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James Withers' dream-like photograph of Victoria Harbour (pictured above) captured Docklands' beauty and earned him the first prize in Destination Docklands "Shades of Winter" photography competition last month. See the story on page 15.

Doyle sinks Docklands ferry pledge

By Bethany Williams

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle has backed down from a pledge to commit \$500,000 to a Docklands ferry trial and has pointed the finger at local stakeholders for letting him off the hook.

During his pre-election campaign last year Cr Doyle promised \$500,000 towards the trial of a free weekday ferry service between Docklands and Northbank.

Instead council committed \$50,000 in the last budget for a ferry service feasibility study. The remaining \$450,000 Cr Doyle promised is nowhere to be seen.

Cr Doyle said following the election he

met with Destination Docklands and representatives of the Docklands business community to discuss water transport solutions for Docklands.

"At this time it was requested that a study be undertaken to assess timing, docking points and the possible integration with the proposal put forward by Minister Guy," Cr

"That study is currently being undertaken and I remain committed to water transport to improve connections to Docklands. he said.

Docklands News understands that the decision to allocate \$50,000 to the ferry rather than the \$500,000 promised did not come before councillors.

Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly

said the only conversations she had had with Cr Doyle about the potential for a Docklands terry service was during the Waterfront Forum in October last year.

The forum was held on October 17, which was after Cr Doyle pledged \$500,000 towards the service on October 2.

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Ms Donnelly suggested any other discussions about the best way to establish a ferry service may have happened at Waterfront Connections Committee meetings, which former Destination Docklands chair Clive Dwyer was a member

The committee was formed as a result of the Waterfront Forum and is made up of representatives from various stakeholder groups in Docklands and the Yarra River precinct. The Lord Mayor is also a member of the committee.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Stephen Clement sits on the committee and said the committee had made it clear to the Lord Mayor that at least \$250,000 was required for a thorough feasibility study into a Docklands ferry service.

"Considering his pre-election pledge, the Lord Mayor should be committing more than \$50,000 towards the study."

Yarra River Business Association president John Ahern is chair of the Waterfront Connections Committee.

At a Docklands Chamber of Commerce networking event on October 9 Mr Ahern said: "We want Robert's pre-election pledge of the funds to be utilised for the exact purpose of what we are talking about tonight."

"... I implore the councillors to take back the message, really rattle the cage and get this feasibility study up," he said.

The comments followed Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Stephen Clements' call for more funding to be committed to the ferry feasibility study.

But, following a meeting with Cr Doyle last month, Mr Ahern had backed away from his comments.

When asked his position on Cr Doyle's failure to commit the additional \$450,000 he had promised to the ferry study, Mr Ahern declined to comment.

He also declined to comment on whether



Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

he honestly believed \$50,000 was enough to perform a thorough ferry feasibility study.

In a statement issued to Docklands News Mr Ahern said: "The [Waterfront Connections] committee believes that activation of the waterway, whether it be for transport, tourism or leisure, is best achieved through the combination of the private sector working hand-in-hand with the

"This requires a framework that harnesses both sides of the equation, the enthusiasm and creativity of the private sector, with the environment protections and public interest that are best handled by government. Our efforts are now very much focussed on this approach."

"If we can get this balance right, we firmly believe that things like a sustainable water transport system will flow from it."

Deals won't be revealed

The City of Melbourne is pushing for the public disclosure of Docklands developer agreements but they are unlikely to be revealed.

At a Future Melbourne meeting on August 13 councillors voted unanimously on a motion to request the public disclosure of the deals.

But Places Victoria, the authority responsible for brokering the deals, says the agreements are "commercial in confidence".

Council does not have access to the confidential agreements, which Councillor Stephen Mayne, who put forward the motion, described at the meeting as a "ridiculous situation," considering council is increasingly becoming the responsible authority in Docklands.

Cr Mayne's motion requested that council contact Places Victoria, the State Government, the State Opposition and major Docklands developers and request all of the state negotiated developer agreements be publicly released by June 30, 2015.

"... it's [Docklands] bigger than the size of the CBD, where there's currently been \$9 billion of development and there's going to be \$18 billion of development by 2020 and all of the commercial deals around that are secret." Cr Mayne said.

"As an advocate for transparency, even from the public's point of view that sounds a bit odd."

If an agreement for public release of the developer deals isn't reached council will request that City of Melbourne officers be granted confidential access to the agreements.

Places Victoria Docklands general manager Simon Wilson said the authority was unable to provide information in the agreements that was commercial in confidence, such as how much the developers paid for the land.

"However, Places Victoria has previously provided information pertaining to community infrastructure, public art and the master plans and is happy to provide this again, if required, particularly given there are new councillors," Mr Wilson said.

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An artist's impression of the Family Services and Boating Hub

Community precinct underway

The \$63 million Victoria Harbour community precinct is taking shape, with the last piece of timber placed on the library last month, marking its structural completion.

The library project is a collaboration between Lend Lease, Places Victoria and City of Melbourne.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy and Lord Mayor Robert Doyle were in Docklands last month to mark the occasion.

The pair also revealed further details about Dock Square and the Family Services and Boating Hub, with the first artist's impressions of the planned community facilities unveiled.

According to Cr Doyle, local families will benefit from having the community services located in the same place.

"The Family Services and Boating Hub means families in Docklands will be able to access services like maternal and child health in the same location as playgroups, parent information sessions and a large outdoor playground, all on the doorstep of the library and Dock Square," Cr Doyle said.

Construction of Dock Square, a civic square located at the intersection of Bourke and Collins Streets is set to finish in March next year, around the same time the library will open to the public.

The square, which is being delivered by Lend Lease, will provide more than 3500 sqm of public space including open lawn and evergreen trees, a café, a playground and a large-scale public artwork by Sally Smart.

Dock Square will also feature a timber decking area created using reclaimed ironbark from Victoria Harbour's wharf.

Construction of the Family Services and Boating Hub, another collaboration between Lend Lease, Places Victoria and City of Melbourne, is due to start in February next year and is planned to open to the public in September 2014.

The two-storey mixed-use development will become home to the Docklands Yacht Club, the Victorian Dragon Boat Association, Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club and Docklands family services.

The ground floor will feature storage space for dragon boats, yachts and canoes along with bike storage and an office.

The community services section of the building, on the first floor, will feature an outdoor play area overlooking the harbour, a multi-purpose function space, a kitchen and group meeting rooms.

The new community precinct will be serviced by trams, which will start operating along the \$20 million Collins St extension later this year.



Lend Lease has success in court

The State Government may have to repay over \$2.4 million to Lend Lease after the Victoria Harbour developer successfully appealed the way the State Revenue Office calculates stamp duty.

Last month the Court of Appeals found in favour of Lend Lease after an earlier appeal at the Supreme Court supported the State Revenue Office's calculations.

The appeal related to the stamp duty Lend Lease paid on a series of land transfer deals.

Between 2006 and 2010 the State Government and Lend Lease negotiated developer agreements for the transfer of seven parcels of land.

The land transferred included the Dock 5, Myer, Mosaic, Montage and Convesso sites.

As part of the land transfer agreements Lend Lease was required to contribute to infrastructure and public art located outside of the land parcels.

Lend Lease appealed the way the State Revenue Office calculated the stamp duty by including the agreed purchase price of the land along with the value of the agreed infrastructure and construction works.

A Lend Lease spokesperson said the company was pleased with the outcome of the appeal.

Docklands News understands that the government can appeal the Court of Appeal's decision.

A spokesperson said the State Revenue Office was currently considering the judgement and its options.



The first of the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel cabins is attached last month.

Some wheely good news

The first of the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel cabins was installed last month, prompting hope that news of an opening date might not be far away.

"With the installation process now underway we can begin finalising our opening timeline and launch activity," a Melbourne Star spokesperson said.

"We will be making a series of announcements including details of our launch programme and the exciting new features that are being incorporated into the Melbourne Star in coming months."

Upon opening the wheel will feature 21 fully enclosed glass cabins, accommodating up to 20 people each.

Each cabin is 5.7 metres long, four metres wide and weighs approximately 13 tonnes.

When *Docklands News* went to press four of the cabins had been installed.

At 120 metres high the wheel is around the same height as a 40-storey building.

Visitors to the wheel will experience 360-degree views stretching up to 40 kilometres away, allowing them to see across Docklands, the CBD and Port Phillip Bay and as far away as Mount Macedon, Arthur's Seat and the Dandenong Ranges.

Take your place at the table

The Docklands Networking Lunch is fast approaching so you had better get in quick if you want to secure a seat.

In the spirit of local business connections, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with *Docklands News* to present the 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.

Again, the September lunch will cost \$60. To book a place, send an email to **lunch@docklandsnews.com.au** or ring the office on **8689 7979**.

