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## Blast from the past

*Docklands maritime history was recognised last month, with the Mission to Seafarers' heritage collection found to have state and national significance.*

The collection consists of thousands of items, including letters, documents and photographs.

The seafarers pictured left are just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to the mission's vast and intriguing history.

They were the crew of the SS Siltonhall and took refuge at the mission in September of 1929 after their ship caught fire and was abandoned in the Indian Ocean.

Read more about the mission's heritage collection on page 4.

# Harbour Esplanade vision revealed

*The development of Harbour Esplanade could see heritage sheds reinstated, a ferry terminal and a historic boat moored by Central Pier, according to a proposal released by Places Victoria this month.*

The six-step “blueprint” outlines a plan for the development of Harbour Esplanade over the next 10 to 15 years.

Developed with the City of Melbourne, the proposal includes two new public squares, landscaping, play spaces and the reinstatement of heritage sheds.

The proposal also suggests the potential for a ferry terminal and a historic ship, moored by Central Pier and serving as a visitor attraction, by 2025.

“Our vision for Harbour Esplanade is a significant public waterside destination that is used every day of the year,” Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said.

“To achieve this, we need to find the right balance between buildings, open and green space, and recreation opportunities which respect the heritage of Docklands.”

According to diagrams provided by Places Victoria, the “key moves” of the development process are to protect key views, create a

“heritage heart”, optimise deep soil planting opportunities, increase water activation, improve the interface with the stadium precinct and provide wind protection and shelter.

Stage one of the proposal, the \$16 million demolition of the raised concrete wharf decks at wharves 8 and 15 and the remediation of the sea walls, is currently underway, with the intention of reconstructing at least one wharf deck next year.

Further stages of development will be delivered subject to planning approval and funding and Places Victoria expects to submit a planning application for future work later this year.

Places Victoria and City of Melbourne will start a community engagement program this month, building on previous consultations on Harbour Esplanade’s development.

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# Short-stay case returns to Building Appeals Board

*A newly-appointed Building Appeals Board (BAB) panel will hear the Watergate short-stay case next month, with a decision expected in June.*

Lawyer Ian Pridgeon is chairing the new panel, which also comprises building surveyor Matthew Wright and fire safety engineer Stephen Kip.

On April 7, the Watergate case returned to the BAB for a directions hearing, after being ordered back to the BAB by both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal last year.

A different BAB panel originally heard the case in 2012 and found in favour of the City of Melbourne, upholding its decision to issue building orders against owners of short-stay apartments in the Watergate building in 2011.

Watergate is classified as a Class 2 building under the Building Code of Australia and the orders required the owners to comply with building regulations applicable to a Class 3 building (akin to a hotel or boarding house) or to cease trading.

Docklands Executive Apartments operator Paul Salter unsuccessfully appealed the orders at the BAB, but then successfully appealed the BAB decision at the Supreme Court, which sent the case back to the BAB to be reheard.

Before it could return, the council appealed the Supreme Court decision in the Court of Appeals, which led to the same outcome, with the case remitted to the BAB.

At the April 7 directions hearing, Mr Salter's lawyer Richard Niall contended that the current BAB panel had two issues to resolve.

He said the building orders were "untenable" and subsequently the appeals should be allowed.

He also said he would press for an order for the council to pay the cost of the first BAB appeal.

Mr Niall said the appropriate course of action would be a half-day hearing to allow him to argue why the orders were untenable.

He said the problem with the first BAB



appeal was that it proceeded on the fact that short-stay apartments couldn't be considered Class 2 because the term "dwelling" was used in its definition.

The original BAB panel found that the term "dwelling", as it was used in the Class 2 definition, did not only refer to the physical characteristics required by building codes but also to a sense of connection between the occupants.

In his Supreme Court determination, Justice Beach said the BAB misinterpreted the building code when it gave the term "dwelling" a temporal requirement.

Speaking at the April 7 directions hearing, council's lawyer Tim Margetts said: "New facts and material can be relied upon by the board in making its decision."

He said Mr Salter now managed nine serviced apartments, with another to be added the following week, which he said could be an issue in terms of building classification.

The original building orders were issued in

relation to three of Mr Salter's apartments.

Mr Margetts also said the BAB panel needed to address the safety issues related to the change in occupancy characteristics of short-term residents.

Mr Margetts said orders relating to costs should depend on the outcome of the case currently before the panel.

Following a short adjournment, Mr Pridgeon said the panel proposed to consider the grounds suggested by Mr Niall relating to the "untenable" nature of the orders, because they could deal with the whole proceeding.

Mr Pridgeon said the term of panel member Stephen Kip (who was not present at the April 8 directions hearing) ended in June and therefore the panel would aim to ensure the matter was settled before the end of June.

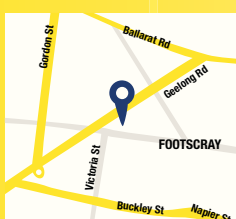
Mr Pridgeon said the panel would reserve the matter of costs until after a decision had been made and would deal with the matter separately.

The Watergate short-stay hearing has been listed for a full day hearing on May 22.

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An artist's impression of the new public square expected to open to the public this month in Victoria Harbour.

# Buluk Park or Dock Square?

*The City of Melbourne is considering options for the name of a new public space in Docklands.*

Currently known as Dock Square, the new park is located next to the Library at the Dock and is expected to open to the public this month.

Councillors unanimously endorsed the names Dock Square and Buluk Park (or square) for further consultation at a Future Melbourne Committee meeting on April 8.

Buluk is an Aboriginal name meaning wetland or swamp and reflects the area's original natural environment, while Dock Square reflects the location and post-settlement heritage of the area, according to a report presented at the meeting.

The City of Melbourne will consult with Places Victoria, Lend Lease, the Wurundjeri Land Council and the Docklands Community Forum representative group before making a final decision on the name.

# New library to open this month

*Docklands' first major community facility, the Library at the Dock, will open its doors to the public this month.*

The long-awaited "next generation" library will officially open on Saturday, May 31 with a host of events planned to celebrate the launch.

The main event of the library launch will be the inaugural Melbourne UNESCO City of Literature Oration, which will be presented by acclaimed Melbourne author Arnold Zable.

The launch will also include activities and programs throughout the day, showcasing the library's unique facilities including the recording studio, performance space, children's library and the digital, music and entertainment collections.

The opening will also include tours, maker-space activities such as 3D printing demonstrations, music production workshops, dance performances and technology activities.

Acting Lord Mayor Susan Riley said the opening event was the culmination of three years' work from a unique tri-partnership between Lend Lease, Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne.

"Library at the Dock is the most modern public library, in the most spectacular setting, in Australia," Cr Riley said.

"The Library at the Dock will be a place of inspiration for generations to come. For the creative and the literary, for students and for families, this building will provide Docklands with a civic heart."

"Globally Melbourne is recognised as a UNESCO City of Literature and this exciting new facility will enrich the culture of our city and the community of Docklands."

And, as if the program of events for the opening day wasn't enough, tram commuters in Docklands will also be treated to a range of onboard performances in the lead up to the launch event.

The onboard performances are aimed at demonstrating the diverse range of offerings at the new Library at the Dock.

Commuters on-board routes 75, 48, 86 will be entertained by the Phunktional Dance Company, Men in Suits choir and physical theatre ensemble Born in a Taxi.

You can see Phunktional Dance Company onboard route 75 from midday to 1pm until May 9.

The Men in Suits choir will be entertaining commuters on the 48 tram from 2pm to 3pm from May 12 to May 16.

Born in a Taxi will be onboard route 86 from midday to 1pm from May 19 to May 23.

A Flashmob will also take over Southern Cross Station in the lead-up to the opening.

Participants are asked to bring a book they love and will read together to celebrate books and the new library.

To take part in the flashmob meet in front of the V-Line ticketing booths at Southern Cross Station at 10.45 am on Tuesday, May 13.

The Library at the Dock will open at 10am on May 31, with the UNESCO City of Literature Oration to commence in the auditorium at midday.

For more details see [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands)

# LIBRARY AT THE DOCK

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Artist's impression.

# Recognition for historical collection

*When a pile of dusty boxes were pulled from beneath the stage of the Mission to Seafarers in 2007, no-one could have imagined how historically significant their contents would be.*

But last month, cultural heritage experts Context published a report recognising the state and national significance of the mission’s heritage collection, which includes these boxed items.

Mission to Seafarers’ CEO Andrea Fleming said the boxes were discovered when a search for more storage space led to a cleanup.

“I won’t be ashamed to say I opened them up (the boxes) and thought ‘oh well, we might need another skip,” she said.

However, it didn’t take long to realise how important the documents, letters and photos enclosed in the boxes were.

“Not only were they very old but they were very well preserved. In such an old building, in the dungeon almost, to find this was quite miraculous,” Ms Fleming said.

According to Mission curator Catherine McClay, the fact the boxes were underground likely contributed to their preservation.

“Because it was underground it means it was a very stable temperature, so that’s probably the number one reason there was so little damage, even though it would have been damp down there,” Ms McClay said.

The mission’s entire collection consists of around 10,000 items ranging from documents, letters and photographs, to the stain-glassed windows and pulpit in the chapel.

The earliest identified item in the collection is a minute book and letter book, which date to 1856.

“It’s very much a living museum,” Ms McClay said. “Most of the physical objects that are on the heritage register are still scattered around the mission.”

Collection management activities and a cataloguing process began in 2011 and, to date, approximately 350 items have been catalogued.

The Context assessment published last month, was one of the steps in Museum Australia’s Museum Accreditation Program, which the mission is currently undergoing.

It identified the mission’s collection as



A full-house of seafarers at the Mission to Seafarers on New Year’s Eve in 1927.

the largest and most complete Australian collection of material relating to seafarers’ welfare, the Mission to Seafarers in Australian and the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild.

It also acknowledged that the collection continues to be generated and used by the mission in the same building making it a “living” collection in a “living” museum.

