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Holidays bring a buzz

Docklands enjoyed a booming school holidays last month.

You couldn't get a seat on the city circle tram and there were kids everywhere.

Highlights included baby chicks at The Hub along with craft workshops, an animal farm

and snow play area at Harbour Town.

Four-year-old Hannah Blamires (pictured above) had plenty of fun frolicking in the snow.

Guy declares war on short-stays

By Bethany Williams

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has vowed to increase the power of Docklands owners corporations to regulate short-stay apartments in their buildings.

Mr Guy said his determination to curb short-stays in residential buildings followed lobbying from the City of Melbourne and Docklands residents.

"Council and residents have been behind the push and I think they're right," Mr Guy said.

The City of Melbourne has made its opposition to short-stay apartments clear.

It is currently mounting an appeal in the Victorian Court of Appeal against a Supreme Court decision which allowed short-stay operator Paul Salter to continue running his Watergate-based business.

The current appeal follows a lengthy legal battle, which originated in 2012 when Mr Salter appealed building orders issued by council at the Building Appeals Board.

Mr Guy said Docklands was a residential suburb and people who bought apartments in the area didn't expect to be living in "Chapel Street in the sky".

He described the issue of serviced apartments as "considerable" and said it was time that the State Government looked at laws to strengthen the powers of owners corporations.

"Our intention is to empower owners corporations to manage short-stay operators in the buildings they run," Mr Guy said.

He said, currently, owners corporations had very little power to penalise or manage

short-stay operators.

Mr Guy didn't provide a time-frame for the introduction of the stronger powers for owners, saying: "I don't think it will happen overnight."

Watergate owners corporation chair Barbara Francis said: "We're very pleased that the planning minister will be taking action."

Short-stay operators and associated businesses are expected to challenge the move.

Paul Salter is also the chairman of the Victorian Accommodation Services Association (VASA), which represents accommodation providers and businesses that provide associated businesses such as cafes, restaurants and retailers.

"Property owners have a fundamental right to use their property for accommodation purposes irrespective of the length of stay," Mr Salter said.

"In addition, Melbourne has a responsibility to provide a suitable range of accommodation to visitors in our city."

"VASA is preparing a formal submission to the Victorian Government. We are confident the information and solutions proposed by the association will help resolve any concerns the government might have."









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Conder OC chairman Warren Mills was frustrated by last month's lane closure.

Lane closure causes traffic chaos

Harbour Esplanade was thrown into chaos by the closure of a traffic lane last month.

The lane in question is a left turning lane into Docklands Drive from Harbour Esplanade at the intersection of Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Drive, Dudley St and Footscray Rd.

Brookfield Multiplex closed the lane on Friday, July 5 due to construction of MAB's development, The Quays.

The City of Melbourne granted approval for the lane closure and said the closure was required for kerb and channel works.

On the weekend of July 5 to July 8 the lane closure caused havoc due to Dudley St also being blocked off for regional rail link work.

As a result, cars exited the city by travelling down LaTrobe St and right onto Harbour Esplanade, causing major gridlock at the intersection.

Residents of the Conder, which is located next to The Quays, have been particularly frustrated as the only way to enter their car park is via Harbour Esplanade.

Conder Owners Corporation chairman Warren Mills said during the first weekend of lane closure it took him more than 30 minutes to travel down Harbour Esplanade to get home.

He said this experience was made all the worse by the fact there was no one on the building site for most of the weekend.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said Brookfield Multiplex had been granted approval for a partial road closure and work from July 5 until July 26.

"Council officers further reviewed the arrangements as implemented and, on Monday 8 July amended the scope of the approval to require the road to be fully open to traffic in time for the evening peak," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said Brookfield Multiplex was reviewing its traffic management plan to facilitate further infrastructure works without the need of a lane closure.

Place of worship prediction

A pentecostal megachurch is expected to develop a place of worship in Docklands

Docklands News understands that Places Victoria will soon announce CityLife Church as the successful bidder

In August last year Places Victoria called for expressions of interest from parties interested in developing a place of worship at the corner of Footscray Rd and Little Docklands Drive.

It's understood that three parties were shortlisted for the project - the Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV), Planetshakers and CityLife Church.

The FCCV withdrew its bid in mid-December last year, while Planetshakers is also understood to be out of the mix, leaving just CityLife Church in the running.

CityLife Church is a pentecostal, nondenominational church based in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

It's a multi-site congregation, with services in Knox, Casey and Manningham and is considered a megachuch, with an average of 2000 or more people attending weekend

The church, formerly known as Waverley Christian Fellowship, was founded in 1967 by pastor Richard Holland.

It is now led by Pastor Mark Conner.

It has a strong focus on community groups and events, tying in with Places Victoria's request for bids that would demonstrate a community benefit.

The church is also associated with Waverley Christian College, which is located on the church's property.

Docklands News did not contact CityLife Church for comment as it is bound by a confidentiality agreement as part of the bid

It is not yet known when Places Victoria will announce the successful bidder.

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Whose Docklands?

Docklands received some great news last month with the Premier dropping by to tell us about Western Park and some future projects at NewQuay West (reported right).

But the fourth and final one of these projects has set off alarm bells - it's that persistent, aggravating idea of strangling Victoria Harbour with a pedestrian bridge.

If there was ever evidence that governments "consult" but don't listen, this is it.

Docklands has been "consulted" to within an inch of its life. Between 2007 and 2012 community infrastructure was virtually put on hold while the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria "consulted" as a sign of activity while they played political games with each other over who was in charge.

They were wasted years, but one of the constants of the era was that every time that damn bridge appeared in plans, Docklanders told them to remove it.

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The concept of bridging the entrance to the harbor so that another "Tan" track can be created is ludicrous. It doesn't matter if the bridge can be opened. It's a stupid idea.

The Minister's office won't take questions about the bridge because it is just an idea. This was great news as, considering no commitments or funding have been made, then, obviously, the idea can be withdrawn.

The announcement was packaged with three other "ideas" into something the spin doctors called "My Docklands".

The obvious question is "Whose Docklands?"

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Western Park to start next year

The State Government has unveiled a four-stage plan to deliver community facilities at the western end of NewQuay

The first stage of the four part "My Docklands" plan is an \$18 million park and community oval, with construction expected to start in early to mid-2014.

Stage one will see the delivery of a large grassed area close to the Bolte Bridge.

The space will accommodate a multi-purpose football oval/soccer pitch, a community pavilion, a playground and an exercise circuit.

The design also allows for an AFL-sized oval if required in future.

Premier of Victoria Denis Napthine said the development would be the first of its kind in Docklands.

"The new Western Park is budgeted, planned and paid for and will commence construction within the next nine months," Mr Napthine said.

"It will bring the western end of the Docklands precinct to life and turn unused, windswept space into a fantastic new sporting and community hub."

Planning Minister Matthew Guy said the "My Docklands" plan aimed to deliver amenities

that put the "community focus" back into Docklands.

"As Melbourne embraces its waterfront it is essential that public space and public attractions exist to give all Victorians the opportunity to see the beauty of our new waterfront suburb," Mr Guy said.

Stages two, three and four of the plan are yet to receive funding

Stage two of the plan involves the delivery of at least three multi-purpose sports courts along with a barbeque and seating area.

Stage two will include the removal of the old wharf and redevelopment of the promenade, allowing continuous waterfront access between the Bolte Bridge and Harbour Esplanade.

Stage three of the plan involves the private construction of mid-rise residential developments, intended to offset the cost of the Western Park project.

It's expected that development will follow a public bid process for the parcels of land.

Stage four of the plan is a pedestrian bridge

between NewQuay and Victoria Harbour, which will form part of a 3.7 km running and walking track around Docklands, touted as Docklands own "tan track".

But the idea of shutting off the mouth of the harbour with a pedestrian bridge has attracted the ire of local boat operators.

Docklands charter boat operator Jeff Gordon said the idea of closing the harbour off with a bridge was "completely wrong".

Mr Gordon said a bridge would cut off boats, which were the whole point of the harbour and were one of the key elements people enjoyed about the area.

"It's called Victoria Harbour, it's not a pond or a lake," Mr Gordon said. "If you want a tan track then you go to the Botanic Gardens."

Mr Gordon welcomed the idea of green space and a place where people could play sport in Docklands and suggested a track running around the oval rather than over the water.

Places Victoria will start a feasibility study into the bridge in late 2013, but it is a longterm project and construction is not planned for at least another ten years.



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Mirvac to start on Docklands commercial development

Yarra's Edge developer Mirvac has moved into the realm of Docklands commercial development.