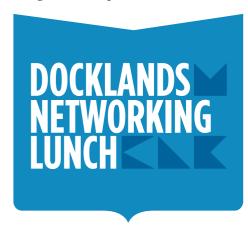
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Entrée: Caesar Salad (cos lettuce, parmesan, crispy bacon, croutons & boiled egg tossed in Bob's special Caesar dressing);

Main: Pasture Fed New York striploin (porterhouse) 350g served with smashed potatoes or fresh Tasmanian fillet of salmon. (Vegetarian option available);

Dessert: Lemon lime tart

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







Andria Hutchins offers unemployed young people a fresh start through The Revolution Project.

Fashion revolution hits the piazza

A new social enterprise in the NewQuay Piazza will offer preloved designer clothes at discount prices while helping young people break the cycle of long-term unemployment.

The Revolution Project is part of Renew Australia's Docklands Spaces project and is based in the NewQuay Piazza.

Founded by Andria Hutchins and piloted in Singapore, the enterprise sells donated designer clothing in order to fund a training program for young unemployed people.

Trainees receive paid work experience, while training for a certificate in business-related studies such as retail operations, visual merchandising and warehouse operations.

Ms Hutchins said 100 per cent of the profits made from selling donated designer clothing were directed back into the project, providing funding for wages and the training.

The Revolution Project is located in the NewQuay Piazza and is open Monday to Wednesday by appointment and Thursday to Sunday between 11am and 6pm.

Donations of clothing are welcomed.

Contact **info@revolutionproject.net** to find out how to donate.

Two schools are better than none

Docklands may get its own public primary school as well as a privately-operated one.

The education department is considering a state primary school in Digital Harbour but not on the site originally earmarked for the purpose.

The department was apparently uninterested in the allocated site on Harbour Esplanade because of a clause in an agreement, which would see the site revert to the developer if construction was not started by the end of next year.

However, a land-exchange deal between the developer and Places Victoria now means that the Government has extra time to prepare.

In May, Places Victoria announced it was seeking bids for the development and operation of a privately-operated primary school for the Digital Harbour site.

It is widely believed that Places Victoria received little interest from private schools.

However, it is understood that Places Victoria is talking to a developer and a private school about a different site within Docklands.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development says it is interested in Digital Harbour but the developer is tight-lipped.

A department spokesperson said: "Digital

Harbour is one of a number of sites under consideration for a future government primary school. Discussions continue between the department and the relevant agencies regarding how to best meet the future infrastructure needs of the growing Docklands and North Melbourne communities."

Digital Harbour director David Napier said he could offer no comment at this stage.

The original Digital Harbour school site was part of Digital Harbour's developer agreement with Places Victoria. Under the agreement, work on a school needed to have "substantially commenced" by December 31 next year or the site would have been returned to Digital Harbour.

By exchanging this site with another of similar size located in the middle of the precinct the time pressure surrounding starting a school development is released.

The number of children aged 14 and under is predicted to reach 750 by 2016, making action on a school increasingly necessary.

Docklands Community Forum representative Janine Standfield has been the strongest campaigner for a local school.

Ms Standfield said she welcomed any plans for a Docklands school.

Chamber AGM next month

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce is likely to hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, October 30.

The AGM has been delayed to allow for rule changes which became necessary to comply with the Associations Incorporation Reform

The chamber's executive is working through these changes and draft new rules will be put the AGM.

Members are encouraged to stand for election to the chamber's executive.

Chamber president Stephen Clement will nominate for an executive position but, at this stage, says he doesn't know which position. Mr Clement has been confirmed as ING Real Estate's delegate on the chamber.



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Brian is a man with a plan

For Brian Herlihy one the best parts about working for a major developer is seeing a project materialise.

His job with Lend Lease gives him the opportunity to see a project transition from the drawing board to the streetscape.

As project director for the recently-secured Batman's Hill site, Mr Herlihy has the opportunity to guide the development of a site that is around the same size as an average city block.

Lend Lease secured the 2.5 hectare site, the last major parcel of uncontracted land in Docklands, after going through a bid process that started in July 2011, when it and four other developers were shortlisted by Places Victoria for the contract.

The developer beat Australis Consortium, Leighton Properties and a joint bid between Grocon and Mirvac to secure the site.

Mr Herlihy is originally from Ireland and started his career as an architect before turning to project management and then development.

He's worked for Lend Lease for the past five years and has worked on urban regeneration projects including Victoria Harbour's Myer and ANZ buildings and the Collins St extension.

Mr Herlihy has spent the past year and a half leading Lend Lease's Batman's Hill team through the bid process and now into the master planning stage.

"We're now at the stage where we get the opportunity to put down the vision and capture that in the master plan," Mr Herlihy said.

"Lend Lease's vision is to create the best places and personally I'm very aligned to that as I'm pretty passionate about cities and how cities develop over time," Mr Herlihy said

The Batman's Hill development will become a mixed-use precinct worth an estimated \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years.

The site is currently home to Bruce Armstrong's 2002 sculpture *The Eagle*, which was inspired by Bunjil, the spirit creator of the Kulin nation.

The sculpture is owned by Places Victoria and may need to be moved, depending on the master plan for the site.

According to Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson, if the sculpture does need to be relocated the organisation's preference is that the artwork be moved to another location along Wurundjeri Way or to another site within Docklands.

If, and when, the sculpture is moved it will be making way for over 100,000 sqm of commercial space, around 600 homes, a sheltered public plaza and a north south laneway connecting Southern Cross Station and Collins St with Flinders St and the Northbank precinct.

Lend Lease will also deliver 1000 sqm of community facilities as part of land deal.

"We'll be working very closely with Places Victoria, with the City of Melbourne and all of the stakeholders involved to work through the best community use for those facilities," Mr Herlihy said.

The development will close the Collins St gap between Media House and Walker Corporation's Collins Square development, creating a continuous street front across the bridge.

"It's really filling in what is currently a disconnection between the historic CBD and the emerging Docklands precinct," Mr Herlihy said.

The Batman's Hill development is expected to take about 10 years to build, with construction forecast to start late next year, depending on the relevant approvals and market demand.

"I think one of the great things about working for a company like Lend Lease and in this kind of industry is that the work we do is ultimately physically built and you can walk down the street and touch it," Mr Herlihy said.

"When my family visit I can point out a



Brian Herlihy is responsible for leading Lend Lease's Batman's Hill project.

building or public space and tell them I was involved in bringing it to life," Mr Herlihy said.

Mr Herlihy said that, while it was a great feeling, his role came with a lot of responsibility.

"We need to make sure we get it right because we do leave lasting legacies and we want to leave really positive lasting legacies," Mr Herlihy said.







Docklands is an electoral challenge

Federal election candidates for the seat of Melbourne say campaigning in Docklands is more difficult than in other areas in the electorate.

The structural barrier of secure buildings and the perceived lack of obvious residential hubs have meant candidates have had to use less-traditional methods to interact with local residents.

Labor candidate Cath Bowtell said it was difficult to find the right place to set up a campaign stall in an area with a thoroughfare of residents.

"That comes back to that issue of no local school or train station, where we would usually set up," Ms Bowtell said.

Ms Bowtell said door knocking wasn't

possible due to secure buildings and phone campaigns were difficult due to an overall decline in homes having landlines.

"It means we have to use other modes like Facebook and Twitter to communicate with the residents."

Liberal candidate Sean Armistead agreed that structural barriers were an issue when campaigning in Docklands.

"We don't have access to letterboxes for letter drops and we can't door knock," Mr Armistead said.

But he said he had visited Docklands on two occasions to set up listening posts and A-frames near IGA in Bourke St.

Greens candidate and current MP Adam Bandt said Docklands' secure apartment buildings meant the traditional campaign method of door knocking wasn't a possibility.

But Mr Bandt said it was still possible to reach the local community.

He said he had spent time visiting local businesses and that the Greens had launched its election platform at The Hub in Docklands in July.

"I think Docklands is an importance part of the electorate, it's leading the way in terms of what Melbourne will look like in the future," Mr Bandt said

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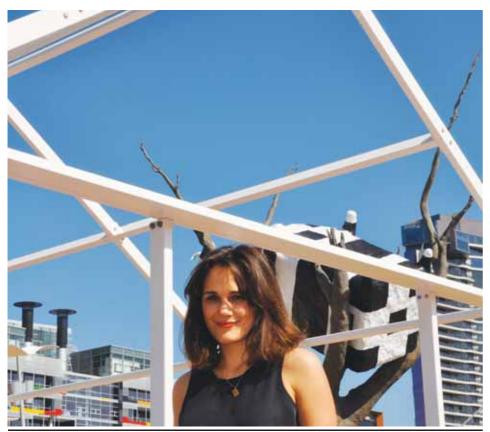
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Utopian Folk's Christie Petsinis says Hortus will open in time for summer.

Hortus is finally here

The long-awaited Harbour Esplanade glasshouse will soon open to the public.