According to Ms McClay, this recognition gives the mission, and its collection, a sense of legitimacy.

Ms Fleming agreed and said this was helpful in terms to the ongoing negotiations for the future of the mission and its freehold.

“The recommendation of the report that the collection should stay here, in-situ, as a working museum, works to our benefit as we eventually go back to the State Government to negotiate what’s going on here,” she said.

The Context assessment also recommends that the mission continue with the Museum Accreditation Program, that it undertake an oral history program with people associated with the mission and that it prioritise

collection management procedures and move towards digitising the collection.

According to Ms McClay, the Museum Accreditation Program will help the mission to develop collection management policies, which relate to preservation, the acquisition of new items and the development of a de-accession policy to determine which items in the collection are less significant and don’t necessarily need to be retained.

“That might include administrative things, like financial documents, which don’t necessarily tell a story,” Ms McClay said.

While finance records may not reveal interesting stories from the mission’s past, plenty of items in the collection do.

The collection includes the records of the women’s auxiliary group, the Harbour Lights Guild, which organised social events and entertainment for visiting seafarers.

“We have hundreds of photographs of those events, which are really unique from a social history perspective,” Ms McClay said.

The guild collection also includes around 50

letters received by one of its members from seafarers she met at the mission.

According to Ms McClay, the social etiquette rules of the guild asked members not to associate too closely with seafarers.

“This woman broke all of the rules and was corresponding with eight different men who were Australian and from all around the world, who were doing a lot of traveling,” Ms McClay said.

“One of her descendants donated the letters she received from those gentlemen, along with the photographs they had taken while they were in Melbourne and had sent back to her.”

Another item in the collection is a 1897 petition signed by 21 international ship’s captains and addressed to the executive committee of the Victorian Seaman’s Mission Melbourne. It requests that a facility be created on the Yarra River at the Australian Wharves rather than at the Melbourne Wharves at Port Melbourne.

“If a site could be obtained immediately above the gasworks – but on the opposite side of the Flinders Street Extension, that is to say the lower part of the land on which The Harbour Trust Offices are built, it would be most convenient for the shipping on both the north and south side of the river,” the petition states.

As Ms McClay explained, the petition asserts the importance of the mission’s current location, saying it would be required by seafarers because it was central and would cater to their needs.

“It’s interesting because it confirms how important this location was and continues to be,” Ms McClay said.

According to Ms Fleming, the heritage and museum program has provided an opportunity to engage with and talk about the mission with a new, broader audience.

“There’s an interest in preserving the building, there’s an interest in preserving the collection and there are grants available to us to more develop this,” she said.

“It’s really been a wonderful opportunity, a blessing for the Mission to Seafarers to find this collection in the condition that it’s in.”



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# New Places Victoria CEO explores Docklands

*Gregory Anderson is the first to admit he doesn't know all that much about Docklands ... yet.*

Having spent most of his career working at the opposite end of the city, Mr Anderson is now based at the Docklands end of Collins St, after taking up the post of Places Victoria CEO in March.

With no preconceived ideas about Docklands, Mr Anderson said it was a "pleasant surprise" to discover just how much development had happened here.

"I think Docklands is at a pivotal point now, in a positive way," he said. "I can really only speak from a public perspective because I don't know enough about Docklands as yet."

Mr Anderson took up the position on March 31 and said so far he had ventured into the Victoria Harbour precinct and had been impressed by its architectural diversity and atmosphere.

"You come around a corner and it's not predictable what's going to be there, whether it's an open space, another building or a water view, you're just not sure what's going to be around the corner, I found that exciting," he said.

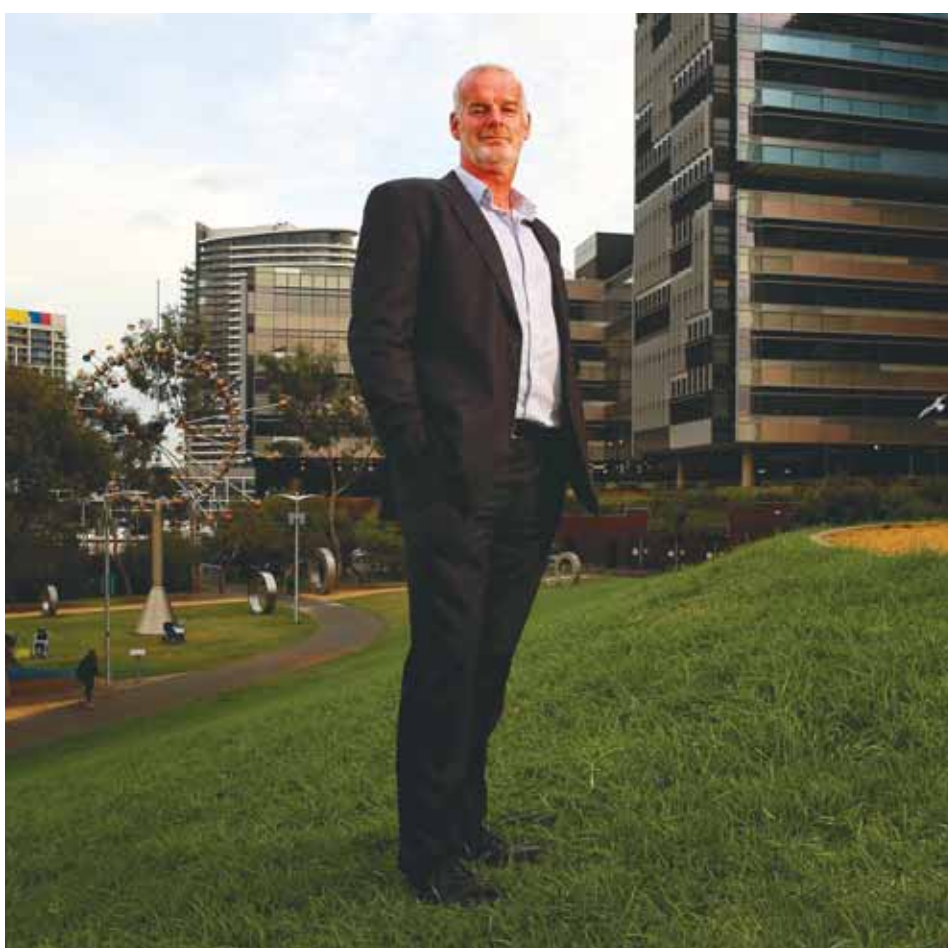
He highlighted the soon-to-open library and Dock Square, the Western Park project and the community consultation on Harbour Esplanade (*see our story on page 1*) as further examples of Docklands' continuing improvement.

Previously Mr Anderson's worked across the private and public sector, including the Postcode 3000 project with the City of Melbourne, Macquarie Bank, Walker Corporation and with the Department of Human Services.

As far as Places Victoria goes, Mr Anderson said he had begun his role in a positive environment.

The State Government's urban renewal authority, which is responsible for delivering Docklands alongside other urban renewal projects, has had a tumultuous recent history involving job cuts, restructures, and a number of acting CEOs throughout 2013.

Mr Anderson said the organisation would continue to evolve but further "formal restructures" were off the table.



*New Places Victoria CEO Gregory Anderson takes a look around Victoria Harbour.*

However, the Places Victoria board has recently been restructured. The previous board's terms, including chairman Ken Fehily, were not renewed when they expired on March 31.

The board currently consists of two public servants, with secretary of the Department of Transport Planning and Local Infrastructure Dean Yates acting as chairperson while deputy secretary of the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance, David Webster, is now deputy chairperson.

Mr Anderson said the board would not be limited to two people and was currently in a transitional period, with further board members still to be appointed by the planning department.

With a current staff of around 70 people, the

organisation is potentially looking to move out of the historic Goods Shed North office it has occupied since 2009.

"We've scaled down quite a bit so the space we have here is bigger than what we need, so we're looking at different options for how that can be more commercially efficient for us," Mr Anderson said.

"We'd certainly like to stay in Docklands. Whether we can manage to stay in this building or not is something that will be determined further down the track."

In the meantime, Mr Anderson said he was looking forward to getting to know Docklands and each of its precincts.

"I think there are plenty of positives and I'm looking forward to seeing it evolve."



## Tenants request mediation

*As retailers continue to desert Harbour Town Shopping Centre, a number of past and present tenants have banded together to request mediation with landlord ING.*

Speaking at the Docklands Community Forum on April 30, forum representative and owner of Le Cirque Fine Foods Albert Morcos put an end to rumours of a class-action lawsuit against ING.

He said a group of tenants were involved in mediation with ING, with a range of issues requiring resolution.

According to Mr Morcos, each of the retailers had different complaints, but the common thread related to promises made by ING to the retailers who had invested in the centre.

Mr Morcos told the forum that the majority of retailers in the upper level of the centre had left.

He said most retailers had signed a five-year lease, of which many had expired at the end of last year or early this year.

It's understood that Sydney-based real estate investment group Ashe Morgan plans to acquire Harbour Town and the Icehouse, with conditional contracts to purchase the site signed in March.

Mr Morcos said Harbour Town retailers were yet to be advised if the centre had a new owner.

An ING Real Estate Development representative from the Sydney head office declined to comment.

Harbour Town management did not respond to a request for comment prior to deadline.

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# New start for Nandini

*If you own a business in Docklands, then chances are you’ve met Nandini Bose.*

As executive officer for the Docklands Chamber of Commerce for almost eight years, Nandini knows more about the business community in Docklands than most.

But last month Nandini waved goodbye to both the Chamber of Commerce and to Docklands after resigning from her role.

Having worked in Docklands since 2006, Nandini can remember a time when Docklands was a lot quieter, with very little development.

“I think the biggest change I’ve seen during my time in Docklands has been the population explosion, which had been really enjoyable to watch,” she said.

And it’s not just Docklands that has changed over the past eight years, but the Chamber of Commerce too, according to Nandini.

Starting out as a “fledgling organisation” in 2003, the chamber had grown to become a “professional and credible” organisation, she said.