The developer, which thus far has focused on residential towers along Yarra's Edge, will start work on a new office building in Bourke St this month.

The building, at 699 Bourke St, is set to become AGL's new Melbourne headquarters and will sit on an elevated platform above Southern Cross Station.

The gas and electricity company has agreed to an initial 10-year lease to occupy 15,000 sqm of the 19,000 sqm available.

According to Mirvac senior development manager Brett Howlett, early site works started in July, with construction due to start this month.

The unique location of the site requires an innovative construction program.

Cranes will be mounted on a protective gantry and will lift items from the median strip below on Wurundjeri Way.

The gantry will protect cars travelling along Wurundjeri way.

Mr Howlett said construction of the building was expected to take around 18 months.

The 6300 sqm platform that the building will



An artist's impression of 699 Bourke St.

sit on also has a planning permit for second building at 664 Collins St.

Mr Howlett said Mirvac was currently "sourcing future opportunities" for the site

and that work on this development would be subject to securing an anchor tenant.

He said the building was in the market for a tenant of up to 30,000 sqm.

The platform site was originally purchased for \$30 million by Mirvac in 2007 in a joint venture with Australian Super, with plans to complete 664 Collins St before mid-2010.

Mr Howlett said the development had been delayed by the global financial crisis, which had meant most corporations weren't looking for new offices.

He said Australian Super no longer had an interest in the project.

Mirvac's move into commercial development in Docklands will mean more competition amongst local developers.

Walker Corporation is still working to secure anchor tenants for three of the five towers in its Collins Square development.

At the other end of Docklands, Digital Harbour Holdings is yet to announce an anchor tenant for its 23-storey office tower on LaTrobe St, which was approved by Planning Minister Matthew Guy in June.





Garden shelter on its way

The Docklands Community Garden pavilion will soon be under construction, a year after the garden was officially opened.

According to a City of Melbourne spokesperson, the garden shelter is a pergola-like structure that will provide a sheltered, flexible space for gardeners and locals.

"Ground works are expected to begin on-site in early August, with an estimated three to four week construction period," the spokesperson said.

The pavilion, to be built on the western boundary of the garden, is hoped to provide a venue for community events such as art projects and music performances.

Garden committee volunteer Greg Wise said the pavilion would also host gardening presentations about topics relevant to Docklands, such as creating balcony gardens and vertical gardens.

"We want the community garden to encourage the greening of Docklands," Mr Wise said.

The garden committee also hoped the garden will become a model for other community gardens.

Volunteer Chris Koehn said the group was

planning for the future of the garden.

"We want this to become a showcase for community gardens," she said.

"We're excited about the prospects of the garden as an educational and social hub."

The group has also formulated a vision statement outlining the values, goals and mission of the garden.

The small but committed garden committee has faced some challenges over the past year, namely gaining access to their council community grant without being incorporated, and tackling a rat plague that threatened to destroy the garden.

Mr Wise said that, although the rat issue was ongoing, the group was involved in continued discussions with the City of Melbourne about proposals for dealing with the problem.

The garden volunteers met with City of Melbourne last month and, although no concrete solution has been reached, Mr Wise said council was taking the issue seriously.

"It was indicated to us that it was being taken seriously by the City of Melbourne as they've



An artist's impression of the community garden pavilion.

received complaints from residents," Mr

The garden committee is currently planning its spring planting activity for the first Saturday in September and invites the Docklands community to get involved.

And if you're keen to get involved before then, the committee welcomes new members at anytime.

Contact docklandsgarden@gmail.com to express your interest or see the garden noticeboard for more information.

Litter hotspot partnerships

By Sean Car

Docklands' waterways are due to benefit from a recent Victorian Government announcement for plans to establish a series of community litter hotspot partnerships.

The announcement comes following a report featured in the July edition of Docklands News highlighting the tonnes of rubbish and debris washed up along NewQuay and Yarra's Edge following heavy rain in June.

The Litter Hotspots Project has been established to help clean up the Yarra River and Port Philip Bay.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said the new initiative would encourage community groups and councils to put forward plans on ways to reduce the amount of litter ending up in the bay.

Mr Smith said the plan would allow local communities to form direct partnerships with the State Government in a bid to encourage support for Melbourne's iconic waterways.

"Councils and community groups are encouraged to identify litter hot spots and submit project ideas for local responses to reduce the amount of litter ending up in our waterways," he said.

Mr Smith said the \$7 million plan is about attracting "local solutions", with an initial \$180,000 being allocated to support effective coordination and planning efforts with the community.

Local government and community organisations are encouraged to apply. For



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The Docklands chamber of commerce joins Gerard Healy and Dwayne Russell in the 3AW studio.

Chamber sends a cheerio

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce sent a cheerio to Melbourne last month during a tour of local radio station 3AW.

Chamber member 3AW held a networking function on July 16 which included a very close look at radio announcing.

About 40 chamber members crammed into a studio during a live broadcast by sporting experts Gerard Healy and Dwayne Russell.

The pair welcomed the chamber on air

and chamber members responded with a collective hello to the listening audience.

The station's promotions and marketing manager David Mann hosted the visit, which included a frank address by Mr Mann as well as questions from chamber members.

Mr Mann's advice regarding tactics and

techniques to counter negative media perceptions of Docklands was to join talk back sessions whenever the opportunity arose to put the counter argument.

The next Docklands Chamber of Commerce event is a fireworks cruise aboard Mandalay on August 9. Contact Nandini Bose at admin@docklandscc.com.au

Fresh (F)route for Docklands

A new social enterprise opening in Docklands this month will bring a pocket of East Gippsland to Docklands.

(F)route is an arts project which has been invited to take up a shop-front in the Waterfront City Piazza as part Renew Australia's Docklands Spaces project.

The initiative allows creative projects to access unleased spaces rent-free on a month-to-month basis.

This allows landlords to reclaim their properties quickly should they get a commercial offer, while activating the area.

(F)route is an initiative which first came to "fruition" around three years ago in East Gippsland. According to founder Andrea Lane, it started with people sharing fruitbreakfasts in fruit-filled locations.

The group grew, attracting locals, travellers, artists, fruit growers and, according to Ms Lane "the most interesting people in the region".

Eventually (F) route became its own community and movement and evolved into the idea of a destination or brand.

"We've built on the idea that (F)route is becoming a destination, an experience, a trail that like-minded travellers might just like to know about," Ms Lane said.

According to Ms Lane, (F) route has now evolved into a plan to cultivate an income for the people who create the regional experience.

And so, (F)route's Docklands space will be an artist made travel bureau, creating a physical presence for the idea.

"We want to show off what we know is great about travelling in regional Victoria, through the eyes of our artists and fruitists," Andrea said.

According to Ms Lane, (F)route's involvement in the Docklands Spaces initiatives is about finding a sustainable business model to reward the contribution that creatives make to regional life.

The space is set to open this month, with an official launch planned for September 1.

For more information on the (F)route movement see **www.froute.com.au**

Sun is shining at Collins Square

The first of Walker Corporation's public art contributions was installed at Collins Square last month.

John Olsen's 48 sqm painting *King Sun* (*pictured right*), was installed in the foyer of Tower 1 and is now visible from Collins St.

The artwork (pictured right) references Mr Olsen's *King Sun* mural at the National Gallery of Australia and is inspired by NASA images of solar flares.

It's the largest piece Mr Olsen has created since his 1982 mural *Salute to Five Bells* for

the Sydney Opera House.

Places Victoria requires Docklands developers to spend one per cent of the value of their developments on public art contributions.

Collins Square is valued at \$1.6 billion, equating to a public art contribution worth \$16 million.

A large-scale canopy sculpture by Dion Horstmans will also be installed between the lantern building and Collins Square entrance. An installation date is yet to be announced.

Collins Square dining area, "The Lunch Room", also opened last month and offers a range of eating options.



John Olsen's 48 sqm painting King Sun.

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Porthole Gallery to enliven Harbour Town

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV) will open a gallery celebrating maritime art at Harbour Town this month.

To be known as the Maritime Porthole Gallery, the space will feature the work of artists who exhibit at the annual Mission to Seafarers Art Prize and Exhibition.

According to MtSV operations manager Bill Reid, the purpose of the gallery is to raise awareness of the mission and its interest in maritime heritage.

The gallery has been made possible through Harbour Town offering an unleased space rent-free on a short-term basis, similar to Renew Australia's Docklands Spaces initiative.

Artists will have the opportunity to exhibit and sell work in the space, with a percentage of the profit going back to the mission.