Construction of the glasshouse, to be known as "Hortus", started last month and is expected to open to the public in time for summer.

The project has been brought to life by Utopian Folk, a collaboration between Folk Architects' Christie Petsinis and Tim Wilson and Utopian Slumps' Melissa Loughnan, after the group was awarded a Places Victoria contract to activate the site.

Hortus will house a plant installation by artist Lauren Berkowitz and a cafe serving coffee and seasonal produce.

Located in front of *Cow Up a Tree*, Hortus is hoped to provide a communal outdoor space for residents, workers and visitors.

Ms Petsinis said the space would also

be available for events and had already attracted plenty of interest from groups and businesses wanting to use the unique space.

"We hope that Hortus attracts visitors who are then encouraged to explore the rest of Docklands," Ms Petsinis said.

According to Ms Petsinis, Hortus will be based on Harbour Esplanade for at least 12 months before the structure is relocated, potentially to another location in Docklands.

Utopian Folk is currently seeking donations of cutlery, chairs and tables to help with the fit out of Hortus.

Local residents who are doing a spring clean and have items to donate can contact Utopian Folk at we@utopianfolk.com

Monitors reveal local hot spots

By Bethany Williams

Despite Docklands' commuter traffic doubling in the past four years, NewQuay hasn't experienced a rise in pedestrians.

Data collected by City of Melbourne pedestrian monitors at Webb Bridge and Southern Cross station indicate a steady rise in pedestrian traffic since 2009, owing to more workers in the area.

However, NewQuay has failed to attract more pedestrians, with the monthly average remaining steady since 2009.

Docklands has five pedestrian monitors, located on the Webb Bridge, at Southern Cross Station, Victoria Point, NewQuay East and Waterfront City.

Docklands' pedestrian monitors are part of a network of 20 sensors around the city that have been in place since 2009.

According to a City of Melbourne spokesperson, the sensors count pedestrian movement 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The spokesperson said the sensors were located under awnings or on street poles and counted pedestrian movements in two directions as people passed through the sensor's zone.

"The system records movements, not images, so no individual information is collected," the spokesperson said.

Data collected by the Southern Cross Station monitor on Collins St shows that the monthly average of 200,000 pedestrians in 2009 had risen to almost 350,000 people per month this year.

The Webb Bridge has seen a jump from a monthly average of just over 45,000 pedestrians to almost 120,000 per month in 2013.

In contrast, pedestrian traffic at NewQuay and Waterfront City hasn't increased since 2009, despite there being more residents and workers in Docklands.

The combined monthly average of pedestrians recorded by the Waterfront City and NewQuay monitors in 2009 was just over 230,000 people, while this year it was just under 220,000 people.

Victoria Point is the only area that has seen a dramatic drop in pedestrian traffic, almost halving since 2009.

In 2009, the Victoria Point monitor recorded a monthly average of more than 150,000 pedestrians.

By 2012 the monthly average had dropped to just over 140,000, before dropping to an average of below 90,000 pedestrians per month this year.

The drop of traffic between 2012 and 2013 can be explained by the removal of the stairs on Bourke St that led to the Southern Cross Station concourse.

The stairs were removed due to construction of the Medibank building.

As a result, pedestrians who would have walked down Bourke St to reach the stairs have instead used stairs on Harbour Esplanade and avoided the monitor.

A publicly available online visualisation tool shows an hourly depiction of pedestrian traffic across Docklands and the city dating back to 2009.

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Destination Docklands unveils plans

Destination Docklands has revealed its marketing and events program for the next year.

The local marketing body has planned a range of events and campaigns to attract visitors to Docklands.

Destination Docklands' event calendar includes Friday night Christmas markets, featuring a pop-up bar and live bands in Victoria Harbour on November 29, December 6 and December 13.

The marketing body will once again run an Australia Day event in January and will run another Water Ratrace Corporate Challenge in May next year.

A new event to be added to the calendar is Yarra's Edge Movie Nights to be held on selected Thursday evenings in February and March next year at Point Park.

Destination Docklands will be arranging ferries to bring people down from Federation Square to Point Park for the movie nights.

The movie nights will be held on February 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13.

Destination Docklands will also be running industry networking events in November this year and June next year.

The organisation is also developing a series of seasonal marketing campaigns,

These include the development of walking trails, progressive dinners featuring local restaurants, developing a visitor map and engaging with bloggers and high-profile food writers.

Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said the events and marketing program aimed to increase visitation, increase exposure for participating businesses and raise the profile of Docklands.

"Through events and marketing activities we hope to allay some of the negative public perceptions currently held by the media and Melburnians," Ms Donnelly said.



Good Cycles mechanic Mike Dann and co-founder Luke Wright.

Ending the cycle

A unique social enterprise offering mobile bicycle maintenance and support for people experiencing disadvantage has opened a workshop in Docklands.

Good Cycles has signed a peppercorn lease with Places Victoria and has opened a workshop on the ground floor of Places Victoria's Goods Shed North office.

The non-profit organisation, founded by Luke Wright and Loretta Curtin, offers a convenient bike maintenance service.

Professional mechanics travel throughout the CBD and surrounding suburbs, servicing bikes and teaching the essentials of bike maintenance, predominantly for groups.

"For Docklands businesses we can even pick bikes up and bring them back to our workshop to be serviced if that's preferred," Mr Wright said.

Participants involved in the Good Cycles program are employed as trainees, receive nationally accredited training and are provided with personal and employment support.

The ultimate goal is for trainees to gain employment in the cycling industry.

Good Cycles became operational a few months ago and the new Docklands base is its first permanent workshop.

"Having a home base is crucial to Good Cycles' success. It's a place to call our own, to work and train and to grow as an organisation," Mr Wright said.

"The security that comes with the tenancy in Docklands gives Good Cycles the breathing space to focus solely on its work and its mission," he said.

"We couldn't be happier in this space. It's big, warm and central to our customers. It's everything we need."

Currently the lease is a casual arrangement but Mr Wright said he hoped it would continue into the future as Good Cycles grew.

Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said providing a home for Good Cycles was one of a number of initiatives underway in Docklands to activate underused spaces, citing the Docklands Spaces program.

"We are really excited to bring these dynamic new businesses into the area, providing a greater mix of businesses in Docklands and bringing more people to the area," Mr Wilson said

Good Cycles' workshop is located at the Goods Shed at the corner of Village St and Fishplate Lane.

For more information see www.goodcycles.org

Community planting day

If you fancy yourself as a bit of a green thumb then a planting day at the Docklands Community Garden this month is the perfect opportunity to get your hands dirty.

The garden committee is gearing up for its spring and summer planting day on Sunday, September 15 and wants the local community to come along and join in the fun.

The planting day will kick off at 10am with a free hands-on gardening workshop at The Hub, led by horticulturalist Sandi Pullman.

Attendees will learn how to prepare soil for planting, what vegetables and herbs to plant during spring and summer and how to protect them from pests and disease.

The fun will then continue at the community garden in Geographe St, where locals and visitors can get their hands dirty and help out with the planting of the new crops.

Garden committee leader Greg Wise said the day would be a lot of fun with plenty of activities planned.

He said the committee would be putting on a barbecue and kids would be kept busy with competitions, prizes and planting activities.

Contact the garden committee at **docklandsgarden@gmail.com** to let the team know you'll be coming along.



join in the Spring planting day next month.



Building manager charged with assault

Former Conder building manager Ross Cartwright has been charged with assault and burglary after police were called to the building last month.

A Victoria Police spokesperson said a 34-year-old man had been charged with assault with the intent to rape and aggravated burglary.

Mr Cartwright was employed as the Conder building manager at the time of the reported offences but has since been dismissed from his position.

Conder owners corporation manager Michael Nugent said: "The building manager of the Conder has been terminated following an incident on Sunday, August 18."

"The Victoria Police are involved and the owners corporation can make no further comment."

Mr Cartwright has been remanded in custody and will appear before the Melbourne Magistrates Court on November 15.



No cancellation compensation

The City of Melbourne will not extend the Friday night fireworks despite cancelling a third of the scheduled events due to safety concerns.

Council planned nine fireworks events during July and August but cancelled three of them due to wild weather prompting safety concerns

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said the fireworks program wouldn't be extended.

Council doesn't plan to hold any events to compensate for the cancelled fireworks.

The spokesperson said the fireworks were

cancelled after a risk assessment indicated that winds would exceed safety parameters.

"This is the first time in the history of the regular winter fireworks program that strong winds have forced us to cancel them three times," the spokesperson said.

"While this is disappointing, the City of Melbourne places a premium on the safety of its residents and visitors."

Local regatta postponed

The Docklands Regatta, which was scheduled to take place this month, has been postponed.

The regatta was first held last year as a celebration of Docklands most valuable resource – the water.