Nandini has worked with four different chamber presidents over her time with the organisation and said each had brought their own unique personalities and connections to the task.

According to Nandini, the professional highlights of her time in Docklands include the summits the chamber organised and held onboard former president Keith Rankin’s boats in 2011 and 2012.

“I’ve been looking back through minutes and old archive material and some of the ideas raised at the summits are really interesting and I think some of them have gone on to be developed,” she said.

Personally, Nandini said one of the highlights of working in Docklands was the relationships she had forged across the entire community.

“I live in an inner-city suburb and I can’t walk down the street there without somebody saying hello to me,” she said

“It’s the same here in Docklands. I love that I can walk through Harbour Town or Victoria Harbour or Yarra’s Edge and know the business owners, the people who run the cafes and shops and all the other businesses in between.”



*Docklands Chamber of Commerce executive Nandini Bose has taken up a position outside of Docklands.*

Nandini said it was the people who had made the job what it was and it’s the people she’ll miss the most.

“I feel privileged and grateful to have stepped into this role. I think I was given a lot of freedom and a lot of trust by various presidents and members of the executive committee, members of the chamber and the City of Melbourne to develop a direction for the chamber.”

“It’s been a really great learning experience.”

So what’s next for Nandini?

“I’m going to manage the offices of small community arts organisations in South Melbourne,” she said. “So the closest I’ll

get to Docklands is Southern Cross Station, which is a pity, but I’m sure I’ll be able to stop by.”

Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell said Nandini’s shoes would be hard to fill.

“Nandini had been an integral part of the chamber and has grown with the chamber,” she said.

“We wish her all the best in her new role.”

Alan Maxwell has been appointed as an interim officer while the Chamber of Commerce recruitment team fills the position.

# It’s Docklands for new office tenants

*Docklands is increasingly attracting office tenants ahead of the CBD, according to new research released last month.*

According to a report released by Savills, tenants continue to be attracted to new buildings on the CBD fringe, including Docklands.

The report states: “The majority of forecast new office supply is to be developed in the Docklands precinct, located at the south west corner of the CBD.”

“Docklands has attracted a number of large-scale tenants into newly-developed prime-grade space at competitive rents.”

According to the report, over the past decade the CBD has seen a net increase of more than 560,000 sqm of office accommodation.

During the same period, Southbank and Dockland combined have added around 572,000 sqm net of office space.

There are a number of office buildings under construction in Docklands, including the Medibank building on Bourke St, the AGL building on Collins St, the Victoria Police headquarters at the corner of LaTrobe and Spencer streets and the KPMG tower at Collins Square.

Planning approval has also been secured for office towers at 685 LaTrobe St and 1000 LaTrobe St.



*An artist’s impression of the KPMG building at Collins Square.*



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An artist's impression of the proposed Yarra's Edge tower.

# New tower for Yarra's Edge

*Mirvac is awaiting planning permit approval for a new residential tower at Yarra's Edge.*

The developer plans to build the 30-storey tower, known as Tower 10, in the "Bolte Precinct", which is located past the collection of townhouses, closer to the Bolte Bridge.

According to a report presented to the Future Melbourne Committee on May 6, the proposed site for the building is bound by

Lorimer St to the south, the River Homes to the east, the continuation of South Wharf Drive to the north and the proposed primary access road to the Bolte Precinct and future Tower 11 to the west.

The proposed tower would include a five-storey podium, 229 apartments, 302 car

spaces, 84 bicycle spaces and 229 sqm of ground level retail space and would be approximately 100 metres in height.

The permit application for the building was submitted to the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure in February.

## White Night unlikely

*White Night is unlikely to be extended into Docklands next year, with organisers estimating it would cost \$500,000 to do so.*

Speaking at the Docklands Community Forum on April 30, Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said she had recently met with the organisers of the major arts event, who told her it would require half a million dollars to extend the event into Docklands.

The event was first held in February 2013 and involved the city being transformed by art, film, music, live performance, lighting installations and interactive events between the hours of 7pm and 7am.

Activities stretched along Elizabeth, Swanston and Russell streets from the CBD across to St Kilda Rd and the Southbank precinct.

White Night was again held in February this year and, with a reported attendance of 500,000 people, there were some complaints of over-crowding.

Ms Donnelly said with no funding to bring the event to Docklands, she hoped this potential crowd crush would be enough to force the organisers to extend the event into Docklands.

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The Moon and the Sun crew set up onboard the Enterprize ahead of filming.

## Film shoot in Docklands

*Hollywood will come to Docklands this month, when shooting for major film 'The Moon and the Sun' takes place at Melbourne City Marina onboard local heritage ship the Enterprize.*

Starring Pierce Brosnan, William Hurt and Fan Bingbing, the fantasy adventure film is set in 1600s France and began shooting at Docklands Studios in April.

Filming is taking place at both the studio and throughout Melbourne and its surrounds.

Part of the film focuses on a search for the mythical mermaid and the filming at Melbourne City Marina involves the recreation of a stormy night on the North Sea.

Location manager Stephen Brett and on-site location manager Pia Emery attended the Docklands Community Forum on April 30 to inform local residents of what the filming would involve.

With filming taking place overnight between May 6 and May 8, Mr Brett and Ms Emery explained that the special effects required to create the "storm" would include a wind machine that would create elevated levels of sound, along with lightening and fog effects.

# Plans for Western Gateway tourism service shelved

*Docklands is likely to miss out on a potential tourism booster, with plans for a visitor service currently off the table.*

The City of Melbourne last month shelved plans for a Southern Cross Station visitor centre after failing to secure a funding partner for the initiative.

At a Future Melbourne Committee meeting on April 8, councillors voted unanimously to cease work on the project until other parties could commit funding and resources.

Council had been attempting to find a partner for the visitor service since December last year, after a report into a visitor service trial revealed minimal enquiries relating to Melbourne itself.

The trial visitor service operated at the station between September and November last year and, according to a council report, just 25 per cent of enquiries related to Melbourne as a visitor destination.

Of these, less than 1 per cent of enquiries related to Docklands, according to the report.

However, instances of proactive promotion of Docklands to visitors were not recorded.

Council officers met with stakeholders from Tourism Victoria, Public Transport Victoria, VLine, SkyBus and AssetCo (manager of Southern Cross Station during February and March) to propose a partnership model for the service.

Council had suggested a model, which would equate to it contributing 25 per cent to the operation costs, equivalent to the percentage of Melbourne-related enquiries

recorded during the trial.

However, none of the parties contacted have committed to funding or supporting the visitor service.

According to a report presented at the April 8 Future Melbourne Committee meeting, most of the parties have expressed their support for a visitor service but could not currently commit funds.

The report states that SkyBus is currently negotiating with AssetCo on a new operational model at Southern Cross Station and that AssetCo is willing to consider the proposal and provide in-kind support, but that this is dependent on other parties' ability to contribute.

Cr Beverley Pinder-Mortimer said the idea of co-locating a visitor service with other services had not been positive to date.

"It's refreshing to know that Skybus and AssetCo are in discussion and perhaps there might be a positive outcome from that," Cr Pinder-Mortimer said.

"We look forward to the possibility of a new operational model coming through from those discussions.

The report recommended that no further work on the visitor service should be carried out until other parties could commit resources and funding.

Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said she was too busy to comment on the visitor service.



Operation Obviate will focus on vulnerable road users including cyclists and pedestrians.

## Docklands police blitz

*Police will be keeping an extra close eye on Docklands' road users in May, with the launch of a month-long operation in the area.*

Operation Obviate aims to make the roads safer, particularly for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

According to Sen-Sgt Mick Wilmott, the operation will target Harbour Esplanade, Footscray Rd and Pearl River Rd, with the Melbourne Bike Patrol and uniformed members taking part in the operation.

"We see a lot of cyclists travelling down that thoroughfare in Docklands, so it's appropriate to target that area," Sen-Sgt Wilmott said.

"We realise there is a growing number of cyclists coming into the city and they are bound by road rules just as drivers are, that's why we're targeting this type of activity."

Sen-Sgt Wilmott said the operation would focus on ensuring cyclists abided by road rules and safety regulations.

The operation will also focus on motorists and, in particular, distracted drivers, such as people using phones while driving.

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Tan, Tommy and Mathew Snape at the Run for the Kids last month,

## Harbour Esplanade vision revealed

*Continued from page 1.*

“The Docklands community has grown substantially since the community was first consulted about the development of the waterfront in 2008,” Mr Wilson said.

“Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne believe it is important to continue the conversation to ensure current thinking about proposed buildings open space and community facilities meets the needs of everyone who uses the area.”

The community engagement process commences on May 9 on the Participate Melbourne website ([participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au)) where community members are invited to provide feedback.

Pop-up information stalls will also be held across Docklands between May 12 and June 6.

Drop-in sessions will be held at the Harbour Esplanade glasshouse, *Hortus*, on May 14 from 11am until 1pm, May 19 from 8am until 10am, May 30 from 2.30pm until 4.30pm and June 4 from 8am until 10am.

There will be an opportunity to provide feedback at the Docklands Market on May 18 and at the opening of the Library at the Dock on May 31.

Pop-up stalls will also be held at various times and locations including NAB, Harbour Town, Etihad Stadium, Docklands YMCA (ANZ), Digital Harbour, Customs House and Docklands Park.



*An artist's impression of the proposed redevelopment.*

# Triumph for Team Tommy

**Local worker Mathew Snape raised the second highest individual amount for the Run for the Kids appeal last month.**

Mr Snape works at the Melbourne City Marina waterways office and so far has raised almost \$7500, all of which goes towards the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For Mr Snape, the run wasn't just simply about raising money for a worthwhile cause, but also a way to personally give back to the hospital, which has supported his own family.

His son, 19-month-old Tommy, has been in and out of hospital for most of his young life and, although nothing is 100 per cent certain, at this stage he has been diagnosed with congenital bone marrow failure syndrome with severe ongoing neutropenia.