Mr Reid also said the gallery could offer an artist-in-residence program.

"There are close to 100 artists that contribute to the exhibition and when we recently ran a boat cruise to the ports we had over 46 attendees," Mr Reid said.

"I would expect most of those would show a interest in exhibiting from time to time."

Colin Palethorpe said he had been entering work in the mission art prize for about seven



Maritime artist Colin Palethorpe and Mission to Seafers operations manager Bill Reid are looking forward to welcoming locals and visitor to the Maritme Porthole Gallery at Harbour Town.

years and was keen to get involved in the Porthole Gallery.

"I have plenty of work sitting at home that could be exhibited here," Mr Palethorpe said.

Harbour Town's Richard Unsworth said the centre supported the mission as a valuable part of the Docklands community.

"When they approached us with the

proposal, we saw a valuable opportunity to bring interesting local art to people at street level," Mr Unsworth said.

Mr Reid said the gallery would be open as often as possible, depending on the availability of volunteers.

The gallery is located on Docklands Drive at Harbour Town and is expected to open around mid-August.

Understanding Indonesia

The Rotary Club of Docklands is holding a "Q and A" breakfast around understanding Indonesia next month.

According to club president Joseph Ebbage, attendees to the breakfast on August 15 will hear from two speakers.

Victorian chair of the Australian Indonesian Business Council Juris Austrums will speak about the business opportunities available between Australia and Indonesia.

Rotary's Australian-Pacific communications officer Philip Archer will talk about the role of Rotary in community service projects in

"The breakfast is aimed at extending our knowledge and awareness of our northern neighbour," Mr Ebbage said.

The breakfast will be held at Harbour Kitchen on Victoria Harbour Promenade on August 15 and is the first of a series of planned "Q and A" breakfasts.

Attendees should arrive by 7.15am for a 7.30am start and the breakfast will finish at 8.30am

Tickets are \$40 per person, with all proceeds going to Rotary Australia projects in Indonesia.

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New hotel for Docklands

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The new Docklands Sheraton Four Points is to be built next year on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Dudley St in the Digital Harbour precinct.

The 37-storey building will also include 360 apartments, a 200-seat restaurant, pool, gym, conference centre and 255 car spaces.

Digital Harbour director David Napier said Starwood Four Points Sheraton had signed on for the 176-room hotel as well as 60 serviced apartments.

He said, of the remaining 300 apartments, Digital Harbour already had between 130 and 140 registrations of interest.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy approved the \$130 million hotel and residential building late last month and said the building would complete the Dudley St and Harbour Esplanade gateway of Docklands.

"I have approved plans that will ensure the development meets high quality urban design standards including active street levels and an open space plaza, which will link Docklands to E-Gate across Dudley St," Mr Guy said.

The development will generate more than 480 jobs during construction and an estimated 125 ongoing jobs in the hotel and associated facilities, residential maintenance and support staff.



An artist's impression of the hotel and residential building.

Progress on wheel

The Melbourne Star Observation Wheel cabins have been revealed.

The cabins were located in a shed next to the Harbour Town multi-storey carpark and adjacent to the recently-renamed wheel's construction site.

Last month the roof and sides of the shed were removed, revealing the cabins.

The unveiling suggests installation of the cabins onto the wheel could be the next step.

It's expected that a timeline for completion and opening of the wheel will be announced once installation of the cabins begins.

So far Melbourne Star Observation Wheel management have been tight-lipped about a possible completion date.

A spokesperson said preparations were underway for the installation of the cabins to begin, but couldn't confirm when this would



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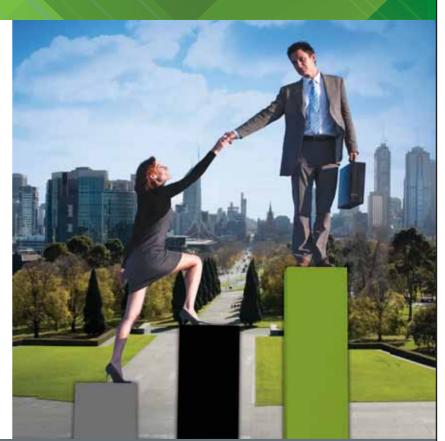
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Members of the ATO Relay for Life committee Mel Miller, Donna Ross, Viv Daniels, Stewart Smilie and Cris Lumley

Call for more relayers

A team of Australian Tax Office (ATO) staff want local businesses, residents and community groups to get involved in a Relay For Life event at Etihad Stadium next year.

The Docklands-based staff held a corporate Relay For Life event at the stadium earlier this year, involving 450 ATO staff, friends and family.

ATO staff member and event volunteer Donna Ross said originally the team set itself the goal of raising \$20,000 towards cancer research and ended up raising almost \$90,0000.

Next year's event will be held on February 5 at Etihad Stadium and organisers hope Docklands-based companies, small businesses, community groups and residents will put forward teams to take part, helping to raise funds and awareness.

Ms Ross said it would be great if they could double or triple the attendees at next year's relay.

Fellow volunteer Viv Daniels added: "We would love for all the corporate businesses around Docklands to contribute a team."

"If anyone is interested, we would love to

hear from them," she said.

Relay For Life is a community event, which involves teams of 10 to 15 people participating in a relay-style walk, with a team member walking at all times during the event.

Usually the events are held overnight, but the Docklands event is an eight-hour relay, starting in the afternoon and continuing into the evening.

The event isn't ATO sponsored, but is being organised by a group of ATO staff.

Volunteer Cris Lumley said the long-term goal was for the event to be considered the Docklands Relay For Life.

The ATO volunteers wanted to make it clear that they are not asking for corporate sponsorship in their call for local businesses to get involved.

Rather, they just want more and more teams taking part in the event and working on ways

to raise money for cancer research.

"And it's a great opportunity to be able to get out on the ground at Etihad. How many people can say they've done that?" Ms Daniels said.

This year's event featured performances by a range of bands, along with children's entertainment and child-care, all made possible through in-kind donations.

Organisers are planning a similar model for next year's event, with plenty to keep everyone entertained over the eight-hour relay.

They are seeking in-kind support in the form of entertainment or otherwise for next year's event and encouraged anyone who wanted to help out to get in touch.

To express interest in offering support or signing up a team for next year's Docklands Relay For Life contact Viv Daniels on **0401 711 360**, Cris Lumley on **0400 341 137** or Donna Ross **on 0421 616 034**.

NewQuay approval

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has approved two more of the residential buildings featured in MAB's NewQuay Central masterplan, leaving only one building yet to be approved.

The 19-storey silver tower and 23-storey bronze tower will be built on the eastern side of what is currently the NewQuay Piazza and will be known as NewQuay Promenade.

Mr Guy said the buildings would start to complete the western end of NewQuay and would create more community in the area.

He also said the \$100 million investment showed confidence in Docklands.

MAB's NewQuay central masterplan was met with criticism from residents when it was released in 2011, with complaints focusing on building height, loss of view and loss of open space.

Mr Guy responded to this criticism by saying that Docklands was Melbourne's high-density suburb.

He said the towers abided by the structure plan and their heights were not overbearing.

The final tower awaiting approval is a 15-storey building, to be built at the front of the piazza.

Mr Guy said the plan for this tower was yet to come before him for approval

In January, Mr Guy approved a 43-storey tower and a 16-storey tower, which were included in MAB's NewQuay Central masterplan and were to be built on the western side of the piazza.

MAB has since decided to on-sell this section of land.

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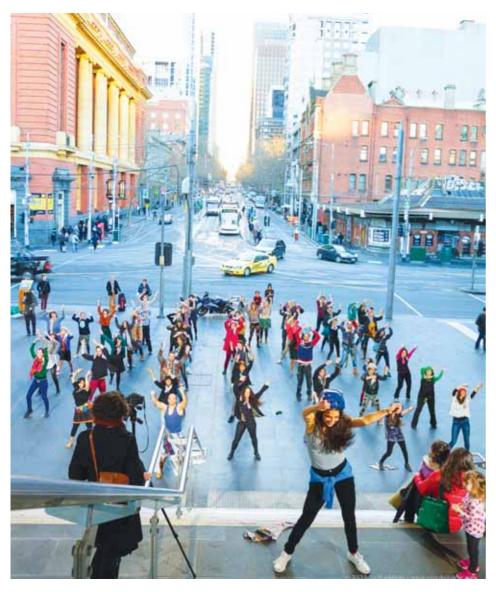
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Flash mob for a cause

Commuters were stopped in their tracks last month when around 60 people broke into dance on Spencer St in front of Southern Cross Station.