Last year's event was held on a Sunday, but this year event organisers decided to hold the regatta on a Friday afternoon in hope of enticing local corporate groups to get involved.

Local charter boats offered a range of hospitality packages to corporate groups, with a percentage of the proceeds supporting the Mission to Seafarers.

The regatta, which was to be held on September 13, was to include the traditional blessing of the fleet, a cruise down the river and a visit to Williamstown to see the tall ships.

Melbourne Passenger Boat Association president James Gantidis said the group had been late promoting the event due to the change in format and had decided it was best to postpone the event until next year.

"From the interest we have received from the corporate sector we believe that we will be able to build on our experience so far and secure the event for 2014 and beyond," Mr Gantidis said.



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Soup Kitchen with a ReaL difference

By Sean Car

Docklands-based charity The Big Umbrella says it is not the action of providing a meal that inspires it to feed Melbourne's marginalised communities.

While a hot pancake or bowl of homemade soup might sound satisfying on its own merits, it believes a meal without the added side of respect isn't a meal at all.

Based at The Hub on Harbour Esplanade founder Justin Dickinson established a Flinders St soup kitchen over two years ago on the premise of giving people a meal but, more importantly, their time of day.

Operating every Wednesday and Thursday, "A ReaL MeaL" soup kitchen has since served close to 10,000 hot meals to more than 200-people a night.

ReaL MeaL director Michael Carlyon said the program was about building a community feel for volunteers and to those they supported.

"We differentiate ourselves from other food van services," he said. "Spending that length of time, getting to know people, offering the conversation is what it's about for us."

"They have fallen in love with us and we have fallen in love with them, we always look to support them in everyway possible."

The Big Umbrella and A ReaL MeaL started in Nepal after Mr Dickinson spent

three years volunteering and filming free documentaries for charities in third world countries

While in Nepal he became exposed to some 6000 to 8000 children calling the streets of Kathmandu their home, which compelled him into action both at home and abroad.

Today, The Big Umbrella supports NGO's and communities in Nepal and Vietnam on projects aimed at fighting hunger, homelessness, slave labour and human trafficking.

Partnerships with the Father Bob Maguire Foundation and Front Yard City Mission have since seen A ReaL MeaL extend to youth outreach and education programs as well as skills training for the homeless community.

Mr Carlyon said the charity was determined to help eradicate the next generation of homelessness in Melbourne.

For more information on A ReaL MeaL visit **www.thebigumbrella.org**



The Big Umbrella volunteers serve up hot meals with a smile.



Get ready to laugh out loud

The Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival will fill Docklands with music, comedy and cabaret next month.

The festival was first held last year and event organiser Melissa Head said the 2013 festival would once again bring a range of entertainment to Docklands.

The festival runs from October 1 until October 6 and features a program jampacked with local and international acts.

Entertainment on offer includes a standup comedy gala, jazz, magic, burlesque and more, with a range of free and ticketed

This year the festival includes a "Search for a Funny Bone" competition, where budding comedians can test out their jokes for the chance to win \$500 along with a spot in the gala comedy show alongside Jeff Green, Dave O'Neil and Dan Willis.

The six-day festival culminates in the free Sunday Blues Festival on October 6, with a range of blues artists performing at different venues throughout the day.

The Wonderland Spiegeltent is the festival hub, but you can also catch entertainment at nearby Groove Train and the Harbour Town

Ms Head said she hoped the annual event would make Docklands a festival destination.

Having just returned from the Edinburgh



Dream Boogie is just one of the great acts you can catch at the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival.

Fringe Festival, Ms Head said she would like the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues festival to grow into something that showcases Docklands internationally.

But she said more support was needed to ensure the festival continued to run each

Ms Head is currently searching for a major

sponsor to support the festival.

Businesses interested in sponsoring the 2014 Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival should contact Ms Head at melissa@ knockoutevents.com.au

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Docklands flash mob

By Sean Car

Docklands charity The Big Umbrella last month staged a flash mob as a one-year celebration of its Study 4 Change program.

The 70-strong flash mob, featuring secondary students from Noble Park, Eltham and Bellarine, appeared in front of the NAB building along Harbour Esplanade in what was a rehearsal for an even larger one planned at Federation Square.

Students were accompanied by teachers and program facilitators for the stunt, which was choreographed and orchestrated by wellbeing coach and "happiness guru" Frazer Kirkman.

The Big Umbrella founder Justin Dickinson said the flash mob provided students with the perfect means of celebration.



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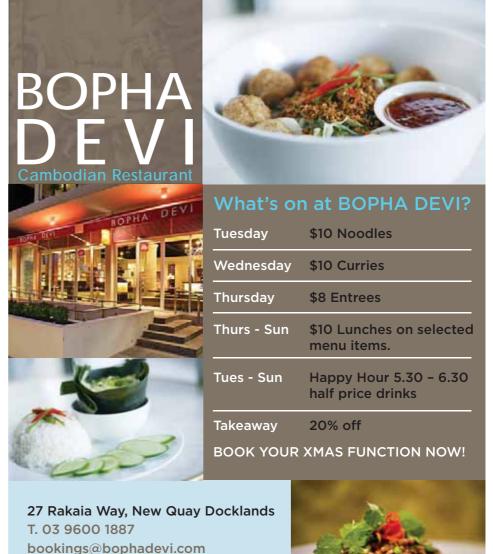
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An artist's impression of Collins Square featuring the redesigned tower.

Collins Square redesign

Walker Corporation has revealed an artist's impression of the redesign of a tower in its Collins Square project.

The 36-storey tower, the tallest in the development, has been redesigned into a two-part tower separated by distinctive garden plaza two thirds of the way up.

The tower, designed by Hassell Architects, offers more than 55,000 sqm of office space. It has been widely suggested that financial services firm KPMG would become the major tenant for the building but a Collins Square spokesperson dismissed this as industry gossip.

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Docklands inspires

Docklands was the creative inspiration behind over 120 entries in Destination Docklands' "Shades of Winter" photography competition.

According to Destination Docklands chair David Cochrane, the aim of the competition was to get people out and about in Docklands during the winter months.

Entries were accepted until the end of July, with selected photographs on display at the Harbour Town Tourism Lounge last month.

James Withers was named winner of the adult category for his purple-tinted photo of Victoria Harbour.

Coincidently, Mr Withers had taken the photo a day before seeing the competition

Mr Withers is currently studying photography and said he visited Docklands about once a fortnight to take photos.

He said he hoped to pursue a career in architectural and real estate photography, making Docklands the perfect location to hone his skills.

The youth category winner, 11-year-old Bella Miller, snapped an interesting photo incorporating NewQuay sculpture Silence.

Both James and Bella won \$1000 cash along with a selection of vouchers from Docklands businesses and attractions.



Destination Docklands chair David Cochrane congratulates James Withers on his winning photograph.

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Channel tunes in

Open Channel's new training facility at Docklands Studios was officially opened last month.

The screen-industry training organisation has been based at the new site for about four months after moving from Shed 4 in Victoria Harbour.

Minister for Employment, Skills and Training Brendan O'Connor was at the studios last month to launch Open Channel's new industry skills centre and mobile training unit, which travels to rural areas.

Open Channel's new home was constructed with the help of a State Government grant.

Mr O'Connor said the \$483,000 grant was an investment in the screen industry and in indigenous training.

Open Channel executive director Marc Gracie said recent partnerships, including the relationship with Docklands Studios, had brought a new energy to Open Channel.



Marc Gracie and Brendan O'Connor at the Open Channel



Gowrie early years leader Kristin Falzon with some of the children who will be taking part in the

ACE keeps pace

The donation of a new motorcycle will help the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) in Docklands continue to train students in the latest technology.

Kawasaki Motors donated the motorbike and associated equipment worth \$16,000 in order to invest in the education and training of the next generation of motorcycle technicians.

ACE trains over 150 motorcycle technicians each year from short courses in motorcycle maintenance to Certificate III motorcycle apprenticeships.

ACE business development manager Paul Beutel said: "What's important for us at the ACE is to ensure that our training and teaching methods are constantly evolving to keep pace with industry."

ACE also has a dedicated marine centre, which Kawasaki will also support through the donation of a super-charged jet-ski drive line unit.



Kawasaki sales manager Darren Holmes

New program calls for the young at heart

Senior Docklands residents are invited to join an intergenerational program starting at The Hub next month.

Gowrie Harbour Family and Children's Centre in Docklands is pioneering the program as a way of building relationships between different generations in the community.

Gowrie early years leader Kristin Falzon said the idea for the program developed after a child at the centre told staff his grandfather lived in a computer.

"His grandpa actually lives in the UK and the computer is their main source of interaction," Ms Falzon said.

"We understand that times have changed and families are living further apart and losing their natural intergenerational composition," she said.