“The hospital has been there so much for us so we thought let's do some fundraising and give something back to the hospital that has given

so much to our little guy,” Mr Snape said.

Tommy has been a patient of the haematology, oncology, dermatology and cardiac departments within the hospital and has undergone multiple bone marrow biopsies, lumbar punctures, blood transfusions, blood tests and intravenous therapies.

As Mr Snape explained, when Tommy gets sick his body can't fix itself, which means something as simple as a runny nose can result in a few nights' stay in hospital.

“It's difficult at times but we get through it. Tan (Tommy's mum) and I have to be strong for the little guy,” Mr Snape said.

“When you look at the bigger picture, we go in (to the hospital) and see a lot of families who are lot worse off than we are.”

“We consider ourselves lucky, we do get a lot of time to enjoy our little guy and have a lot of fun.”

According to Mr Snape, Team Tommy was made up of 26 people, who joined in the fundraising efforts and took part in the Run for the Kids.

Some, including himself, ran the 15 km course, which travelled through Docklands, while others, including Tan and Tommy, took on the 5.5 km course.

Mr Snape already has plans to get involved with the Run for the Kids in 2015 and said next year's fundraising efforts would be “bigger and better”.

Donations towards Team Tommy's 2014 Run for the Kids appeal can still be made via <http://runforthekids2014.gofundraise.com.au/page/teamtommy080912>

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# Lunchbox news



A Feed Melbourne volunteer at last month's pop-up soup kitchen in Docklands.

# Pop-up soup kitchen arrives in Docklands

By Robert Bremner

**Docklands locals were treated to a gourmet soup lunch on April 16 thanks to top Melbourne restaurants and the Feed Melbourne Appeal.**

A pop up soup kitchen on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Bourke St saw Docklands workers and residents swarming to indulge in some gourmet soup for a worthy cause.

Locals were spoilt for choice with a number of different options available, all accompanied by a roll.

Victorian food rescue charity FareShare have partnered with Leader newspapers and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation to support The Feed Melbourne Appeal.

The appeal has been well supported by locals and even has the backing of music legend Bruce Springsteen who raised \$30,000 towards the appeal in 2013 and donated a further \$10,000 this year from his production company Thrill Hill Productions.

Every year 30 restaurants donate 40 litres of soup to the cause. The restaurants included Stokehouse, Gazi, Cookie, Movida and many more.

FareShare CEO Marcus Godinho told of how the Docklands community was always on board. "We do two pop up kitchens a year and the Docklands one is always very popular. Docklands employees are always very generous."

When asked if he had a favourite soup for the day Mr Godinho replied: "They all look delicious but my favourite is the Movida one due to my Iberian heritage."

Mr Godinho expected the Docklands kitchen to make \$5000, which equates to 10,000 meals provided for the less fortunate.

During the appeal local food charities were asked to apply for grants. They completed application forms which detailed what they did and how the grant would benefit their communities.

The largest charity kitchen currently resides in Abbotsford with 400 volunteers creating 20,000 meals to be distributed through charities.

# Police complex ahead of schedule

**Construction of the new Victoria Police complex in Docklands is ahead of schedule and the \$230 million development is now past the halfway point.**

Project manager Andrew Ward told *Docklands News* that construction of the 12-storey building was now complete and fit-out of Victoria Police's tenancy on the lower floors of the building had started.

Baulderstone began construction on the building, at the corner of LaTrobe and Spencer streets, in March last year and it is scheduled for completion by March 2015.

The building will become the new base for Crime Command, which is currently split between St Kilda Rd and Flinders St, Intelligence and Covert Support Command, Melbourne West Police Station and North West Metropolitan Region Headquarters.

Around 1500 Victoria Police staff will move into the building progressively between April and June next year, with a range of commissioning, training and induction activities planned for the moving-in process.

The new facility is the first purpose-built police property in the CBD since the Russell St police headquarters were built in 1943.

According to Mr Ward, the new police complex will improve community presence and accessibility and will improve public interaction with police via a public plaza and café.

At the same time, the new complex will centralise major crime and intelligence functions of Victoria Police, allowing ease of interaction and sharing of information between units.

Mr Ward said the complex would also allow the Melbourne West Police Station to support the community more effectively through patrol and response strategies that concentrate on police services to the city of Melbourne.

"We're quite lucky to secure this site because it's on the cusp of both the city and Docklands," Mr Ward said.

The 27,000 sqm building at 313 Spencer St has already acquired sustainability credentials, earning a 5 star NABERS for the base building and 4.5 star NABERS water rating.



The new Victoria Police complex is under construction at the corner of LaTrobe St and Spencer St.

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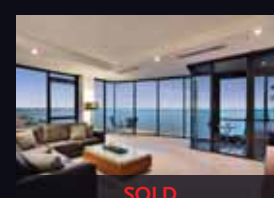
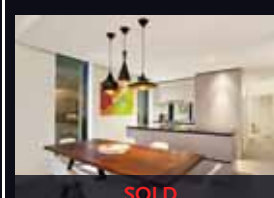
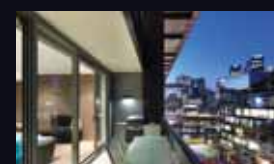
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# Networking lunch fast approaching

*Get in quick to secure your booking for the June Docklands Networking Lunch.*

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As always the lunch is \$60 per person. To book your seat, send an email to [lunch@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:lunch@docklandsnews.com.au) or contact the office on 8689 7979.

The menu for the June lunch is:

First entrée: Cheese baked lobster.

Second entrée: Cannelloni di ricotta with spinach and Napoli sauce or lasagna.

Main: Pollo fiorentino or sirloin steak. Both mains served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Dessert: Panna cotta or tiramisu.

Beverages: House red and white wines, champagne, beer, soft drinks, coffee.

# Sculpture provides a look into the past

By Robert Bremner

*Northbank Wharf has become home to a sculpture that will give the public a chance to travel back to the future.*

The sculpture, by Russell Anderson, is an interactive public artwork reminiscent of 19<sup>th</sup> century Melbourne.

Mr Anderson’s work entitled *Apparatus for Transtemporal Occurrence of Impending Space* (pictured below) celebrates the beauty of engineered objects such as trams, period cars and other scientific inventions. Through the human-scale machine, visitors will be able to see a fictionalised version of the future.

The City of Melbourne’s arts portfolio chair Cr Rohan Leppert said the artwork would enhance the landscape of Northbank Wharf.

“Public art makes the experience of walking around Melbourne an ever changing and intriguing one,” Cr Leppert said.

Mr Anderson said the work had only recently been restored after spending 80 years in storage.

“The surfaces are machined and cast bronze, brass, steel and copper. People will be able to turn a crank handle and peer into a porthole showing images of 19<sup>th</sup> century Melbourne,” Mr Anderson explained.

Mr Anderson has exhibited work both nationally and internationally for the past 17 years. His work includes anything from community to state and local government public art commissions.

*Apparatus for Transtemporal Occurrence of Impending Space* is located on the middle promenade of Northbank Wharf (opposite Polly Woodside).



# Central Pier stabbing

*The Easter long weekend got off to a bad start for one man in Docklands last month when he was allegedly stabbed in the head with a fork.*

The incident took place on Central Pier after a large group disembarked from a private function onboard the Lady Cutler at around 11.45pm on April 19.

According to Detective Sen-Constable Adrian Smith around 125 passengers were onboard the boat.

Multiple fights broke out amongst 40 of the passengers after the group disembarked.

The 25-year-old stabbing victim was taken to hospital with a head injury, whilst another man also required medical attention.

Lady Cutler skipper Jeff Gordon said there were no issues with the group during the cruise itself.

He said the incident took place around half an hour after the cruise had ended.

“They didn’t drink a lot, probably less than \$20 per head, so I don’t think it was alcohol that fuelled the violence but rather tension within the group.”

According to Detective Sen-Constable Smith, two men were arrested at the scene but charges have not been laid.

Police are appealing for public assistance to identify others who were involved in the fights.

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An artist's impression of Peddle Thorp Architect's Docklands Aquatic Centre concept.

# Here's an interesting idea for Harbour Esplanade

*Architectural firm Peddle Thorp Architects has come up with an interesting proposal for Harbour Esplanade.*

The firm has produced a concept for a Docklands Aquatic Centre, located opposite Etihad Stadium.

The proposal was not created in response to a formal request, but rather in response to what director Peter Brook saw as a need in the area.

"The Docklands Aquatic centre is a concept/ proposal we prepared to fill what we see as a gap in the recreational facilities available to inner-city residents," Mr Brook said.

The proposed aquatic centre would feature a 50-metre pool, a leisure and learn-to-swim pool, change facilities, a wellness centre, a

gym and fitness program room, a café and social spaces.

"Whilst it is a conceptual idea only at this stage, it has been very favourably received by a number of interested parties," Mr Brook said.

Despite this interest, the concept seems

unlikely to become a reality as the site suggested is already pigeonholed for a ferry terminal (*see our story on page 1*).

A pool, located in front of the Library at the Dock, is part of Lend Lease's masterplan for Victoria Harbour.



ANZ staffers Vivien Chan, Sam Toder, Oya McDonalds and Michael Bagshaw took part in the 24-hour MS MegaSwim last month.

## Squirrels can swim

*Docklands workers took part in a marathon 24-hour swimming event this month in order to raise funds for people living with multiple sclerosis.*

Five ANZ staffers were part of a team of 11 called the "Finned Squirrels" who raised more than \$6000 towards the cause at the MS Megawim at MSAC on May 3 and 4.

Teams who took part were required to have one person swimming during the entire 24-hour event and the "Finned Squirrels" managed to swim 59 km in that time.

Donations are still being accepted and can be made at <https://events.megaswim.com/2014-Melbourne-24-Hour-Mega-Swim/Finned+Squirrels>

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# Collision planned

*Two boats are expected to collide in Victoria Harbour this month, but onlookers shouldn't be too concerned as the collision is part of an emergency management exercise.*

City of Melbourne is running "Exercise Afloat" in Victoria Harbour on May 22 and will simulate a vessel collision, which will require the response of multiple agencies.