The flash-mob created a scene in order to raise awareness of Kinfolk café's crowd funding campaign.

Kinfolk is located on Bourke St and is a café with a difference.

It donates 100 per cent of its profits to local and international development projects and is predominantly staffed by volunteers.

The café has been open for just over three years and in that time had distributed \$65,000 to four development project, while providing training for almost 100 volunteers each year.

Kinfolk has grown and now wants to install a commercial kitchen behind the existing

café, providing greater opportunity for staff and volunteers to raise money for its project partners

It's obtained a \$25,000 social enterprise expansion grant from the City of Melbourne and have launched a Pozible campaign to raise the extra \$60,000 it needs.

So far the campaign has received over \$20,000 worth of pledges, with 41 days until the campaign ends. Rewards on offer for pledging a donation range from a free coffee to a private dinner for 15 people.

Visit www.pozible.com/project/27244 to pledge a donation.

Green light on North Wharf

Planning Minister Matthew Guy last month approved plans for the \$90 million North Wharf redevelopment.

Developer Asset 1 has been granted approval to construct a 13-storey office tower, upgrade part of the wharf and refurbish the existing Seafarers Rest park.

The development also includes plans to partially demolish and redevelop the heritage-listed Goods Shed no. 5, introducing retail, cafes, restaurants and an art gallery.

"This unique area of the city is one of the last Yarra River precincts to be redeveloped and presents a great opportunity to revive Melbourne's western cornerstone," Mr Guy said. Asset 1 Chief Operating Officer Gavin Boyd said the start of construction was dependent on the commercial market.

An anchor tenant of between 10,000 and 12,000 sqm in is required to kick-start the development.

Work on Seafarers Rest Park and the Goods Shed will be concurrent with construction of the office tower.

Mr Boyd said it was expected to be at least a year before construction started.



An artist's impression of the North Wharf redevelopment.



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So he was relieved when RACV roadside assistance came to his rescue after a few quick phone calls.

The RACV serviceman was unphased by Mr McDonald's unusual request. Apparently it is more common that you would think for wheelchair users to call for help.

Mr McDonald, visiting Docklands from New

Zealand with his wife Michelle, was back on the "road" in no time.

He has owned this particular chair for two years but had suffered two punctures in the last two weeks.

No plans for a local airport

Premier of Victoria Denis Napthine has quashed suggestions that Docklands could become home to a city airport.

In a report tabled in parliament in June, the outer suburban/interface services and development committee suggested Docklands would be a suitable location for a city airport.

On an overseas study trip the committee travelled through London airport. In its report the committee stated that it "... believed that a 'Melbourne City' Airport could be a useful long-term addition to augmenting aviation capacity in Melbourne".

"Such an airport could be a useful addition as part of a comprehensive brownfield redevelopment near the centre of Melbourne such as Docklands," the report stated.

Mr Napthine dismissed the suggestion at a press conference last month.

"Let me make it very clear, that recommendation is going nowhere," Mr Napthine said.

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Community meet and greet

The Docklands Community Association held a successful social function at The Nixon Hotel on July 25.

For some Docklanders, the event was their first opportunity to meet others in their new home suburb.

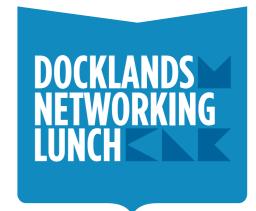
For others, it was about renewing longstanding acquaintances and friendships.

There was certainly plenty to talk about

as Docklands is such an interesting and dynamic place to live.

Community Association office bearers reported about 30 new memberships on the

The association will hold another function closer to Christmas



New lunch partner

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with Docklands News to present the Docklands Networking Lunch.

The chamber will update diners on its activities, campaigns and successes at future quarterly lunches, starting with the September 20 lunch to be held at Bob's Steak and Chop House in Bourke St.

Hundreds of connections have been made and business deals done at the Docklands Networking Lunch since 2009.

Again, the September lunch will cost \$60. To book a place, send an email to lunch@ docklandsnews.com.au or ring the office on 8678 7979.

Entrée: Caesar Salad (cos lettuce, parmesan, crispy bacon, croutons & boiled egg tossed in Bob's special Caesar dressing);

Main: Pasture Fed New York striploin (porterhouse) 350g served with smashed

Dessert: Lemon lime tart

Beverages: Red and white wine and Boags draught beer on tap









Regatta takes to the water

The Docklands Regatta is set to return to Victoria Harbour next month and offers a great opportunity for Docklanders to celebrate the water.

The regatta was revived from colonial times last year by the local boating community to draw attention to what is considered the heart and soul of Docklands.

Lady Cutler skipper Jeff Gordon said this year's event, on Friday, September 13, would be opened to the public, with Melbourne's charter boats open to corporate groups who wished to participate.

"We want to turn it into a massive, waterborne celebration of what Docklands is all about," Mr Gordon said.

He said 15 charter vessels were offering hospitality packages for all tastes and budgets.

"It's going to be a great fun day," Mr Gordon said. "There will be the traditional blessing of the fleet and then cruises down the river and even over to Williamstown to see the tall ships."

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



Bridge update

The first section of the Jim Stynes Bridge is likely to be delivered to Docklands next month.

The \$18 million bridge, named in honour of the late footballer Jim Stynes, will provide a pedestrian and cycling link between Docklands and Northbank

The bridge, which had been under construction since February, will extend beneath the Charles Grimes Bridge, with structure works well advanced, according to a City of Melbourne spokesperson.

"The fabrication of the structure is progressing well with the first module expected to be delivered to site by mid-August," the spokesperson said.

"The installation of all 14 modules is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013 with the project estimated for completion by late March 2014."

Progress on ferry idea

By Sean Car

The Wyndham Harbour project was approved last month and could result in a faster arrival for the proposed ferry service link connecting Melbourne's west to Docklands.

A government media release last month said the approval by Planning Minister Matthew Guy would help fast-tracking the service.

However, he was unable to confirm how quickly the Point Cook development would aid in accelerating the commuter link.

Mr Guy said that the approval will allow Wyndham Harbour to grow to a community of almost 1400 residents and provide new opportunities to Melbourne's west.

"Expanding the Wyndham Harbour development will assist in providing a critical mass of population to make a commuter ferry service from Werribee to the city fully sustainable," he said.

"Wyndham Harbour also provides new lifestyle opportunities to Melbourne's west, opening up Port Phillip Bay to the western suburbs in the same way that the eastern suburbs have enjoyed the bay for decades."

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August? It's August. How did that happen!?

The months have just been flying by. It felt like only weeks ago that it was the "new year" and we had grand plans and fabulous goals for the coming months.

February passed in a heatwave. Easter was a blur, not so much of chocolate and fun times but more of just, well, rushing. I think I drew breath in April ... May was gone in record speed and June focused on EOFY which arrived quicker than my organisational skills could cope with.

Thank god I completely missed Dry July.

So here we are in August, the final month of winter (although looking out my window, it feels like the start of winter, not the end!). I do not have the elegant and magnificently toned physique of a ballerina (top of the goal list on New Years Eve), but I'm still thinking there's time before bikini season.

Stop laughing. I might have missed Dry July (to be honest, it was never on the goal list), but I have had at least one AFD this year. And my plans to have my accounts and book keeping in a fabulously organised system, well, let's just say my accountant is a little greyer as a direct result of my "good intentions".

But I will tell you what I have done. I have got out there and given life a red-hot go. I have been open to finding love and, whilst that hasn't happened, (like, not even close!) I am still happy and loving life on my own with my beautiful son.

I have passionately nurtured my business and it is slowly building. It's nothing I can retire on just yet (only pay bills that are red!), but I'm investing my time, my money and my heart into growing it and it's progressing. I have been nominated for a business award for my efforts - it doesn't matter to me if I don't get past the first round of judging. To have my baby business (just two years old) recognised is wonderful.

I have been involved in the community,

as a member of the Health Committee at our hospital and have presented our developments to the NSW Government Health Forum. I do this as a volunteer. I give my time to the hospital and all the community centres we present to, assisting them in understanding the services and options available to them, and assisting us in recognising the needs of our community.

This gives me an enormous amount of happiness knowing that I am contributing to the community we are living in.

And I have found time, just three days, to take my son and his three mates to Port Macquarie to go whale watching. That's not a long holiday, but it is an experience we will never forget.