Ms Falzon said Gowrie was currently

searching for senior adults to take part in the intergeneration pilot program at The Hub, which will be trialled until the end of the

The program starts on October 3 and will involve adults and children meeting weekly for about an hour and a half at The Hub to interact and learn from each other.

"We aim for the children to build respectful, meaningful and ongoing reciprocal relationships with the seniors while developing a strong sense of belonging to their diverse community," Ms Falzon said.

Locals interested in getting involved should contact The Hub on 8622 4822 or Gowrie Harbour Family and Children's Centre on 8624 1000 or

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PAULA CAMERARA, 43 Koko Belle

Docklands is an area with vast potential and a fantastic city atmosphere according to Paula. Working in the area provides a nice change from the suburbs and its centrality makes it an easy place to get to everyday.



DIVYA KAPOOR, 22

Retween the Sheets

The shopping available at Harbour Town is the major draw card for Divya as "there is a huge clearance every day." Now happily working in the area for two years, she says the people are always friendly and other co-workers in the centre are always helpful. Like many though, she is greatly anticipating the opening of the wheel.



JADE CARTER, 21

Jade says working in Docklands offers her a great chance to meet different people everyday making it an interesting area to work. She believes it is an area that possesses a lot of potential and is constantly on the up.



WARREN BARCLAY, 65

Warren first discovered Harbour Town a few years ago when meeting a friend at the pub located at the base of the wheel. Now he says that the great coffee and range of eateries make it a place that he loves returning to whenever visiting the city. Warren enjoys the peaceful nature of the area as it comes without the hustle and bustle of the city but says there is always something to do.



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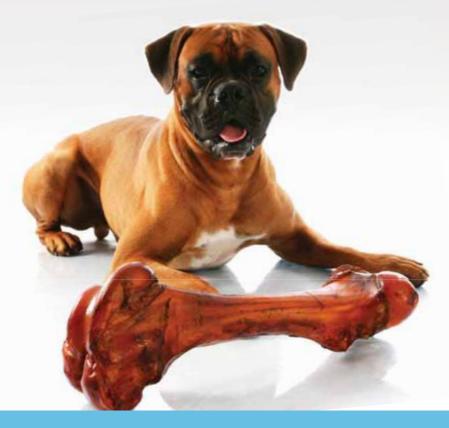
The outdoor feel to Harbour Town provides it with a different atmosphere to anywhere else in the city according to Phu. He says Docklands attracts plenty of tourism due to having some of the best scenery in Melbourne, giving him the chance to meet a lot of new and interesting people everyday.



CHRISTINE SPANDIDEAS, 46

Christine says the outdoor shopping atmosphere one experiences at Harbour Town is unique. Being located so centrally for tourism she says working in the area gives her the chance to meet a lot of interesting people everyday. She also says there is always plenty of excitement and mystery surrounding the opening of the wheel.

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A man of hidden talents

One of Docklands' newest residents, Tom Ogley, is a man of hidden talents.

Profile by Bethany Williams The 81-year-old moved from St Andrews Beach on the Mornington Peninsula to an apartment in Docklands around three months ago.

Tom's move was prompted by a desire to be closer to Melbourne's nightlife.

Not content to sit at home, Tom would drive from the peninsula into the city two or three nights a week to go "rock and roll" dancing at inner-city clubs.

After deciding he wanted to live closer to the city, Tom's daughter brought him to have a look at Docklands.

Within half an hour of arriving he had decided that Docklands was to be his new home, with the public transport links one of the main drawcards.

Although his nights are now easily occupied, Tom said upon first moving to Docklands he was at a loss for what to do during the day.

When he lived at St Andrews Beach Tom spent his days tending to an enormous garden, an activity that isn't possible when you live in an inner-city apartment.

"It's fantastic living in Docklands, so close to the city," Tom said. "But I was lost during the day and having been so active I had to find something to do."

Luckily, Tom discovered the Mission to Seafarers, which was in need of a volunteer to tend to its courtyard garden.

Tom can now be found at the mission every day, working hard to transform the garden and helping out wherever else he is needed.

"Now I've got exactly what I wanted," Tom said.

As an added bonus, volunteering at the mission also means he has got a place to practise his tap-dancing.

Alongside his "rock and roll" dancing, Tom has also been tap-dancing since he was a child.

He first learnt how to tap-dance in London, where he lived before moving to Australia with his family at the age of 30.

After continuously getting into fistfights as a child, he and a friend were punished with tapdancing classes, which they took for a year.

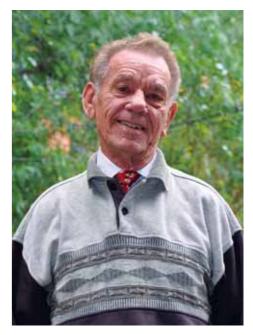
Eventually Tom told his teacher that he wouldn't be continuing the classes because he wanted to take up soccer.

"I went to my teacher and told her I would stop and she said 'No Tom, you can't leave. You've got something in your feet that people would die for," Tom said.

While he didn't continue to take classes Tom did take up tap-dancing again as an adult and the friend he took classes with went on to become a professional tap dancer.

After spending the day working in the garden Tom practises his tap-dancing in the Mission's Norla Dome.

Tom said people are often amazed by how



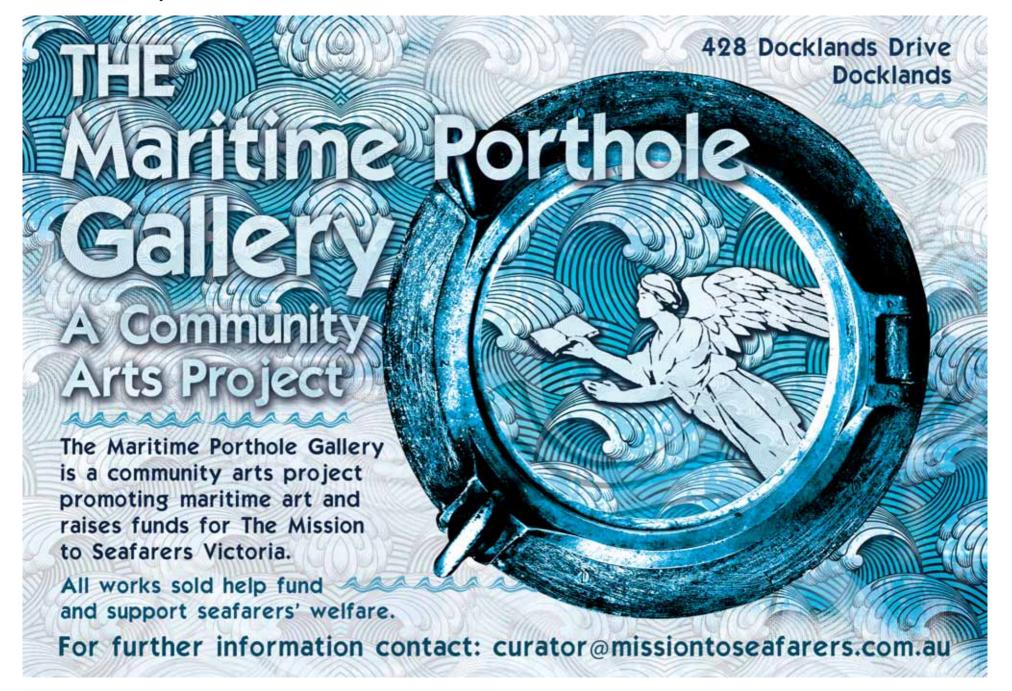
active he was and he is commonly asked what his secret is to living a long and healthy life.

"I can't put my finger on anything except maybe luck," Tom said.

"Although I would say it's important not to stress out. The next day or the next week you'll wonder why you did," he added.

It's clear Tom has led a very interesting life and has plenty more stories up his sleeve.

"It's amazing, life - if you use it," Tom said.





GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY

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Greetings everybody.

The DCA "Meet and Greet" party held at The Nixon on July 25 was a great success with guests attending from all parts of Docklands. The DCA now has a record membership and growing. We will be holding a Christmas Party in December as usual.

The still inoperative observation wheel raised its head again in the media. On being interviewed, I said the continuing lack of completion is hurting business badly and holding Docklands to ridicule. Apparently there is still no estimated completion date. It seems to me they could do with more workers on the job. I also said it is not the only distinguishing feature of Docklands which is a work in progress and will be enhanced by the major redevelopment of the Esplanade.

The Premier and Minister Guy held a media presentation on July 29 announcing the planned development of Western Park, which is located at the end of Docklands Drive at Bolte Bridge. I attended and was afforded the opportunity of meeting the Premier and speaking privately for a short time with Matthew Guy about some planning issues. The plans for the park were

detailed in the last Dockland News. Work will start by mid next year and be done in stages over a few years.