According to a council spokesperson, the aim of the exercise is to practise and test the City of Melbourne's field responses and management of a major emergency situation.

The exercise will unfold in real time and will involve Victoria Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, VICSES, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transport Planning and Local Infrastructure, Ambulance Victoria and City of Melbourne staff.

The spokesperson said the scene would be "quite dramatic" and council plans to inform surrounding businesses and residents of the exercise so they were aware it wasn't a real emergency.



# Morning coffee break

*Harbour Esplanade glasshouse Hortus got an extra boost of visitors last month when NAB's 800 Bourke St building was evacuated at around 10.30 am on April 24. NAB staff flooded onto Harbour Esplanade, with many popping into Hortus for a hot drink and escape from the cold. It's understood the evacuation was caused by a false alarm.*

# Explore Docklands' history

*Originally a wetlands, then a bustling port and now one of Melbourne's residential and business centres, Docklands has certainly had a varied history.*

This month, a free walking tour in Docklands will highlight the area's interesting past.

Archaeologist and historian Dr Gary Presland will lead the tour, which will focus on Docklands' environmental and human history.

The walking tour is part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, which runs from April 12 to May 26, and the tour is being run by the City of Melbourne's library service.

The tour will be held on May 10 from 2pm to 4pm and will leave from the Collins St exit at Southern Cross Station.

Similar tours have been held in North Melbourne, Southbank and East Melbourne.

To book your place visit [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService/WhatsOn1/Pages/SpecialEvents.aspx](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService/WhatsOn1/Pages/SpecialEvents.aspx)

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# New beginnings

For Wayne Perry, bringing his family’s boat to Docklands is a great way to escape and unwind.

Wayne, his wife Clare and 10-year-old twin daughters Mackenzie and Natasha, can often be found in Docklands onboard their 38-foot Mustang cruiser, *Nova Vida*.

The family bring the boat up to Docklands from Patterson Lakes every school holidays and at least one weekend per month, mooring at Melbourne City Marina or Yarra’s Edge.

Clare and Wayne purchased the boat just

over a year ago after they got married and said the name *Nova Vida* meant new beginnings.

“We got married then purchased the boat, so it sort of symbolised that new start together,” Wayne said.

*Nova Vida* isn’t the pair’s first boat, having previously owned a small trailerable boat and then a 28-foot Monterey, before

upgrading to the Mustang cruiser.

According to Wayne, visiting Docklands onboard *Nova Vida* provides the opportunity for release and a getaway from day-today-life.

“It’s the only place I relax.”

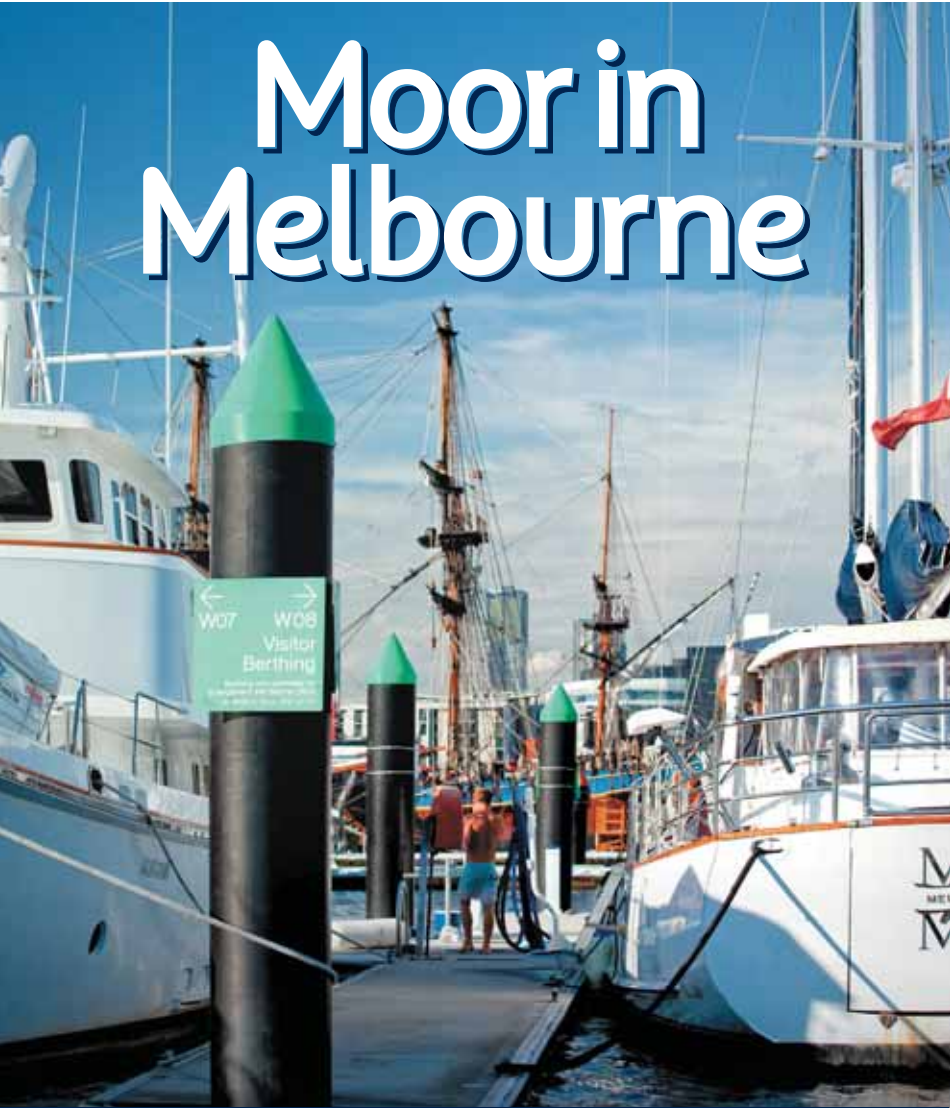
Wayne said the family has been visiting Docklands for the past six or seven years, and loved the area, enjoying the shopping

and restaurants.

“We’re really big supporters of the local businesses,” he said.

Importantly, the area is family-friendly and there is plenty to keep the kids entertained.

“The kids love coming into Docklands and we almost feel part of the community now,” Wayne said.





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# Alma inspires artists

An art exhibition celebrating the historic Alma Doepel will be held in Docklands this month.

“The Art of Alma,” will feature the work of eight different artists, depicting the 1903 topsail schooner in its various incarnations, including its restoration at Shed 2 at Docklands.

The exhibition, to be held at the Docklands Ocean Education Centre at Shed 2, has been curated by artist Maggie Cowling, who has been a regular fixture at the restoration site over the past few years.

“Eight artists will be presenting oils, watercolours and photographs of the Alma, as a way of celebrating the beauty and historical importance of the ship and the wonderful progress being made on her restoration,” Ms Cowling said

“The artists are of diverse backgrounds and from as far afield as Brisbane and Gippsland.”

“Some have sailed on the Alma, others are drawn to her by their love of all things maritime, others continue to be very involved in the restoration.”

Exhibition contributor Mary Sowa said her paintings of the Alma Doepel were based on her experiences as a crewmember from 1997 to 1999.

“I loved so many aspects of being involved with the Alma Doepel – the sense of preserving or experiencing a piece of living history, learning some of the time-honoured crafts of seamanship and maintaining a 100-year-old wooden vessel, along with all the thrilling adventures of sailing,” Ms Sowa said.

“I painted many pictures, aiming to document some of those different aspects of life aboard a tall ship.”

Fellow contributor, marine artist Jack Woods said he enjoyed painting classic sailing ships



and cruising yachts, particularly those with an Australian connection.

“Over past years I have watched Alma Doepel sailing around Port Phillip Bay and more recently followed the amazing restoration work by her many volunteers,” Mr Woods said.

“I have previously painted Alma sailing in fresh winds in a sunset scene and for the upcoming exhibition I wanted to show her sailing into the early morning in light winds, similar to conditions I have experienced as a volunteer crew member on the Topsail Schooner Enterprize.”

Director of the Alma Doepel Restoration and president of Tall Ships Victoria Peter Harris will open “The Art of Alma” exhibition on Friday, May 16.

It will be open to the public from 10am until 5pm on May 17 and 18 and then from May 22 until May 25.

You can find the exhibition at the Docklands Ocean Education Centre at Shed 2, North Wharf Road.

A portion of sales from the exhibition will be donated to the Alma Doepel restoration project.

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# A colourful cartoonist

*Yarra's Edge local Michelle Commandeur says Docklands is "full of colourful characters".*

Living and working in Docklands, Michelle has plenty of time to observe what's happening in the area.

A cartoonist who has recently returned to her craft, Michelle said she liked to point out some of the quirky things about life in her work.

"There are a lot of things around here that people who live or work in Docklands might relate to," Michelle said.

Many of these she captures in her "Docklands Daze" cartoons, which are published in *Docklands News*.

Michelle said she had loved drawing since she was a child and had done some cartooning when she was younger before becoming distracted by everyday life.

Around a year and a half ago Michelle took some time off work while unwell and it was then that she rediscovered her love of cartooning and illustration.

"One of the lessons I learnt from being unwell was that life's too short not to do what you really like doing, so I've been determined not to let it go again," she said.

Having now returned to her ANZ job part-time, Michelle has devoted the rest of her time to pursuing cartooning and illustration.

Michelle and her husband live at Yarra's Edge and both work in Docklands, making their commute almost non-existent.

"Our commute is around the marina and over the footbridge. You definitely don't miss the commute and we now wonder how people deal with it," Michelle said.

"We just don't have it as a factor in our lives anymore."



At the same time, the proximity to the city is another great part of living in Docklands.

"We're city dwellers, we like apartment, city-living and being close to the action," Michelle said.

Michelle said Yarra's Edge was a great community. "You get to know the retailers and cafes and you get to know a lot of people around the place."