Flying across the water at 75 kmh in an inflatable boat searching for humpbacks - well the boys really believed they were Captain Jack Sparrow (Pirates of the Caribbean for those of you who haven't been subjected to the entire movie series!). As for sitting in a small rubber inflatable in the middle of the ocean with five humpback whales breaching only 10 metres from us, well that's something Andrew (judging by the look of the boat drivers face) and I won't forget either.

I have realised that even though the months are flying by, we are all actually doing and achieving amazing things, things that are important, things that we will always remember.

So, every now and then, take a little break and think about what you have done, rather than what you haven't, and life just feels wonderful.

Don't worry if the house is in a bit of chaos, or the "to do" list takes a detour, just make sure you're giving it a red-hot go. Do the things that matter to you, that you truly believe in, and Love the Life you Live.

Till next month

Abby

PS: Don't forget you can write to me at life@docklandsnews.com.au



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

Another Sunday

By Susan Wells

One minute I was doing housework, the next minute I was flying down the freeway on the back of a Harley Davidson. Well anyway, that's the way it seems now ...

The weekend had been uneventful. It was Sunday and I had been down to buy the papers, collect some groceries and then walk back to my apartment. The winter air had been crisp and clean and the water in the harbour sparkled in the June sunlight. There had been no response to emails or messages I had sent to the several people I had contacted in the previous few days. I settled in for a day of domestic duties and a bit of reading, changing into a sweater and tracksuit pants. Then, a message arrived.

Meet today? Pick you up? Time?

I returned the message quickly. This was one I didn't want to ignore.

One hour later I caught the lift downstairs to meet him, hurrying towards the figure decked out in leathers standing in the lobby. Still sure of himself, I thought. He took my hand and looked carefully at me.

"You still look good in jeans."

"And you in leathers." I stood on tiptoe to kiss him on the cheek.

We made our way to the door and out to the bike parked out the front.

We rode out to Williamstown to a restaurant along the Esplanade. We sat outside at a small table on the pavement. Throngs of people passed by, as always on a nice day, a parade along the strip.

I walked inside the restaurant to find a menu as waiters seemed scarce. On the way back I glanced through the large windows to see

a woman in red standing at our table. She seemed to be leaning slightly towards him to talk. By the time I had made my way out through the door she had disappeared into the crowd.

He was looking at the menu in his hand as I sat down. I watched him and noticed he looked slightly shaken. It was a few minutes before we spoke again. We chatted about our respective lives and both decided we should catch up again soon.

Here was a man I had not seen for a few years. I pondered over what could have happened in that time and my curiosity had been sparked by the appearance of the

Just who was the mystery woman in red and where had she come from?

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THE NIGHT LIFE

Cavalia trots into Docklands

By Bethany Williams

I feel uneasy about the idea of animals being trained to perform for human entertainment. There's something about it that just doesn't sit right with me.

Nowadays performance animals are generally well cared for and treated with respect. But ultimately their performance is engineered so that their owners can make money, and sometimes quite a lot of it.

So it was with a slightly guilty conscience that I headed off to the opening night of *Cavalia* in Docklands last month.

The show is touted as a "magical encounter between humans and horses" and at the centre of its philosophy is the idea that horses are the "heart and soul" of every show.

Cavalia is the creation of Normand

Latourelle, who co-founded Cirque du Soleil.

So, despite my inner turmoil about whether or not the horses actually wanted to perform for me and the other 2000-odd audience members, I went along with high-hopes of a spectacular display. I wasn't disappointed.

Cavalia combines amazing (but not always perfect) acrobatics and jaw-dropping trick riding, bareback riding and dressage with stunning multimedia, special effects and live music.

Visually, the show is beautiful (although, I'm sure we all could have gone without the projection of a mare giving birth before the curtains were raised. If I wanted to see that I would have stayed home and watched a David Attenborough documentary).

The sets and multimedia effects transform the 50 metre-wide stage from season to season, from a forest to the wild west.

But of course that's all secondary to the cast of 48 horses, ranging from a tiny miniature stallion to an enormous percheron, who are clearly the stars of the show.

Cavalia highlights the grace, strength and intelligence of these beautiful creatures.

And it's apparent from the first act that the show is all about respecting its equine stars.

The trust and affection between the riders and horses was immediately evident.

The trainers and riders had such a strong bond with the horses that they could sense when a horse is resisting the choreographed routine and didn't try to force them.

Although the routines of dressage and trickriding were astonishing, I preferred to see the horses run free, taking full advantage of the 50-metre stage, unfettered by saddles and bridles.

As beautiful as it was to watch, it did once again give me cause to stop and think. Wouldn't the horses rather be running out in the open, not restricted to a 50-metre stage in a crowded, noisy (and somewhat stuffy) tent?

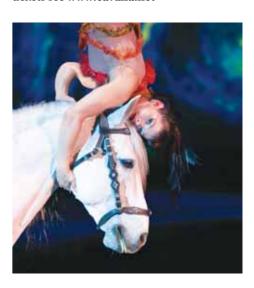
Alas, the show must go on.

Cavalia has been touring the globe since

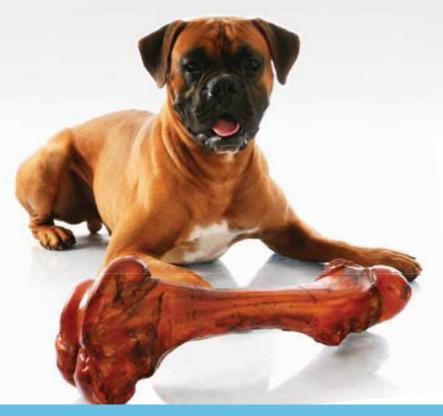
2003 (albeit with a changing cast of human and horse performers) and shows no sign of stopping anytime soon.

Cavalia is showing under the big top in Docklands until August 18, before it heads to Adelaide and then Perth.

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Dennis's vertical street

Dennis Setchers says his home in Victoria Harbour is part of "a neighbourhood in the sky".

Dennis and his wife Kay have lived in an apartment at Dock 5 for almost seven years and can't imagine living anywhere else.

Like many long-term residents, Dennis and Kay bought off the plan and watched their new home rise from the ground before moving in.

Since moving in the pair haven't looked

Dennis said it was great waking up to a view of the harbour every morning and being able to take a walk around the harbour each day.

Dennis is currently the chair of the Dock 5 Owners Corporation and has been involved with the OC for about three years.

He said he joined the OC because he felt it was important to take an interest in the local community.

Dennis said there was a strong community in Docklands and in the Dock 5 building.

"I heard one chap describe the building as a vertical street," Dennis said.

"I know more people in this vertical street than I did when I lived in a horizontal street in Thornbury."

Dennis said Dock 5 was a very friendly building, with a strong social element, not only on a day-to-day basis, but also through events such as the annual Christmas party.

It also has some unique elements, according to Dennis, such as the car wash that also features dog-wash facilities.

Profile by "It's a pet-friendly building," Dennis said. **Bethany Williams** Another great thing about living in Dock 5,

according to Dennis, is the proximity to great bars and restaurants.

"It's so easy to have a great night and enjoy yourself and then walk home afterwards," Dennis said.

He also said Docklands' public transport links were great and made travelling to and from home easy.

"Ten minutes and you're in the middle of the city," Dennis said.

"And every train that comes into this state passes through my local station."

Now in the midst of retirement Dennis said his days in Docklands were filled with spending time with family, his OC work and plenty of leisurely strolls around the harbour.

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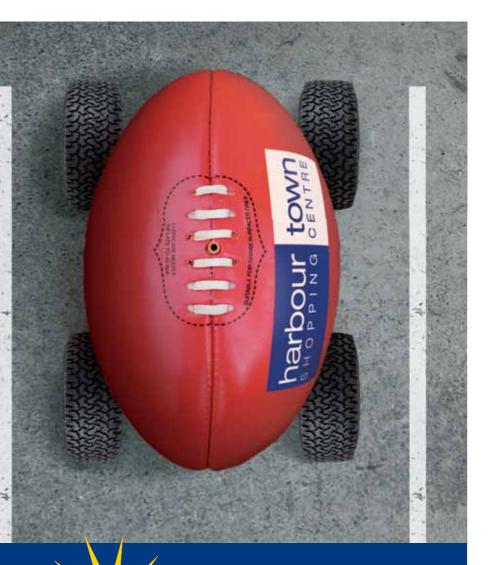
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The concierge at the Aquavista building at 401 Docklands Drive has been instructed not to tell anyone which office Destination Docklands occupies.

All references to the organisation's address have been removed from its website and other marketing materials since it moved from LifeLab in Digital Harbour last month.