Presidents of Southbank and East City community associations and myself met with Planning Minister Guy on August 13 addressing issues including developers not adhering to planning guidelines and unsatisfactory siting of selected buildings, including the proposed hotel on the Waterfront City Piazza.

Concerns expressed by us included tower massing, lack of adequate separation, the need for more open space, and for greater community consultation and transparency during the planning process, including reasons for ministerial override of

Regarding consultation and transparency, a suggestion was made to erect notice boards on sites informing of development applications lodged, as done in NSW.

Reference was made to a Singapore document proposing more sensitive development including more spacing.

Views expressed included that communities within the City Zone are entitled to the same rights of criticism of planned developments as are afforded to those in outside areas. I

am to see a department director to clarify current respective roles in Docklands developments between the planning department, Places Victoria and the council.

I attended a media presentation by the Minister and Lord Mayor on August 23 of the partly constructed Community Centre and Library on Victoria Harbour at the end of Bourke Street. I joined the inspection tour. The three-storey building by Lend Lease is very impressive and surprisingly large.

Another welcome surprise was that there will be a sizeable park at the front on an area already reserved for the purpose. This is good news considering the lack (until now) of green open space. It is gratifying to see attention now being given to the provision of public amenities in Docklands.

Recently, I attended a meeting of representatives of a number of community groups of inner areas including Kensington, North Melbourne, South Melbourne, Carlton and Docklands together with a couple of architects, the purpose being to establish a community urban planning alliance to have input into major development projects. The group is in the process of formulating terms of reference.

The Owners Corporation Network for inner Melbourne, which I chair, is due to meet

again shortly. We are finding reports on happenings from counterpart organisations interstate to be very informative.

As previously reported, they have been established for more than 10 years in NSW and Queensland and have input and influence in State Government planning. There is a similar association in Canberra.

They all are closely following developments with short-term rental, serviced apartments in Victoria in terms of the Watergate Appeal and the legislation foreshadowed by the Minister. We have had an approach from an OC Chair in Perth to be kept informed and seeking guidance on establishing an alliance.

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.

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

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Lunchtime music

Musicians Chris Taylor and Jen Land entertained the lunchtime crowd at the August Lunchbox session at The Hub on August 8.

The sweet-sounding acoustic session was the latest in the ongoing monthly series.

This month session moves back into the online space with a session on "Understanding e-Bay".

Bookings are required. To attend the Thursday, September 12 event, call The Hub on 8622 4822.





Celebrity spoodle

Dockland local Lily isn't afraid of the spotlight, as her very own Facebook page would suggest.

According to her carer, Amanda Sleigh, Lily's owners have set up a Facebook account for the three-year-old who is now very well known around town.

Amanda said she takes Lily out every day for a walk and that she can't go anywhere without bumping into someone she knows.

"I always bump into people that she knows. They've known her from since they moved in here, so she has plenty of friends," Amanda said.

As a product of the "apartment living lifestyle," Amanda said that, despite being one of the most well-behaved dogs she knows, the young spoodle has a devious

"She's trouble," she said. "She's always found that the best place to do her business is in the middle of the road."

"She knows that as soon as that little green man goes, yep that's my time. That means I have to pick it up in front of every car just staring at me laughing."

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A partnership at this time is full of promise and worthy of ruthless scrutiny. If you have big plans, long-term goals and a vision for where you want things to go, this is the time to really understand your partner, and to

also know who else is in the market so that you are sure of your choice. It's a time to test each other, project scenarios and see how you intend to handle them - the good and the bad. And if you feel satisfied with all the answers, then there comes a point in time where you just have to jump in and believe that you have got the magic together.

Balance is important, knowing that you are both bringing a different yet equal contribution to the table. Understanding their commitment is another big question, that needs to be asked directly and with clarity. Like any relationship, honesty and ethics are the framework for the possibility of this working. And when you go through and ask all the hard questions, and spend the time playing out various paths things could take, and you find yourself impressed with the answers, trusting of the intentions, and excited by the opportunity Well you can be pretty confident you've found the right

There are no guarantees of course, things in life can have a way of changing and, at

times, despite the best plans, can sometimes not achieve the results you aimed for. Now is the time to agree on the exit strategy, should it ever get to that, so that there is a plan in place. Particularly when the goals are high, the plans are big, and the level of commitment required is substantial. But that's when you know you're playing for keeps, you really want it to work, you want it to be "the partnership" you can retire with.

I've been doing my due diligence for a month or so now on the partner that I have selected. I was considering a few different partners, but they were fairly quickly ruled out after spending time in discussions, and left just one clear choice. And I am happy to say, that I feel very comfortable with my decision. Ok, that's an understatement -I'm absolutely thrilled. I'm full of energy, $I^{\prime}m$ waking up in the middle of the night thinking about things and smiling. I'm so pre-occupied with my thoughts about the future that I find I have to really focus to get other things done. I want this to work. I am ready to put the work in to make this work. I'm ready.

I am launching a new company, with a business partner that I admire and respect. I still love my existing company, and will keep it - in fact I have just been announced as finalist for Business of the Year, and finalist for Business Woman of the Year (will let you know next month if I actually win, but I am honoured to be finalist in these two categories) but after years of running businesses on my own, I can't wait for this new chapter to begin. Life just couldn't be more exciting.

I hope you have found partners - in life, in business, in friendships - that excite and stimulate you, that you can trust and can rely on. This is very new for me, and I just couldn't be happier. Like all things that are worthwhile, it will take a lot of work. And that's the way it should be.

Till next month.

Abby

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August has not been quiet in the Docklands community. The Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Cruise was a great success, despite the disappointing cancellation of the fireworks

Adverse weather conditions across the city and safety concerns stopped the evening's main entertainment event.

Nonetheless, chamber guests were lucky enough to hear from the City of Melbourne's manager of waterways, Doug Jarvis. Doug's presentation on his vision for the future of the Docklands' waterways was both interesting and informative. His message to the Docklands community is simple: Docklands greatest asset is the water, and we need to maximise its potential!

The chamber was especially privileged to be joined by members of the Yarra River Business Association, with whom we have been in discussions about waterfront activation. Pleasure Boat hospitality was warm and generous and demonstrated how lucky we are as a community to enjoy Docklands from its unique waterfront perspective.

With this in mind, the chamber announced its support for the Docklands Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet, which is intended to

support the valuable work the Mission to Seafarers performs in supporting the 60,000 seafarers who visit Melbourne each year.

Sadly, this event has been postponed until next year due to a number of factors, including the short notice given to our corporate sponsors to support the event.

This is an area where the Docklands community must become more supportive to ensure we embrace our unique waterways heritage. The chamber believes this is a minor setback, and we look forward to hearing about plans to ensure the Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet emerges stronger next year.

Last month the Chamber hosted a breakfast seminar presentation on "Retail Trends 2013" by advertising and brand guru Grant Davidson from Davidson Branding. Grant advises many large and small businesses on innovative ways in which to combat and/or embrace some of the many trends emerging in this age of technology.

The event was held in Harbour Town at the Medibank Icehouse and gave our retail members in Harbour Town (and beyond) some ideas to capture emerging retail trends.

Starting in September the chamber is $% \[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} =$

REPORTING FROM THE DOCKLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

proud to announce that we are joining with *Docklands News* to host a joint Docklands Networking Lunch. It is a logical step for the chamber to partner with *Docklands News* as an established date on the Docklands business calendar. We hope you will join us all on Friday, September 20, 12 noon at Bob's Steak and Chop House. For more information please refer to www.docklandscc.com.au or www.docklandsnews.com.au

Keep an eye open for announcements about the chamber's annual general meeting. Recent changes to the incorporation of associations legislation require the chamber to overhaul its rules of association before the next AGM. Once we have drafted these changes, our new rules will be presented at the AGM for adoption by special resolution.

On Tuesday, October 15, the chamber will co-present a public relations training road show with Destination Melbourne entitled PitchIt2Me. This is an intensive half-day workshop created by one of Australia's leading journalists Rachael Oakes-Ash. It is designed to help PR professionals, business owners and in-house marketers to improve their traditional and social media relationships and increase their editorial exposure.

Delegates will learn about managing and pitching to the media, preparing press releases and hosting "famils". This is a not-to-be-missed event by those who benefit from media exposure! Visit the what's on page on www.docklandscc.com.au for details.

The chamber executive would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that, as a representative association for Docklands, the chamber is receiving funding from the City of Melbourne under its Precincts Program 2013-17.

The chamber continues to work closely with Destination Docklands to continue presenting Docklands as the great destination it is.

The chamber is very pleased to have been approved for this funding and it will be expended on bringing activities to benefit our membership, the business community in Docklands and the precinct itself.

Businesses in Docklands, large and small are encouraged to renew their membership of the chamber to ensure strong representation at local and state government. Please direct all enquiries about membership to Nandini Bose via email

admin@docklandscc.com.au





Simon Watson, 17

LOCATION?

Spencer St.