"I really enjoy the dog-life. There's a lot of

apartment-dwelling dogs in Docklands so you get to see a lot of them out in the park."

But for Michelle, the best part about living in Docklands is being close to the waterfront.

"I think it's the water and having the view of the river and the boats," She said.

"It's great to have that proximity to the city but also have that really nice waterfront feel."

"It feels like you're on holidays all the time."



# Comedy carnival in Docklands

*Docklands' own entertainment hub came alive last month with a show full of comedy, intrigue and death-defying stunts, writes Bethany Williams.*

Hosted by the UK's Miss Behave, the Wonderland Carnivale saw a range of comedians and circus stars perform at the Salon de Elegence spiegel tent at Wonderland Fun Park.

*Docklands News* went along to find out more on April 3 and was treated to a night of classic, old-school variety.

The show kicked off with an introduction by Miss Behave, sword-swallower extraordinaire and our host for the evening.

Then came Head First Acrobats, a double-act who showed off their muscles with

some gravity-defying stunts, balancing precariously and very close to the audience.

Having been informed by Miss Behave that one of the lads had already taken a spill earlier in the day, I'm sure I wasn't the only one holding my breath, wondering if the duo's name was a sign of things to come.

Luckily this wasn't the case and the pair (not to mention those sitting in the front row) escaped unscathed.

A trio of comedians also took to the stage, with Mickey D and Dave Thornton warming up the crowd before headliner Bev Killick.

Although he started out a little shaky, Mickey D managed to win back the audience by the end of his set.

Local Dave Thornton also impressed, but did appear tired, likely a symptom of his early starts as commercial radio host.

Bev Killick was definitely the standout performer, with a bit more time on her hands to work with the audience.

The mother-of-two (a six-year-old and a teenager) highlighted the fact that she was definitely not a "yummy mummy" and was

certainly not a gym-clothes wearing, pilates-doing, Briiiiiggghthon mother.

The night ended with more sword swallowing by Miss Behave and the 80-odd audience members again collectively holding its breath.

The Wonderland Spiegel tent hosted the Wonderland Carnivale from March 27 until April 19 as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

For more information about spiegel tent events see [www.wonderlandspiegel tent.com.au](http://www.wonderlandspiegel tent.com.au)

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

*A flower. Soft cream petals, a single leaf on its stem. A flower that was nearly in full bloom, but not quite ... A flower that had shown the world all its beauty, but still had time before the petals fell and curled.*

The brown stamen had scattered little dots of pollen in the centre, and from there its scent gently caught on the breeze. A fragrance that was so beautiful, it made you stop and close your eyes and just breathe in. A flower that made your senses sing, and brought a smile to your lips. A rose, just a cream rose.

I was walking along the path that follows the beach, on a sunny afternoon last week. Just a regular Thursday afternoon, and whilst it's rare for me to take some time out, I had met a friend for coffee and we had decided on a walk to the headland to watch the autumn sunset hit the clouds on the horizon.

We were talking, laughing, catching up whilst bicycles whizzed by, joggers pounded the pavement, and all manner of sizes of dogs seemed united by a desire to free themselves of leads – and owners – and run on the beach in the wind. I felt content with the space I was in and focused on the “now”

rather than the lists of chores and emails I knew were waiting for me on my return. I was happy.

As we walked up the hill, a girl on a vintage-style bike, with white blonde hair in little bunches either side, was slowly cruising down the hill towards us, chatting to a boy who walked beside her. Like us, they weren't in a hurry, and were laughing and bantering back and forth. They looked like happy, hippy, alternative types – they could have been straight from the photos of an Indie music festival. We caught each other's eye, as you do when walking towards each other. And so we could have passed, with just a smile, and I would never have given them a second thought.

As we came side by side on the path, travelling in the opposite directions, she came to a stop on her bike and jumped off, and held out to me a cream rose and simply

said “for you” and smiled a gorgeously radiating smile. Surprised, I took the flower with a “thank you” before they were off on their way again and the sound of their chatter bounced around and faded. My friend looked perplexed before he asked “what was all that about?” To which my only conclusion is that it was quite simply: “A Random Act Of Kindness”.

I took the flower home and enjoyed its stunning fragrance for several days before the petals finally did fall, but the most important thing is the memory of it has made me smile for a while. And the message was clear to me – whilst we all know about Random Acts of Kindness and the power of them, or about the Pay it Forward movement, how many of us are actually doing them occasionally?

It made me remember how little it can sometimes take – a flower (picked from

someone's garden, there's no way that fragrance comes from hothouse flowers!) brought so much unexpected joy, and is something that I'll remember.

I'm waiting for my opportunity to give my Random Act of Kindness – I don't know what it will be, or when it will happen, but I believe the right moment will present itself and it will be a genuine passing on of kindness. And if we all could just occasionally pass on a little more kindness to each other, to strangers, wouldn't that be wonderful?

What a woman wants is to feel the love of her friends and family, but what a woman loves is to know that there is kindness out there, for no reason at all. Sometimes a rose, is a lot more than just a rose.

With love, Abby x

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## HELPING OTHERS MAKE CHANGE

By Karla Rawles

*Docklands resident Marion Haydon is more comfortable with the prospect of change than most. A career transition coach, she helps others make the changes they want in life.*



No stranger to change herself, Marion’s career journey led her through various training and human resources roles, before experiencing the help of a personal coach in her own life, which was a turning point.

“Working with someone who listened and asked questions really helped me think deeply about what I wanted to do with my life,” Marion said.

“Previously I felt I was just hopping from one lily pad to another without any clear direction. Coaching helped me reflect on my values and then make the right career and life choices.”

Marion was inspired to take a leap and trained as a coach. With a Graduate Diploma in Ontological Coaching, Marion’s view of coaching is holistic. Her approach gets to the heart of what makes people tick. She helps her clients delve into their internal dialogue and understand what inhibits personal change.

Now, 10 years on, Marion’s business LEAP Careers focuses on helping people who want to make a change, but aren’t sure where or

how to start.

“It’s all about listening to your inner voice, exploring your options and assessing them with your values in mind, before preparing to take a leap. It doesn’t just need to be a leap of faith.”

“Living in Docklands is a constant inspiration for me. I see so many people going to work in the morning. They say if you love what you do, you never work another day in your life, and I wonder how many are truly happy in their jobs.”

Marion’s clients range from people who are happy with their career, but aren’t in the right job, to people who really want to shake things up and find where their passion lies.

“I really understand that ‘stuck’ feeling – not knowing what to do or how to make a meaningful and fulfilling change. I’ve been there myself. That motivates me every day to help others get the most out of their life.”

For more information about making a change in your life visit [www.careerleap.com.au](http://www.careerleap.com.au)

## ON A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

*At Quest Docklands, the ultimate aim is to meet the needs of each and every guest.*

With plenty of corporate visitors passing through its doors, catering for the business traveller is high on the agenda for the serviced apartment business, according to general manager Brendan du Kamp.

“We’re really committed to servicing the growing corporate clientele who are coming down to Docklands,” Mr du Kamp.

Situated on Bourke St, Quest Docklands is just a few minutes walk from local corporate headquarters.

“Location is key for us and if you come to Docklands for business you’re not going to want to stay anywhere else because we are so close to all the major offices and general services along with bars and restaurants,” he said.

As more corporate tenants relocate to Docklands, Quest Docklands has also been working hard to ensure it meets the demands of the modern business traveller.

Refurbishment works completed last year were carried out with corporate guests in mind.

“We got to know our corporate clients really well and did a lot of research with them to find out exactly what they wanted from us,” Mr du Kamp said.

“We want to make sure our services and products are meeting the needs of business travellers that are coming to Docklands, whether it be for a couple of nights, a couple of months or a year.”

According to Mr du Kamp, many of the changes made through the refurbishment process related to functionality, including the size of the work desks, the speed of the wi-fi and the comfort of the beds.

“We’ve created a real hassle-free environment for our corporate guests,” he said.

Last year, the business was recognised for its



Assistant manager Erin Brady and Brendan du Kamp - a winning team.

commitment to service excellence and was named Quest’s Franchise of the Year.

Mr du Kamp said Quest Docklands earned the award because of its service delivery, commitment to reinvesting in the property and ensuring it provided value for its guests.

According to Mr du Kamp, what sets Quest Docklands apart is that it’s an owner-operated business.

“There’s a high-level of accountability and high-level of ownership coming from working in that small-business model, that you can relate to a family business environment,” he said.

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## REPORTING FROM THE DOCKLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The year is passing by very quickly as we look forward to May and all the challenges ahead. These have been made all the more so with the announcement by our executive officer, Nandini Bose, that she has decided to take an exciting opportunity and so has officially resigned from the Chamber of Commerce.

Nandini will be a hard act to follow and will be sadly missed by all of us on the chamber. During her time working for the Docklands Chamber she has exhibited an enormous passion for all things Docklands. We wish her well in her new workplace adventure.

As an interim measure, and pending a full recruitment process by members of the Chamber of Commerce, Alan Maxwell has kindly agreed to act as caretaker pending a replacement being formally appointed. This process is already underway, so watch the chamber website for further details.

Our next networking event is a joint venture with Destination Docklands on May 19. The event will be an invaluable opportunity to connect with the two Docklands organisations. We hope to see you all there again. It promises to be a great evening at Etihad Stadium's newly refurbished Terrace Bar. Please RSVP and come along. Nandini will be putting in a special appearance, so you will be able to say goodbye to her as well.

The Melbourne Regatta Day is once again being convened to celebrate Melbourne's birthday on Saturday, August 30 – "Melbourne Day" and will provide Melburnians with the opportunity to celebrate our rich maritime heritage and our great asset – the waterfront!

On the day, a spectacular flotilla of private and commercial vessels will mass in Victoria Harbour for a Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.

Vessels will be available for private charter and this will provide the perfect opportunity for businesses to entertain clients or reward workers. Additionally, access to some vessels will be available to the general public free of charge. Everyone who boards the vessels will enjoy the unique and magical perspective of Docklands and Melbourne from the water.

