I feel like I am hearing my calling. And that calling is simple - do more.

I have always been passionate about things in life, but now I feel that passion turning into a very strong, very clear action. There are people in our own community, our neighbours, people in our own team, suffering. They are struggling, and they need us to care. There are clear weaknesses in the health system, and I want to be part of the solution.

I want to dedicate more time, refocus my career, lobby for change. I'm not sure how, but I know I will find a way. This is life changing. For me, and I hope for even just one more person - that if I find a way, if I can give more, if I can do more, that just one more person will benefit from this.

We are all so much more than we sometimes think we are. We are all capable of being FABULOUS!

Tiny things can make a big difference. Don't get stuck in a rut in life, reach out and see the need all around you, the need for you to make a difference.

It might be that you hear your family calling for more time from you, it might be you hear your work colleagues calling for more support from you, it might be you hear your community calling for your leadership - or it might be you hear your own heart call out for you to be more, for you to be the person that you dreamt of being, the person that you know you are.

You don't have to be fabulous alone. Wherever you find your calling, you will find support. You will be embraced, as all those who believe in something and take action are. I'm on your team, I want to make the future better. And it starts by each of us striving to do just that little bit more. Live your life with passion. Now - it's time to dance

Be fabulous this month. Abby xxx

Businesses in Docklands

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IT'S ALL FUTURE GROWTH ON THE PIE CHART

Docklands has become the centre of big business in Melbourne, and therefore food catering to these businesses is, in itself, big business. And Dinkum Pies wants a big slice of that pie.

Dinkum Pies has been supplying fresh pies daily to shoppers and retail and office workers in the CBD for 35 years, from its twostorey bakery tightly tucked away in Block Place. Demand for catering to businesses has increased tremendously in recent years, and is now a major part of the bakery's business. As more businesses relocated to Docklands in particular the big banks' head offices, Dinkum Pies' owners Georgia and Steven Sutcliffe decided this year to open an outlet at 815 Bourke St, in the heart of Victoria Harbour.

"We moved down to Docklands because

we felt that a large portion of our target audience had moved from the city," Dinkum Pies spokesman Paul Zervos said. "In research we did we noticed a lot of our customers were from the banking industry. We also thought a move down to Docklands would be really beneficial to our business because of the growth in the area over the last five years."

Mr Zervos said Dinkum Pies was readv. willing and able to cater to all of Docklands' businesses and offices. "We do take bulk orders," he said. "Catering is a massive part of our business and an area we want to push in Docklands. "We offer an extensive range of party food etc." Dinkum Pies has pies, pasties and sausage rolls - standard and party size - plus sandwiches, quiches, cup cakes, tarts, scones, donuts, slices, drinks all of the usual fare you'd expect from a good bakery.

"We have large range of cakes on offer in the city store but more recently have brought them down to Docklands," Mr Zervos said. "We feel there is a real lack of cakes in the area, we want to be the first thing people

think of when putting on a staff party, event or birthday in the area.

Dinkum Pies prides itself on freshness. "Everything is made fresh and baked fresh every single day," Mr Zervos said. "To us, our freshness and our 100 per cent handmade approach is our key feature. You can only buy our products from either the city location or Docklands."

And which pie sells out first? "Our most popular pie, which also happens to be our award winning pie, is The Famous Steak Pie," Mr Zervos said. "We won a silver medal at the Great Aussie Pie Competition and also won the 'Pie of the Year' in the Age newspaper."

Winter weather is welcome, at Dinkum Pies because it brings generous appetites. "We have a strong connection with Aussie rules football," Mr Zervos said. "We will be doing a footy special and other weekly specials. We will also be running Facebook competitions."

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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Ferocious Lions win their first NAB Cup

By Robert Bremner

Brisbane has won its first ever NAB cup and first silverware in 10 years against Carlton by 40 points in March.

In a match filled with fluctuating momentum, it was the Lions that finished stronger kicking nine of the last 10 goals. Jonathan Brown kicked a bag of five while Daniel Rich won the Michael Tuck Medal for best player on the night.

Carlton struggled in defence, unable to contain the Lions' forwards who, in the second half, continued to find space.

Whether these two sides can continue their form into the season is another question. History suggests they can with the grand finalists from the past five NAB cup finals going on to make the top eight in the following season.

Recent form suggests that both these teams will climb the ladder this season. Carlton should make the top eight or, if not, will once again be knocking on the door. They have a mature list and a brilliant midfield, although it could take them a year to become accustomed to Mick Malthouse's game plan.

The Lions are still young with many relatively unknown players. They were the only unbeaten side throughout the NAB Cup and convincingly beat a lot of sides higher than them on last year's ladder. I think they will come close but won't quite make the eight.

As for the rest of the ladder predictions, the top four will be similar to last season although I expect West Coast to swap with Adelaide. Adelaide and Fremantle are my tips to just miss out on the top four but still slide into the eight. The remaining two spots will be wrestled between Geelong, Richmond, Carlton, North Melbourne and Essendon.

2013 will be the year where the "House of Pain" returns. This is in reference to Patersons Stadium, the home ground of the Western Australian teams. Both the Dockers and the Eagles have looked in fine form this pre-season and winning over there is never easy. Pencil them both in for a top-six finish.

For the long-suffering Richmond supporters I think this may be finally your year to break the finals drought.

Just below the 11 teams will lie St Kilda and Brisbane. The Saints are gradually sliding down the ladder. With an aging list and the next group of youngsters not yet experienced enough, they will spend another September watching on. Brisbane is similar in that they too have a lot of inexperienced players. Although don't be surprised if they manage to creep up a little higher.



Mixed netball underway at the new sports courts.

Docklands courts open

Docklands' new sports courts have officially opened and they've already seen a host of thrilling lunchtime matches.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and new Places Victoria CEO Peter Seamer were at the courts last month for the opening.

Cr Doyle said the courts were a priority for local residents.

"Community sport is an important part of the fabric of a neighbourhood," Cr Doyle said.

The new courts provide facilities for soccer, basketball and small-scale soccer.

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