Destination Docklands CEO, Anita Donnelly, refuses to reveal her office address but insists this is not strange.

"There's nothing Secret Squirrel about it," she

Ms Donnelly says she and her staff can get more work done if people aren't dropping by



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

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



Moon in

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Moon in Aries

Michael

You love to communicate with other people, whether by talking, writing or just plain gossip. You tend to ignore the deep and awkward, preferring to stick with the light and uplifting. You are always on the move, and are easily bored by situations. At times, you can be quite superficial and squander your time on non-essentials. Generally, you are attracted to authority figures and older, wiser people who have good common sense. You can't help but think in an organised way and you are a stickler for routine. You love it. Mathematics and all things technological are a snap for you.

You are attractive and in-tune with your feelings and really know how to play a crowd for the maximum response. You love to be drawn into really deep conversations by a partner, and staying up all night talking about life is your idea of living. Your partner tends to be the centre and rock around which you base your operations. Michael, in Andrea you sense that here is someone who instinctively understands and is supportive of your deepest hopes and dreams. You were probably good friends right from the start. When you first met Andrea you got the message as to what marriage and partners are really all about. Perhaps for the first time you experienced what it is like to totally respond to another person. All you wanted to do was to love and care for her. This is a true partnership - real marriage material.

Andrea

You will find yourself involved in unusual relationships, or your partner will be unusual. Relationships will be a continual source of inspiration and freedom. They will always be taking unexpected twists and turns. The partners you choose tend to be unique and very independent or self-absorbed. Inventors, technicians, and computer-related people may be prominent figures in your life. You are a visionary, no doubt, and determined to put all your dreams to work and make them real. You are always looking at the big picture. You have a knack for coming up with just what the crowd wants. You are nothing else if not an original. You tend to support and encourage an independent streak in Michael. You don't mind that he enjoys being a little different. You find him emotionally stimulating, and even unique. He may have introduced you to new attitudes toward home and family and new ways of feeling. You are always 100 per cent behind Michael. You would make a great campaign manager, and this could also be a good business partnership. You can't help but be supportive of his needs, and he feels that he can always count on you. He has a healthy psychological effect on you. You probably have long and involved discussions, perhaps secluding yourself from the rest of the world for a time. When you are with him you can become very accepting, tranquil, and almost sweet.

Outcome

Bright ideas, big-picture thinking and brilliant discussion make this a fun relationship - one that others would probably love to eavesdrop on. It will take some work on both parts as both of you are not given to emotions and can live in your heads a great deal of time. You are alike in many ways so it will be difficult to determine who the lover is and who the loved one is. Generally, all relationships have a subtle lean or dynamic on this "loved, lover" complex. Neither of you take one role or the other, so sometimes a stalemate occurs where you are both just good workers, good partners, but not emotionally connected. That is to say, that both of you want to love, but are reluctant to receive love back. The purpose of your coming together is to learn to love, to be playful and creative together. Sacrifice to the outside world and your independence will be needed as the glue to hold you both together. If you do, both make the sacrifices and learn the dynamics at play, this could be a love affair of storybook proportions. If not, you will both remain in a state of good friends, helping each other through life, sharing experiences, having fun but not really bonding.

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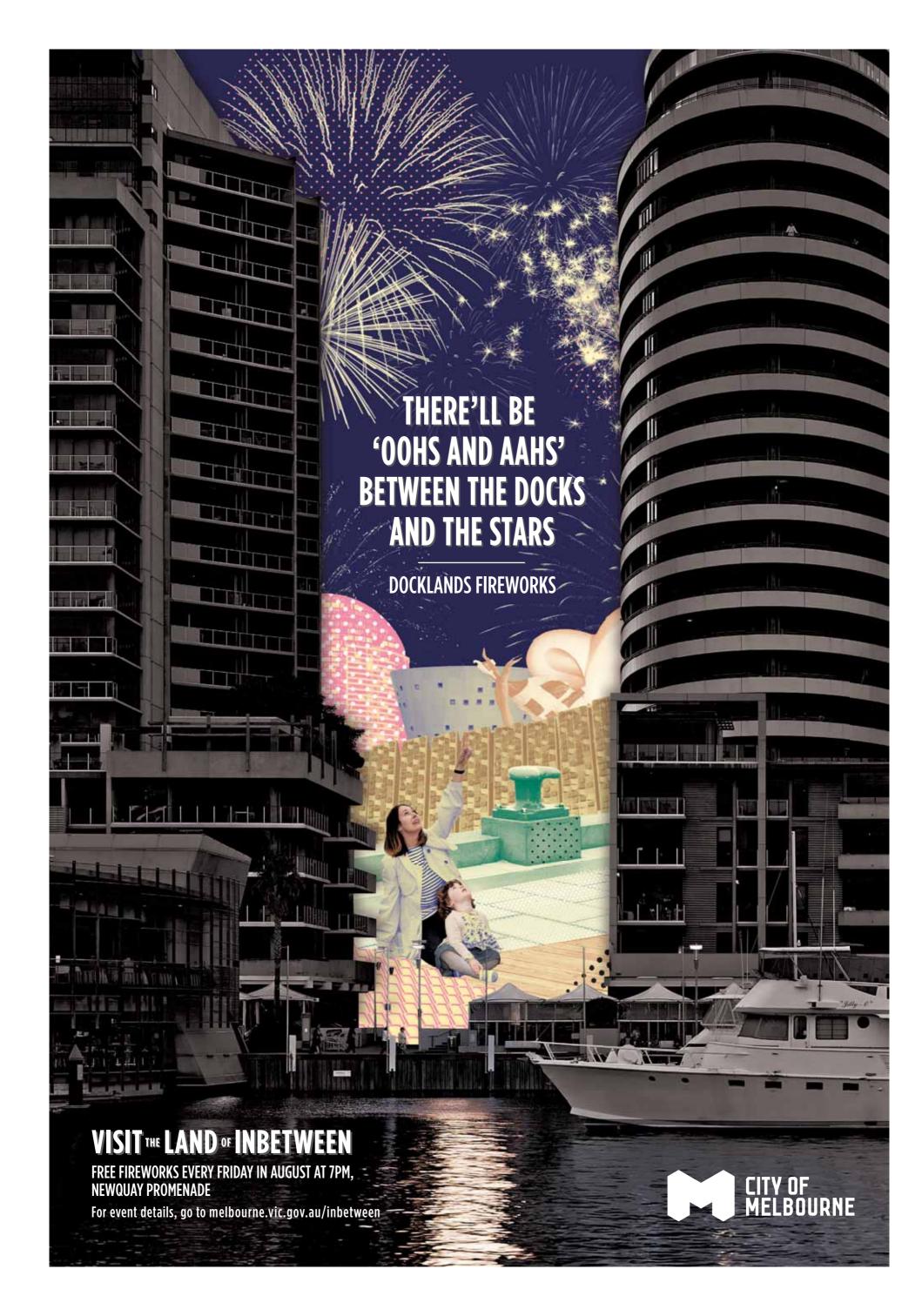
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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody

Hope you were one of the many who attended our mid-year "meet and greet" party on July 25. It was a great night!

Council recently launched a national project called Smart Blocks which is an initiative to use resources, particularly power, more efficiently in common areas of apartment buildings, to save owners corporations a lot of money and reduce environmental impacts. You can read more under the title Smart Blocks on the net. It contains a number of very useful ideas.

We continue to get complaints from pedestrians about cyclist behaviour especially on the stretch along the water-side of Harbour Esplanade and NewQuay Promenade. I've reported it to council and Victoria Police saying during peak periods to and from work cyclists race like they're in the Tour de France. Some don't stick to the bike lanes. Some take a short cut down NewQuay promenade. The scary thing is they come up and race past without warning. The bikes are quiet and most don't use bells. If you walk across a bike lane you do so at your peril.

A senior level police instruction has since been issued for the area bicycle patrol to attend to the issues. We thank the police for that, given it is not easy. Council replied that unfortunately the problem is widespread and they do what they can but enforcement of regulations is in the hands of the police.

I replied saying: Currently there is no sign warning cyclists off the pedestrian area along the western side of the Esplanade between Victoria Harbour (NAB) and Footscray Rd. As there are the dedicated bicycle lanes alongside, could a sign be installed on the pedestrian area please.

Also cyclists should be told to use bells – they rarely do despite bells being compulsory. Bells warning of close approach would be a big help.

We would hope that police increase patrols of the cycle lanes and surveillance especially in peak periods.