The event is supported by the City of Melbourne, Docklands Chamber

of Commerce, Yarra River Business Association, Melbourne Ports and Waterways and the Melbourne Day Committee.

Your chamber is encouraging all Docklands businesses to get on board with this event – together we can make it into a spectacular success! Larger businesses and corporates are invited to find out more about hiring individual vessels or sponsoring vessels for public access. We should all take pride in our own backyard, which is the waterfront ... we are so lucky! For more information on corporate bookings have a look at [www.cruisemelbourne.com.au](http://www.cruisemelbourne.com.au) or call Jeff Gordon on 0439 317 449.

Following the success of last year's Water Rat Race "amazing race-style" Corporate Challenge the event is returning to Docklands on May 9. Team entries have now closed. This is a "Race around Docklands" with your work mates for the chance to win fantastic prizes and the bragging rights of winning the 2014 Water Rat Race!

It is also an excellent way to test your knowledge on all the great destinations in Docklands! Teams will be dressing up in a theme with prizes and bonus points being awarded to the best-dressed team. Big thanks to Etihad Stadium, Walker Group, Servcorp and the City of Melbourne for their support of this event.

Melbourne is hosting the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014)

It is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policymakers, people living with HIV and others committed to ending the epidemic.

Docklands is only a few minutes walk away from the conference centre and we expect that our visitor numbers will be greatly increased over that time.

Your chamber is working with the City of Melbourne team to ensure that Docklands is a welcoming place for AIDS 2014 delegates and visitors.

We are discussing a number of exciting ideas around a "Paint the Town Red" theme. Several larger buildings and major Melbourne attractions have already

pledged to turn red and we are encouraging participation in the theme.

Additionally, we are looking to support businesses which wish to put together a special offer or package for conference delegates. We are still working out the logistics of how this will be promoted.

PAXAus 2014 is the largest consumer videogame and tabletop festival in America, and for the first time it has expanded internationally to Australia! PAXAus was first held in Melbourne last July, with tens of thousands of people attending the three-day event.

In 2014, PAXAus will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Southbank from October 31 and is expected to see an increase in attendance of more than 35 per cent.

Your chamber is engaging with PAXAus organisers and Tourism Victoria to help the precinct engage with the thousands of visitors who will attend the exhibition before, after and over the course of the weekend. We will bring you opportunities as they are developed.

The Moon and the Sun starring Pierce Brosnan, Kaya Scodelario, Benjamin Walker, William Hurt, Pablo Schreiber, Ben Lloyd-Hughes and Fan Bingbing is filming in Docklands from Tuesday, May 6 from approximately 5pm until 5am each night. Location manager Stephen Brett has advised all filming will take place throughout Melbourne and its surrounds, along with a studio component at the Docklands Studios Melbourne.

The location filming includes a proposed three-night period at Melbourne City Marina involving the re-creation of a ship in a stormy Northern Sea at night in the year 1648. Various special effects will take place throughout the filming nights in order to create the illusion of a storm. It might be worth your while having a walk past, if you are in the area.

For more information on items in this article you can visit the chamber website [www.docklandsgcc.com.au](http://www.docklandsgcc.com.au) or contact Alan at [admin@docklandsgcc.com.au](mailto:admin@docklandsgcc.com.au). In the meantime, enjoy May here in beautiful Docklands and see you all in June.



## DOCKLANDS SECRETS Congestion to ease

***VicRoads last month removed CityLink signage on Spencer St, which directed drivers to turn down LaTrobe St to reach the tollway, after 'Docklands News' pointed out the illogical location of the sign.***

Located on scaffolding near the Victoria Police complex under construction on the corner of LaTrobe and Spencer St, the sign defied common logic, which suggests the most direct route to CityLink is via Dudley St to Footscray Rd.

A VicRoads spokesperson said: "The sign will be removed but not relocated, as there is already a CityLink sign at the intersection of Spencer St and Dudley St, which directs traffic through Dudley St."

"The sign is expected to be removed in the coming weeks, after the Easter holiday period."





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## PET'S CORNER

# Cheeky Jack is a handful

*Three-year-old Jack is a Maltese who prefers to be an inside dog, which makes him perfectly suited for the high rise buildings of Docklands.*

According to his owners Swati and Asheesh Srivastava, Jack likes to misbehave.

"Don't ever leave lolly jars laying around or he will get into it and by the time you find it there wont be any left," Swati said.

Jack also has a love for chocolate, which his owners are trying very hard to remove.

He also loves Docklands Park.

The Srivastavas said it was difficult living in Docklands as there weren't a lot of places to take your pet and so he had to stay home when the family would go out to cafés or restaurants.



## AWAY FROM THE DESK



With  
Maria Doogan

Outside of work, I am a busy single mum. I have two incredible boys I love dearly, who treat me like a servant. I work full time, and in my spare-time cook, clean, sort out disputes between my children, try to stay out of disputes involving my parents or friends, fantasise about getting fit, and plan meditation retreats and hikes in New Zealand.

All this takes place in the time it takes my single friends to work, shop, think deeply about such things as what brand of watch to buy and where to invest their money, take exotic holidays and drink themselves into oblivion on a fairly regular basis.

This is not to mention the stay-at-home mums who drop their kids off at school before hitting the gym for some serious pilates followed by coffee and a low-carb breakfast. Do I sound bitter?

No no no no no ... far from it, but I do at times feel like I'm on a very fast, very stuck merry-go-round controlled by a manic clown with runny eye make up. But I digress ...

Funnily enough, over the past few weeks, I got my wish. I injured my back during a brief encounter with a potted plant I was throwing around on my driveway. One of the discs in the my lower back got aggravated and remained stubbornly out of place for a good solid week.

What I got for moving pot plants was enforced rest on the my sofa, being unable to move, reading whatever books were within reach at the time of being seated, texting, finding out what my smartphone can really do, watching TV, gazing into the air and CRYING – yes, lots of crying.

It seems like the very act of doing nothing has enabled me to do a hell of a lot of self-indulgent sooky processing that I quite simply had never had the time to do.

Because I live in a household of boys, it took quite a lot of explaining as to: a) why was I crying; b) what could be done about it; and c) when would I stop? I also copped quite a lot of "that's not worth crying".

When it did stop I felt like a new woman, and even better now I've been back at work a week.

But hey, hasn't the weather turned? Taking a lunchtime walk now requires more than having the right gear on hand, and an optimistic frame of mind. It requires STEELY DETERMINATION, and an IRON WILL.

So cold is the wind that I wish I really had gone out and bought that winter coat I waxed lyrical about in an earlier column. Follow through Maria, Follow through!

So it was with some trepidation that I stepped out today for lunch with my work colleagues at the revamped, refreshed and

very retro Savoy Hotel at the top of Bourke St. If you haven't been, and you have a thing for the 70s, but you love modern food (think "pulled" meat ) then you are in for a treat. There's even an original vintage cigarette tray running around the bar, and something about the spaces inside – the distance between the tables, the set of the windows – that's very 70s.

I've gotta say it was well worth the very brisk walk up Bourke St. Followed by the very brisk walk back. And I had no carbs, having used extreme SELF DISCIPLINE to leave the sourdough bread that encased my half of the steak sandwich I had on the plate. Cue halo here.

If you are at your desk, and you are a woman, you may be interested in a website I was introduced to today by a friend (thank you Mikey) called "Everyday Sexism". It's a site for people to bring their experiences of sexism – however large or small it may appear – to a public forum.

Posts can be anonymous or named. What struck me is the number of young girls who experience unwelcome sexual remarks or even physical assault from boys or men. It's very real and very confronting but really worthwhile, so check it out.

Til next time, enjoy the time away from your desk!

X Maria

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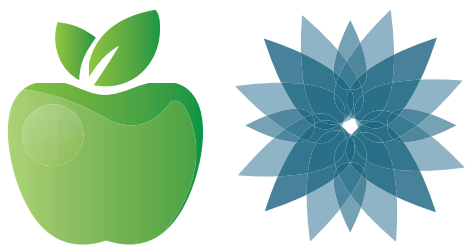
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# HEALTH & WELLBEING



*By Andrew Ward,*

*YMCA Docklands manager*

## Fit for the snow!

This week marked the first snowfalls of the 2014 snow season!

As renowned snow forecaster The Grasshopper said in his long range forecast: "Snow in May is as good as snow in March". And early snow falls are no indicator of a great season ahead.

One thing you can guarantee though is that when the first dump of the white stuff falls and the lifts are turning, thousands of Victorians will pack the car and head north to enjoy a great day in the snow.

The second part of the guarantee is that the vast percentage of those snow-goers will hit the slopes without any specific physical preparation for their sport. The lack of pre-season preparation, combined with poor warming up before a day of skiing, in an environment where temperatures can be -10 with wind chill is a potential recipe for disaster.

At a minimum, ill-prepared skiers and boarders will experience muscle soreness, which could be avoided with some pre-ski stretching. A worst case scenario might be a serious muscle tear, fall, broken bones or even a ruptured ligament requiring surgery. Skiing is expensive enough without having to cover costs relating to surgery and rehabilitation!

If you are a skier or boarder, whatever your level of experience, now is the time to start your pre-season training. The training should consist of leg, hip and core strengthening.

Mobility and stretching exercises, as well as

a good boost of cardio-vascular endurance work. Gaining knowledge about a pre-ski stretch routine is also advisable.

You can then hit the slopes with greater confidence that the day will end with smiles, and not with a stint inside the medical centre. Fingers crossed for some big snow falls this year!

## Seasonality - Avoiding winter weight gain

Today (as I write this article) is one of the first uncomfortably cold, wet and wintry days of 2014. And guess what? No one is out running. There are no sports being played on the Docklands Sports Courts. Only the hard core commuters are riding their bikes to work. And traffic in the gym (today) is down by 50 per cent compared to last week. Why? Because winter is indeed upon our doorstep.