WEARS?

Ben Sherman shirt, Levis, Blackhawk boots and RDX jacket from Germany.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Smart country.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My boots they are big and comfortable.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Keeping it traditional and not trying to showcase all the fads.

Arian De La Rocha, 22

LOCATION?

Spencer St.

WEARS

Brown jacket, Cotton On t-shirt, Cheap Mondays jeans and Politix boots.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Clean, smart, casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My jacket.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Not over doing it.

Daniel Mulder, 19

LOCATION?

Spencer St.

WEARS?

Politix suit and shoes.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Smart formal.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Shopping for a new suit for my footy gala night. I am buying this one!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

The whole outfit.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Feeling comfortable.



Emerging designers showcased in Docklands

Melbourne Spring Fashion Week is upon us and runway event 'Made in Melbourne' (MIM) hopes to support and promote emerging local designers.

MIM founder director, Katya Baxter believes Melbourne is a nurturing city for emerging labels and consumers need to be educated on the importance of supporting local designers rather than faceless mass-produced fashion.

"Melbourne prides itself on individuality, and having a thriving community of independent labels, is what makes Melbourne a destination shopping city in Australia," Ms Baxter said.

The showcase also helps to boost the profile of up-and-coming designers. Aaizel, a new Melbourne based label states: "Being a new designer it is important to get as much exposure and support as possible and we found MIM to be a perfect opportunity in helping us achieve this. It has been an exciting and exhilarating process."

The runway show held at River's Edge Events will feature designers from 16 Victorian labels, including award-winning labels like Sonya Kraan. Baxter described Docklands as providing the perfect Melbourne back-drop for the Melbourne-centric event.

MIM 2013 opens on Wednesday, September 4 at River's Edge Events, 18-38 Siddeley St. Tickets are available at the door.



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MADE IN HEAVEN



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?



Dan Angie

Feb 18, 1960 Dec 27, 1960
Sun in Aquarius Sun in Capricorn
Moon in Scorpio Moon in Aries

Dan

You are a unique individual who doesn't always need a relationship to feel good, but you do like to share your day-to-day observations with another. Your scorpio moon indicates that you love deeply when you find the right one and you are very loyal. Certainly no-one could accuse you of being a fair weather friend. Deep and passionate about your beliefs, you will fight all and any obstacles to achieve what you believe to be right, good and fair. At times you become despondent when others don't either agree with you or don't understand your vision. Work and outer achievements continually distract you from love and relationships as you feel that you can't have both. You can Dan. But you need to balance your life with more discipline. Work/ life balance, or life/work as I prefer to call it, will actually strengthen you and your place in the world. Let your significant other guide you in achieving this balance. In your work, you are gifted with technology, science maths and attention to detail. If you can bring some of this attention to detail to your relationships, you will achieve a true sense of peace, joy and prosperity, beyond what you can envision on

You are eclectic, fascinating and able to bring your dreams to reality in a quiet and steady way. Nothing is unachievable in your eyes. You are clear, logical and persistent when your heart is ignited.

Angie

You are the supreme individualist and march to your own drum. You need and want a deep connection to others, but a tradional relationship is not for you. Whilst you are happy to support and nurture others in the most fundamental way, you still believe each of us has their path and lessons to learn in our own unique way. You attract and are attracted to successful, intense partners that energise you but somehow leave you feeling restricted and constrained. You need to be close and yet you need to be free to explore.

One of your biggest life lessons is to not give away your power in relationships for the sake of compromise. By being your own true self and pursuing those projects that really matter to you, you become the type of partner everyone wants on their team.

Keep your individuality and be sensitive to others' needs. This will be the blessing your heart desires and will provide many rewards in this lifetime. 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. Remember, though, not to live and breathe your partner at the expense of your own needs, goals and desires.

Outcome of relationship:

All relationships (intimate or otherwise) are given to us, not by co-incidence but by design to teach us something, to help us overcome something, to provide us with something or to help us achieve something. Bright ideas, big-picture thinking and brilliant discussion make this a fun relationship. You have a North Node connection in the Eighth House, which is the house of true, deep bonding (sometimes bondage). Sharing your lives, money and joint resources will empower both of you to achieve your worldly goals. This placement is the traditional soul mate connection, where each of you is strengthened in areas that the other lacks. You will both complete each other. The lesson is not to try to transform the other to your ideals but to accept, appreciate and value the differences. Together, you both focus very much on worldly ambitions, achievements and career goals, with one of you always providing for the other the missing link.

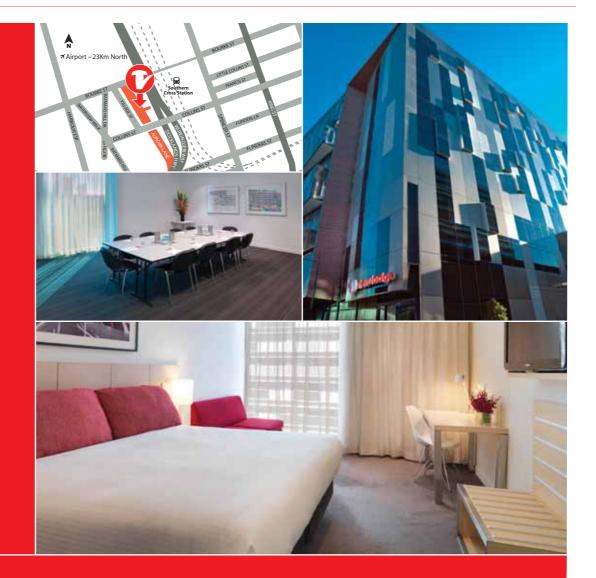
All of this outer world focus is great, but you will both need to be mindful of the other's emotions and deepest longings of the soul, rather than just the outer goals. Given the placement of North Node, it appears this relationship has legs and you will probably know each other all your lives so it behooves you to make something of it.

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Docklands' own Blinky Bill

Last month 'Docklands News' received a tip-off that a koala had made its home in one of the trees along Pearl River Road.

Docklands is no stranger to wild animals. We've witnessed a European rat plague and have seen a colony of wild rabbits make Docklands their home.

But a koala? Here in Docklands? It had to be seen to be believed.

Docklands News set off to investigate, examining each and every eucalyptus tree along Pearl River Road.

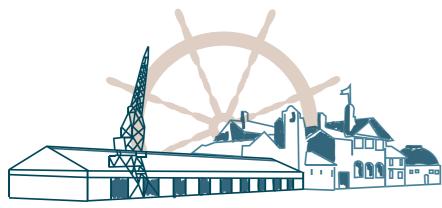
After a lengthy search, it finally seemed that the mysterious koala had been located, having spotted a koala-like shape in a very tall tree close to the Icehouse.

But further examination (with a telescopic lens), revealed the koala was in fact a stuffed

Is this the mystery koala other Docklanders have spotted or is the real Docklands koala in hiding?

And how did the toy koala get up there in the





NORTH WHARF NEWS

The North Wharf is home to a number of major corporations, small business owners and over 700 residents and amid the dynamics of all of these activities sits the tranquil Mission to Seafarers building that was purpose built in 1917 to create a home away from home for visiting seafarers.

Like many operators at Docklands, the mission has faced its own challenges and may offer a small example of courage to the broader Docklands community.

The Mission to Seafarers is one of Australia's oldest charities established in the Port of Melbourne in 1857. Since this time the organisation has endured its fair share of financial despair, it has survived through war times, depressions, recessions and in more recent times the global financial crisis that impacted severely on the shipping industry and donor support.

Since the crown land lease for the building expired some five years ago, the mission has also faced uncertainty of tenure and has needed to maintain faith in the precincts' developers and authorities to have a long-term vision for the preservation and sustainable future of its operations and investments. In the face of all of this, the custodians of The Mission to Seafarers today have maintained hope.

One of the perceived great challenges of the larger Docklands precinct is perhaps similar

- the complexity in terms of the diversity of its population - small business, corporate business, residential, tourism and developer ventures all on one playing field. Even from an international perspective, Docklands is a vast conglomeration responding to the challenges of creating various platforms for investment amid a myriad of influences from short and long-term investors as well as developers and major financiers all vying to make their mark.

Whilst some Docklanders look beyond the decade, others have disappeared into the great sunset of the Yarra River waterways and for those committed to long-term outcomes for this vital and unique community there are many hurdles and challenges.

In Docklands' case, many would say (including Jerry Seinfeld from New York): "We created the new restaurant but nobody

As a community we need to sincerely consider and appreciate these challenges and create a new perspective by recognising that to anchor our successful future it will

take a concerted community effort.

The Mission to Seafarers in Melbourne is one of 27 port operations nationally. As a small grass roots not for profit organization, the mission community often struggles but we have never given up. Great communities don't give up, they keep an eye on the big vision in the face of adversity, they look up and only see new horizons, and they keep looking forward and working hard to create, innovate and activate initiatives that support one another.