Regarding serviced apartments, Minister Guy stated on the 7pm ABC TV News on Friday, July 19 that he opposed serviced apartments being in residential buildings and would regulate against it this year.

This "came out of the blue". At the request of the ABC, I commented in the news segment on behalf of affected residents, referring to problems with serviced apartments. The segment can be viewed on the ABC News website. A lot of support has been received for Mr Guy's statement including from interstate where similar situations apply and are being pursued with governments.

Liaison with other community groups is growing, especially with inner-city areas which have common problems such as highrise density, lack of adherence to planning guidelines and open space. The chairs of Southbank group and City East, together with myself, are scheduled to meet with Minister Guy on August 13 at which we will take the opportunity to address these issues.

I recently met with an architect who proposes that representatives of inner suburb community groups get together to develop submissions to the State Government to have input into planning for new projects such as Fishermen's Bend and E-Gate and development guidelines generally. I am to organise.

It is great to see that council has allocated \$11.1 million in its 2013-14 Budget for Docklands projects including completion and fit-out of the new community centre and library, plus construction of the boating hub and family services.

Remember the suggested options put out by Places Victoria a year or two ago for development of Western Park – the vacant land at the end of Docklands Drive? There was also a suggestion that the Melbourne Football Club might set up a training ground there. Well nothing's happened and it's now a dump for soil and rubble with, at the time of writing, large rubbish bags hanging on the fence. This needs fixing. We've raised the matter with Places Victoria but without response as yet.

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



Letters to the Editor

Awesome Abby

I have on two ocassions nearly written in to commend one of your writers – Abby Crawford – on her regular piece in the Docklands News.

I have just sat in a cafe having lunch and had to write this time.

Please pass on that I really enjoy reading her articles, and whilst the one she has written in issue 88 will have been far harder to write than she could explain, I think it is awesome that she did.

Without people in positions of leadership and reach (like journalists) doing this – effectively exposing themselves, their opinions and opening themselves up – the debate, that should lead to action, is not as rich as it could be.

I have read a few pieces in the main newspapers on the topic of domestic violence. Abby has an ability to tell a story simply, yet clearly, and make point unambiguously with a feeling of reality.

A great writer/member of your staff. Oh, and the rest of the paper is always worth a read through too. I work at ANZ HQ in Docklands, and you guys featured me and a few of our team last year about the ride to conquer cancer and our fundraising which was great.

Steve Morgan

Where are we up to?

As a part-time resident of Docklands I love reading your monthly newspaper to keep abreast of local development and issues.

What I would like to see is a monthly register of approved projects and where they are up to. Any new projects should also be accompanied by a map of exactly where they are to be built, as it is often difficult to work out.

What the hell is going on with the big wheel? Could it go any slower? It is so important to the businesses in Harbour Town so get on with it. A monthly update please.

Why isn't the large TV screen in the piazza working?

What about a kids playground on Harbour Town side of Docklands?

The Goods Shed No 2 is still advertised as a vegetable market yet is full of office space. What is the status of this project?

Keep up the good work.

Mike

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A good crowd of members turned out to an exclusive chamber event at Media House for a networking event hosted by 3AW.

David Mann entertained the gathered group with a passionate, honest and engaging speech about his perspective on Docklands. He has toured many of Docklands' great assets and hidden corners and expressed his continuing belief in and support for the precinct as it transitions through its development phase.

David informed us that 3AW no longer did studio tours for security reasons, BUT chamber guests were indeed in for a special treat! David led a comprehensive tour of the studios and working hub of 3AW and we were introduced to listeners by Gerard Healy and Dwayne Russell as they went live to air! The chamber is excited to have this positive engagement with one of Melbourne's media giants and we will continue to nurture this relationship.

Many chamber members will shortly be receiving information about a great new AMP superannuation product that is exclusive to members. The chamber is keen to ensure that our members have access to great tools and products to help them run their businesses. To this end, make sure you also check out the great membership deal on offer by VECCI to chamber members.

With City of Melbourne extending the Docklands Friday night fireworks into August, the chamber is organising a fireworks cruise of Victoria Harbour on August 9 to see the fireworks from the best possible vantage point.

Make sure you check out the chamber website for details on how to book for this event. Doug Jarvis from the City of Melbourne Waterways has promised us an exciting presentation about Docklands' greatest asset, its waterways and, of-course, there will be the usual networking opportunities with the crowning bonus of the fabulous fireworks!

Chamber executive members were lucky enough to be invited to a preview of *Cavalia*, the next great big top event to be held in Docklands.

As one who was lucky enough to attend a preview performance, all I can say, is that the show is mind blowing – with high-charged adrenalin-pumping performances, great

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music and a fantastic visual spectacular of horse display and acrobats. I strongly recommend you go and see this if you get the chance. We really are lucky to have some fantastic events in Docklands over this winter!

Retailers don't miss out on a chamber hosted event: "Retail Trends Presentation" to be held at the Medibank Ice House on Tuesday, August 27. The presentation will be made by Grant Davidson, managing director of Davidson Branding, who has 20 years experience in the brand and advertising industry. Please check www.docklandscc.com.au/category/whats-on/ for details of this event.

Looking further into the future, the chamber is pleased announce its support of the annual Docklands Regatta and the blessing of the fleet. Melbourne's pleasure boat community will be coming together to deliver great corporate packages for Docklands businesses to take up for their staff to gain a greater awareness, sense of place and appreciation of the maritime heritage of Docklands.

The cruises are expected to be 2-3 hour duration, commencing with a blessing of the fleet organised by the Mission to Seafarers. This will be followed by a two-hour lunch cruise of the port to get up close to the big

ships and may be extended to a three-hour cruise of Williamstown to take a rare look at a tall ship fleet.

On their return, passengers will get to see Docklands from a completely new angle and appreciate the water and what it means to Docklands as a maritime destination.

The chamber's AGM is coming up in September (date to be announced) so watch the website for details. The chamber executive is proud of its achievements since being elected and is looking forward to continuing the good work into 2013-14.

If you are interested in working with the executive committee, we are always looking for people who are willing to help support the work we do looking after local Docklands' business interests both large and small.

If your business is not already a member, then it is never too late to join up and enjoy the benefits of being a member and the opportunity to give back to the business community in Docklands!

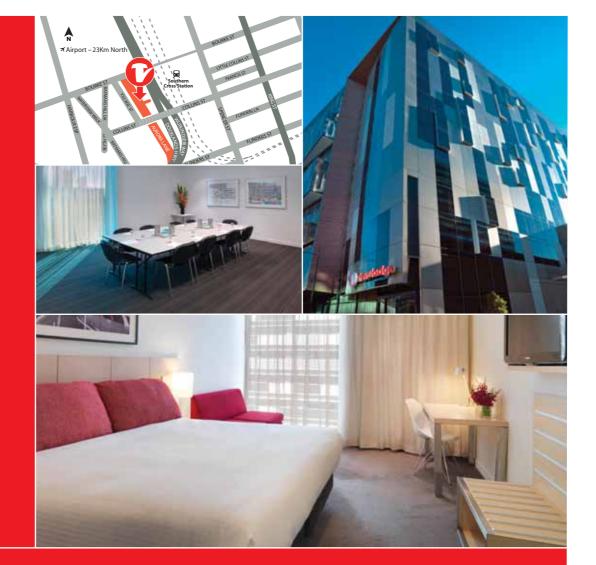
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NORTH WHARF NEWS

As we go to press, Matthew Guy has announced a \$90 million redevelopment of land behind the Mission to Seafarers.

The proposed development includes a new 13-storey commercial office building, a new cultural/retail precinct. In addition to the new tower, the historic No.5 Goods Shed will be renovated.

The heritage goods crane will also be restored together with the restoration of the

existing wharf and creating the Seafarers Rest, a 3.5-hectare park. Included in the plans is the restoration of the iconic heritage listed Mission to Seafarers building that has stood on the site for 96 years.

The area has long been thought of as the missing link between Melbourne CBD and Docklands. When the construction of the Jim Stynes bridge is completed, this will open up pedestrian and bicycle access along the north banks of the Yarra to Docklands.

The Mission to Seafarers is an international mission of the Anglican Church which cares for the practical and spiritual welfare of

seafarers of all nationalities and faiths.

Seafarers are visited on their ships and offered a welcome and whatever help they need. This can range from enabling them to telephone or email home, to offering comfort to the bereaved and assisting in cases of injustice and distress.

Here at North Wharf, staff and volunteers manage a "drop-in" centre known as the Flying Angel Club offering a safe and secure place where seafarers can relax away from their working environment, contact their families through the internet, telephone or email, and receive counselling and support.

The Mission to Seafarers relies on philanthropy, sponsorship and public donations to continue its work.

More than 2000 people visited to the mission

during Melbourne Open Home weekend last month. Some \$1500 was raised to assist the mission in its work.

The annual ANL Maritime Art Awards generates much needed income through sales of work submitted by local artists.

To increase exposure to these works of art and to raise awareness to Docklands maritime heritage, a new gallery is being opened up in Docklands Drive and will be called the Maritime Porthole Gallery.

It is hoped an emerging art precinct will evolve in the area to add a new attraction to Docklands.

Andrea Fleming, CEO Mission to Seafarers Philip Hill, Group Strategic Director Asset 1



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It is important not to give up and to find ways to enjoy your training if you find yourself feeling less and less motivated. Try bringing a friend along.

A workout partner is a great way to keep up your fitness because you have someone else relying on you. Choose someone who is motivated, energetic and has an interest in your health. A friend who you will enjoy spending time with is also an added bonus to training.

Try some variety

It is also good to mix up your workout if you find your motivation lacking. Changing your approach and your routine will give you some added inspiration.

Design your routine around variety. include activities that you enjoy. Variety will physically challenge your body and you can achieve better results. Adding a range of different activities will ensure you target all muscle groups and improve your fitness levels without even realizing it.

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The centre combines a full-sized Coles and convenience stores with a range of fashion brands. A "mini major" precinct is also currently under development.

Mr Padey said the new precinct would include four super stores that would further cater to the needs of customers. He said the anchor tenants for the precinct would be announced in the coming months.

Spencer Outlet Centre has had previous incarnations but underwent a brand overhaul in March following the appointment of Retpro Group as manager of the centre in November last year.

According to Mr Padey, centre management will continue to work on bringing new brands and new faces to the centre.

He said upon completion of its redevelopment the centre would house over 110 stores, including well-known fashion brand outlets, take-away and dine-in-food and conveniences such as a pharmacy and supermarket.

"... To complement the trusty fashion and specialty retailers you know and love, the centre has also been reinvigorated with new brands, dynamic events and an improved ambience," Mr Padey said.

Mr Padey said the centre management team consisted of eight dedicated on-site staff along with the larger network of Retpro staff based at the head office in Southbank.

He also estimated that there were up to 600 full-time, part-time and casual staff employed by the centre's retailers. This number is sure to grow when the new "mini major" precinct is opened.

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PUTTING THE RIGHT FOOT FORWARD

Victoria Harbour Podiatry is one of Docklands' long-term **businesses**

Podiatrist Rebecca Talbot opened the business nine years ago on the ground floor of NAB's 800 Bourke St office.

The business was located within the Victoria Harbour Medical Centre and recently moved with the centre to a new location at the base of the Aurecon building in Merchant St.

Ms Talbot said she first decided to open her business in Docklands because she saw a need for a podiatrist service in the growing area.

Today the business remains the only podiatrist in the Victoria Harbour precinct.

Podiatrist Lewis Citroën has worked at Victoria Harbour Podiatry for the past two years and said majority of the clientele were local workers.

Victoria Harbour Podiatry is close to many of Docklands' big businesses, including NAB, ANZ and Myer.

It's an easy option for busy local workers, especially considering the fact it's located within the medical centre.

"The people I see are usually trying to get things done during their workday so they don't have to do it when they get home. It's easy to take a quick break from work and get things sorted out," Mr Citroën said.

"A lot of patients combine a visit to us with pathology or seeing one of the clinic doctors."

Ms Talbot added: "A lot of podiatrists don't open after hours as well, so getting to a podiatrist once you've finished work can be difficult."

Victoria Harbour Podiatry treats a range of foot issues including heel pain, shin splints, ankle problems, corns and calluses, ingrown nails and sports injuries.

Mr Citroën can also help with orthotic therapy, diabetic care, foot wear advice and gait assessments.

Ms Talbot said Victoria Harbour Podiatry could help with "any problems from the knees, down to the feet".

She also said local residents and workers should remember that a referral is not necessary when booking an appointment.

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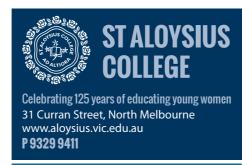
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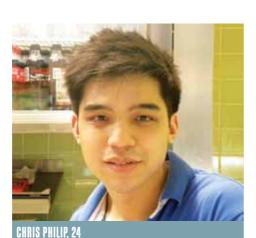
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As someone working in the Docklands area, Chris enjoys getting to meet a lot of different people everyday. Being situated so close to the station he says that the area attracts a great mixture of people from both city and country who he says are always

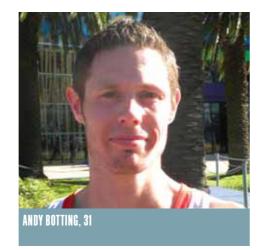
GRAHAM JENKINS, 67

It's the scenery at Harbour Town, the accessibility to parks and walking tracks and the sunshine that makes Docklands the perfect place for Graham to exercise



JOSETTE LOOMES, 32

As someone working in the city Josette says Docklands reveals a relaxing side to Melbourne. When the weather is nice there is no better place to retreat to for a run or enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants or bars than Docklands.



As a native to England, Andy loves the sunny side to Docklands and says there is a real buzz around the "up and coming" nature of the area. The mixture of big city development and relaxing scenery creates a lovely atmosphere for any visitor.



There is a real energy around Docklands brought about by the big events according to Hamraz. After major events, she says the atmosphere around the area makes it a fantastic place to work. She also always enjoys summer in Docklands for its great vibe.



Jomel enjoys the "clean" side of Docklands. The boats at Harbour Town and the beautiful scenery help to make it a wonderful place. He also says that Etihad Stadium is pretty awesome.



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Close race for the playoffs

By Robert Bremner

With only a few weeks remaining in the 2013 Australian Ice Hockey League season we could be in for one of the closest finishes in AIHL history.

Six of the eight sides in the competition still have an opportunity to make the playoffs, with only the Sydney Bears and Canberra Knights certain to miss out.

Sydney Ice Dogs remain at the top thanks to their 3-1 record in overtime matches but hold this position narrowly with Newcastle and Melbourne Ice nipping at their heels. Perth Thunder currently hold onto the final spot in the top four, but is by no means safe with Melbourne Mustangs and Adelaide Adrenaline both within striking distance.

For Melbourne Ice and Mustangs there is extra incentive to make the playoffs this year as they will be taking place in Melbourne, so will have the home ground advantage.

Melbourne Ice's form has remained steady over the past month. They were riding a four-game winning streak until recently after beating bottom sides Canberra and Sydney Bears twice including a 16-0 thrashing of the Knights before once again falling to top-of-the-table Sydney Ice Dogs. The Ice are yet to beat the Dogs and the Newcastle North Stars, which is a troubling fact heading towards the

play offs. The head-to-head record currently sits at 0-5 between Ice and these clubs – a statistic which must be altered if they are to have any chance of taking home their fourth Goodall Cup in as many seasons.

The Mustangs' form over the past month has been up and down. They had a good win against the Bears. Before returning from Perth with a win and a loss against the fourth placed Thunder. Following this the Mustangs beat the Bears again before taking on the Adrenaline at home. The two matches played were important in the context of the season, with ladder positions so close, and the games didn't disappoint. The Adrenaline won the first 5-4 in a shootout, coming from a goal down. But the Mustangs exacted their revenge the following day 7-6 also in a shootout.

Next up Melbourne faces the North Stars in a crucial clash for the two clubs.



Melbourne Flames paddlers Jenny Brown and Desma Smith celebrate their victory.

Local paddlers compete

Local dragon boaters were victorious at the World Dragon Boat Championships in Hungary last month, with the Australian team winning 35 medals.

The Australian team included 26 Docklands paddlers from local teams the Melbourne Flames, Dragon Masters, Yarra River Dragons and CYSM Sea Dragons. All four teams train out of Shed 2.

Melbourne Flames coach, Serghei Cusca, is also coach of the Australian team and said he was very happy with the results.

"This is the largest representation by Australia at the world championships with the best ever result," Mr Cusca said. Melbourne Flames paddler and Australian captain Georgina Wakim agreed with Mr Cusca, saying: "These championships have been absolutely awesome."

"The training and personal commitment is all worth it," Ms Wakim said.

The Australian team won 15 gold medals, 16 silver and four bronze at the world championships.

Next year's World Dragon Boat Championships will be held in Ravena, Italy.



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