In the community sector we say "good will goes along way". There is a lot of good will for Docklands and as we embrace this fact and recognise our assets and not our obstacles, we create a future and an opportunity for others to embrace us.

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

New gallery

A one small example of community courage is the launch last week of the Maritime Porthole Gallery at 428 Docklands Drive as a new generation emerging artist's community initiative of the Mission to Seafarers Victoria, and celebrates the maritime identity of Docklands.

The gallery window is a visual interactive experience designed by Melbourne street artist 586 and invites the passersby to peer through the porthole and to stray momentarily to thoughts of life at sea.

MtSV Operations Manager Bill Reid said: "The gallery will raise awareness to the maritime identity of Docklands, surrounded by a residential community of artists and volunteers as well as Yarra River and Docklands businesses."

The MtS is one of Australia's oldest charities established in 1857 in the Port of Melbourne. Today the Mission's Flying Angel Club operates seven days a week at 717 Flinders St supporting approximately 60,000 seafarers who visit the port of Melbourne annually. Visitors are welcome.



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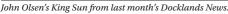


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Art appreciation meter

Scientists have developed a new model that is able to measure a person's appreciation of art.

The model, dubbed "psycho-historical framework for the science of art appreciation", looks at how people explain their psychological response to art, given external factors like an artist's intentions, the history of the art piece and the aesthetic of it.

The model was jointly created by Nicolas Bullot, from Australia's Macquarie University and Rolf Reber, from the University of

Bergen, Norway.

It could be employed by developers in Docklands to ascertain the community's response to the artworks that they intend to install publically - or have installed in the past - such as Cow up a Tree.

As stated in *Docklands News* last month: "Places Victoria requires Docklands developers to spend one per cent of the value of their developments on public art contributions."

The model hopefully will enlighten scientists as to what people appreciate about art.

David Sibenaler



Don't fall off the tracks!

12-week challenges seem to be the thing at the moment and are great to get you out of the rut and kick start your new lifestyle

Now you have signed up, the first thing you get a glimpse of is the diet and straight away think "what have I signed up for"!

Don't let that deter you. Just remember you signed up to change your life for the better. Trust me, it won't be long until you are trying to convince yourself that one treat won't hurt and whilst it won't be the end of the world, it will put you off track and most of all it will make the overall challenge harder.

The first four weeks are the killer, going from sugar and fatty foods to chicken breast, lean meat and steamed vegetables but, by the time you hit week six you will be steaming along if you have stayed strong.

You will still crave your favorite treat's but as you fuel your body with healthy and nutritious food the cravings won't be as bad and like all things it's just repetition and you should now be in a good groove.

If you do cave in and have a treat or two or, even worse, a day or two of bad eating don't let it get you back in the same old rut, get back into the rhythm and keep going and most of all don't go out and binge after a 12week challenge or it won't be long to you are back looking like the before photo.

Be organised

The first step to failure is failure to be organised.

Cook some extra food so you have it in advance, try and have two to three day's worth of food ready to go so all you have to do is grab a container out of the fridge or freezer and heat it up.

Getting your diet and fitness regime ironclad and all planned out is the key to successfully completing a 12-week challenge.

You don't have to be doing a challenge to follow these simple processes and with our lifestyles getting busier and busier good planning can help that new positive change in attitude to achieve your health and fitness goals.

Write down your short and long-term goals and keep them realistic and achievable and if you stay on track it is definitely possible to go above and beyond those goals.

Build a motivation board that is one of the first things you see when you wake up and one of the last things you see when you go

Stay positive

Remember to stay positive, plan in advance, try and do the challenge with someone as this will make sticking to both the diet and fitness plans easier but make sure it is with someone reliable. Remind yourself why you want to change and how you want to achieve it, it won't be long until the results begin to show and that will keep the motivation flowing because once you start seeing changes in your body and fitness levels you won't want to lose them.

Anytime Fitness - West Melbourne would like to thank Adam and Angelo from the Anytime Fitness - Port Melbourne club, great team and great club. If you are in the Port Melbourne area pop in and see the guys.

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NEW FACES AT NAB



NAB branch manger Kara-Jane Bell

NAB branch manager Lara-Jane Bell wants local residents and workers alike to get to know the friendly staff at Dockland's original NAB branch.

With eight (out of nine) staff new to the 800 Collins St branch since February, Ms Bell hopes anyone who hasn't yet had the chance to meet the fresh new faces will pop in and say hello.

With over 50 years combined experience, there's no doubt that the staff will be able to assist with any of your banking needs.

"The staff are innovative, young and passionate," Ms Bell said.

"We've got staff who are highly trained and have plenty of experience in different aspects of banking including the home-buying process and shares process," she said.

NAB Docklands is a one-stop shop, with staff and facilities available to assist with any banking needs or enquiries.

According to Ms Bell, in-store facilities make

it easy for customers to be self-sufficient when they visit the bank.

Of course there are always plenty of helpful staff on-hand to help as well.

"We have a no turn-away policy," Ms Bell said. "You'll always be able to talk to someone."

Ms Bell said the branch was focused on meeting the needs of customers at whatever phase of life they were at, from moving out of home, to having a baby, buying an investment property or retiring.

"We're interested in what's going on in your life now and also what your plans are for the next five to 10 years," Ms Bell said.

According to Ms Bell, there's always plenty going on at NAB Docklands, with campaigns constantly changing and in-store competitions running.

Currently the branch is running a Spring home loan campaign and there is also the chance to win an iPad.

Find out more about what NAB Docklands has to offer by visiting the branch at 800 Bourke St, located on the ground floor of NAB's head office.

GET THE HEALTHY VIBE

Matt and Mary Grantham are passionate about helping people achieve their health and fitness goals.

The mother and son team opened a Vibromania franchise in Docklands in 2008, offering a unique service to the growing residential and business community.

According to Mr Grantham, Docklands' growing community was one of the key reasons they chose to open the franchise here

"We had both been living in Docklands for about 18 months prior to opening the business and were excited by the prospect of becoming a part of the local business community," Mr Grantham said.

While Mr Grantham no longer lives in Docklands, Ms Grantham is still a local resident.

Vibromania offers a range of services that target different aspects of health, fitness and wellbeing.

"Backed up by research, investigation and over 10 years experience, we have found that the training and treatment programs offered by Vibromania can achieve significant results for our clients," Mr Grantham said.

Mr Grantham looks after the vibration training and altitude training aspects of the business.

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people of all ages and fitness levels and was an ideal way to tone, manage weight and relieve stress.

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Altitude training is another of the unique services Vibromania offers.

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Vibromania offers a range of health, fitness



Matt and Mary Grantham

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DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR





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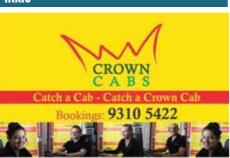
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The Mustangs are unlikely to make the play offs.

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Five teams fighting for four spots

By Robert Bremner

With the ice hockey play offs only a few weeks away, five teams are fighting for the top four spots and it seems as though the Mustangs' brilliant season is going to fall just short of success.

After a fantastic season, the Mustangs appear to be unable to make the play offs with only two weeks remaining in the home and away season. Currently sitting in fifth position, they are seven points shy of the fourth placed Perth Thunder and third placed Melbourne Ice who both sit on 48 points.

They are going to need a lot of luck if they are to jump above one of these teams and the draw has not done them any favours. Next up, the Mustangs face the North Stars away before taking on the Bears also on the road the following day.

To finish the season Melbourne face the

North Stars again but this time at the Medibank Icehouse. To have any chance of making the playoffs they will have to win all three of these matches and hope that other results fall their way.

It has been a season of great improvement with many highlights, including the Mustangs' first win over the Ice. The final score was 4-2 but doesn't reflect the defensive pressure that the Mustangs were put under throughout the game. Ice had 33 shots at goal compared with their opposition's 23, but it was the Mustangs' accuracy and defensive pressure that proved

the deciding factor in the end.

The previous weeks have seen a number of high quality matches, leading into the AIHL play offs. Sydney Ice Dogs remain on top of the ladder and have cemented themselves as the favourite to take out the prestigious title and halt Melbourne Ice's run of being premiers. They are closely followed by Newcastle who last weekend sealed their spot in the play offs with an 8-0 drubbing of bottom placed Canberra who are now riding a whopping 20 game losing streak!

Ice currently sit in third position and need only to win one more game to qualify for the

play offs. They have two matches against the Adrenaline away before a final standoff with the North Stars in what could be a potential final. Melbourne are still yet to taste victory against the two sides above them which is a troubling fact heading into the finals. For Melbourne to win their 4th title in a row they are going to have to find a way to get past both of these sides.

The finals between the top four teams will take place on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 at the Medibank Icehouse. Let's hope both Melbourne teams will be there!



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