As I return from my walk in the rain to get my lunch, I noticed the cafes and restaurants are full of coat-wearing corporate workers, sipping on a hearty soup and eating a delicious lasagne - lovely winter warmers, and about 500 calories in the lasagne, which is probably replacing a light chicken Caesar salad from early autumn when the sun was shining.

So within the space of a week as the cold weather has settled in, so too the habits associated with health, nutrition and exercise begin their seasonal transition for a large percentage of the population.

Maintaining an exercise routine during the cold, dark winter months is indeed a challenge for all of us. But as the saying goes, "failing to plan (your winter fitness program)

is like planning to fail".

We must start first with a recognition that when you reduce your regular exercise energy expenditure by 50 per cent (dropping from four workouts per week to two), and increase your energy intake by 25 per cent (introduction of winter warmer foods) that the likely outcome is that you will gain weight.

Project that impact out over three months to the end of winter and you may well be back to where you started at the beginning of last spring. And from there, you will start all over again ...

It is the perfect time to remove the impact of seasonality on your personal health and fitness plan. Next month we will review specific ideas on just how to stay healthy and active over winter!

## Lace up your running shoes for the Cup Challenge!

The upcoming Cup Challenge lunchtime fun runs will provide opportunities for Melbourne city workers to add some exercise to their lunch breaks or challenge their colleagues for office bragging rights! Two runs will be held; with race one at the iconic Tan Track and race two in the heart of the Docklands.

For those who want to continue running beyond these two Cup Challenge events, participants can stay involved by joining the new Corporate Cup lunchtime running competition in the second half of 2014.

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Edisa has been working in Docklands for the past three and a half years and says it's a great place to spend time with her family. She often brings her daughter to Docklands to enjoy Monkey Mania, Wonderland Fun Park and ice-skating at the Icehouse. She also enjoys visiting the local restaurants. "It's so easy to find a park and it's not overcrowded," Edisa said.



**VITO CAMPAGNA, 55**  
Head waiter, 90 Secondi

Vito describes Docklands as a fast-paced, growing, urban area, which is full of culture. He's worked in the area for the past two years and says he enjoys the diversity in Docklands and the fact that it attracts a wide-range of people, from corporates to sports fans.



**CHARLOTTE WILLMOTT, 23**  
Sandwich maker, Espresso Alto

Having grown up in a small English town, working in Docklands is a change for Charlotte. "I do enjoy being in the city," she said. Charlotte thinks Docklands has a nice atmosphere and has enjoyed visiting some of the bars in the area. "Definitely being by the water makes it very scenic," she said.



**SUKKY SHERGILL, 50**  
Visiting from New Zealand

Sukky has visited Melbourne many times before but when Docklands News ran into her she was in the middle of her first trip to Docklands. "There's lovely shopping here," Sukky said. Sukky was in Melbourne to visit family and friends and said she planned to take a cruise on the water while in town.



**VIVIAN TANG, 38**  
Co-owner, NewQuay Asian Grocery

Vivian opened her grocery two years ago, after noticing there weren't any other Asian groceries in Docklands. She said Docklands was a nice place to work and her customers were very kind. Vivian said she had many regular customers, who she had come to know over the past two years.



**OCVIDA, 30**  
Cook, Va Bene

Ocvida says the atmosphere in Docklands is great, especially when the footy is on. Ocvida says the best thing about working in Docklands is the people she works with. She's worked in the area for a year and a half and said the team at Va Bene was like a family. "We all know each other really well," Ocvida said.



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Facilities for the Docklands community will be enhanced in April when the community “Hub” opens opposite Docklands Park (and diagonally opposite the National Australia Bank building).

“The Hub” is the new shop-front for municipal services in Docklands.

With its official opening scheduled in April, the Hub will be open during normal office hours to provide a service access point to the Docklands community.

The inside of the building has been fitted out to provide office space, meeting rooms and display spaces.

Subsequent work will extensively develop the area around the Hub to provide useful outdoor spaces including an activity zone incorporating picnic zone, bocce courts, an amphi-theatre, and a street skate course. When you are next out walking in Docklands drop by the Hub and take a look at this new community facility.



## Fashion on the streets of Docklands

### Gemma Wood, 20

**LOCATION:** Harbour Town.

**WEARS:** Kmart top, Supré pants.

**DESCRIBE OUTFIT:** Casual.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM:** Mt Martha.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:** Ice skating.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:** Coats.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?** Style.

### Daniel Fisher, 20

**WEARS:** Just Jeans, Factory.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT:** Comfortable.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM:** Frankston.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:** Shopping.

**FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM:** Denim jacket.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:** Confidence.

### Odet Danci, 27

**LOCATION:** Harbour Town.

**WEARS:** All black. Uniqlo pants, Boohoo boots and Kmart scarf.

**DESCRIBE OUTFIT:** Comfortable and warm.

**WHERE FROM:** Hawthorn.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:** Work.

**FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM:** Boots.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



### Greetings everybody.

The official opening of our new community centre/library is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 31 and I understand all are invited to attend. It will be a great asset for the community and I'm sure everybody is keen to see it.

There is certainly no shortage of coming events in Docklands ranging from a film shoot of a French period story starring Pierce Brosnan using the Enterprise vessel May 6 to 8, a winter festival of fireworks at NewQuay every Friday night from July 4 through August 29 and another Etihad concert by Justin Timberlake in September.

The Esplanade work continues with the Stage One wharf repairs well underway. Now Places Victoria has suddenly asked for community input with ideas for the type and composition of the re-development and what it will comprise.

That's good to involve us but they've given only one month to June 6 to do it, which is hardly enough time for such a watershed far-reaching project and the fact that it will take

years to complete.

I criticised this lack of time at the Community Forum on April 30. I also criticised the fact that they have given us no options to choose from – meaning therefore how are they going to sort out a dog's breakfast of ideas? The DCA will conduct a survey of members. We will provide options ourselves to rank.

Forgive my scepticism, but I believe that Places Victoria and the council already have their own ideas and concept plans and they should have presented them to us to comment on. I say this because on a number of occasions they have stated they intend to put old cargo sheds on the Esplanade. So is this just a sham community consultation and what else have they got in mind that they should tell us.

The Esplanade extending from Bourke St to Docklands Drive is the focal point of entry into Docklands and attractive re-development to welcome people is essential. When questioned at the forum, Rob Moore, council's urban design manager, stated that there is no contract requiring council to use the sheds, which are in storage but he likes the idea of putting them there. The resident

opinion seems to be that nobody wants old cargo sheds on there and green space is a priority. We'll get on with the survey.

We have asked council if they can help us with somewhere to hold some get-together functions for residents to cut down on expense. We used to hold them at the Hub but have had to pay for venues ever since council removed approval to have liquor there. We have asked if a liquor licence can be made available at the new community centre.

We are campaigning for Places Victoria and the council to locate children's playgrounds in Victoria Harbour and NewQuay. Currently the only playground north of the river is the one at the Flinders St end of the Esplanade, which is insufficient.

We have been told by council that the previous small one in NewQuay East near the Conder, that was removed by the developer, will be relocated to the planned Western Park at Bolte Bridge. That location will not be within reasonable walking distance for children. We recommend that be re-considered. Perhaps the developer should be asked to provide space in a more central location. In terms of providing for Victoria Harbour residents, we hear a

playground may be provided in the new park fronting the new community centre at the end of Bourke St.

Legislation to regulate serviced apartments is still being prepared. Interstate owners corporation organisations are waiting to see what Victoria comes up with.

We have asked the council to attend to cleaning and maintenance items in NewQuay. If there are similar matters requiring attention in other areas please let me know and we will pass on to council.

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](mailto: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](http://www.docklandscommunityassociation.com)

Regards to all

*Roger Gardner*  
President DCA



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## How to change management

One of the more common legal issues that I am asked to advise on by owners corporations is in regard to the removal and replacement of contractors and agents that assist an owners corporation, from building managers and caretakers to owners corporation managers and security companies.

Typically, an owners corporation may perceive, over a period of time, that a person or company engaged by the owners corporation is not fulfilling their duties under the contract, and will seek to terminate the relationship.

Breaches of duties under contract are notoriously difficult to prove, and often lie in the eyes of the beholder. If the committee of an owners corporation perceive that breaches are occurring, they ought to take scrupulous

notes and create an electronic footprint of the breach, noting the exact dates and times and a summary of what occurred.

Legal advice should be sought earlier rather than later, as most commercial agreements will require not only a breach notice to be served giving notice of the exact breach, but also specify that a minimum period of time (usually 21 days) be given for the contracting party to remedy the breach.

The easier method of terminating an agreement is to wait until the expiry of the term of appointment of that contractor or company. Again, care should be taken in ascertaining exactly what dates the term of appointment rolls over. Many commercial agreements are for 24 months, with successive 24-month terms rolling over, should the key dates pass by without notice

of termination being given.

In addition, an owners corporation may be able to terminate an agreement in the event the contract was not executed in the approved form, or was not signed by the owners corporation.

Usually, the committee of the owners corporation has the legal authority to terminate or dismiss a contractor or company.

However, an owners corporation manager for instance, must be removed and appointed at a general meeting of the owners corporation via an ordinary resolution.

The termination of a company or contractor need not be a nasty or protracted affair; to avoid unnecessary litigation and costs, the owners corporation ought to take the time to

inform the key personnel at an early point – and preferably face to face – exactly why the owners corporation no longer require their services.

Often, in return for a reference from the owners corporation, a contractor or company will forego any outstanding service fees they are owed.

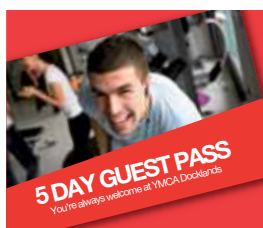
While an owners corporation ought not to put up with a sub-standard service, an owners corporation committee should always be aware that they are held to a duty to act in the best interests of the owners corporation at all times.

Consequently, care should be taken in making these decisions, otherwise it can lead to needless litigation.

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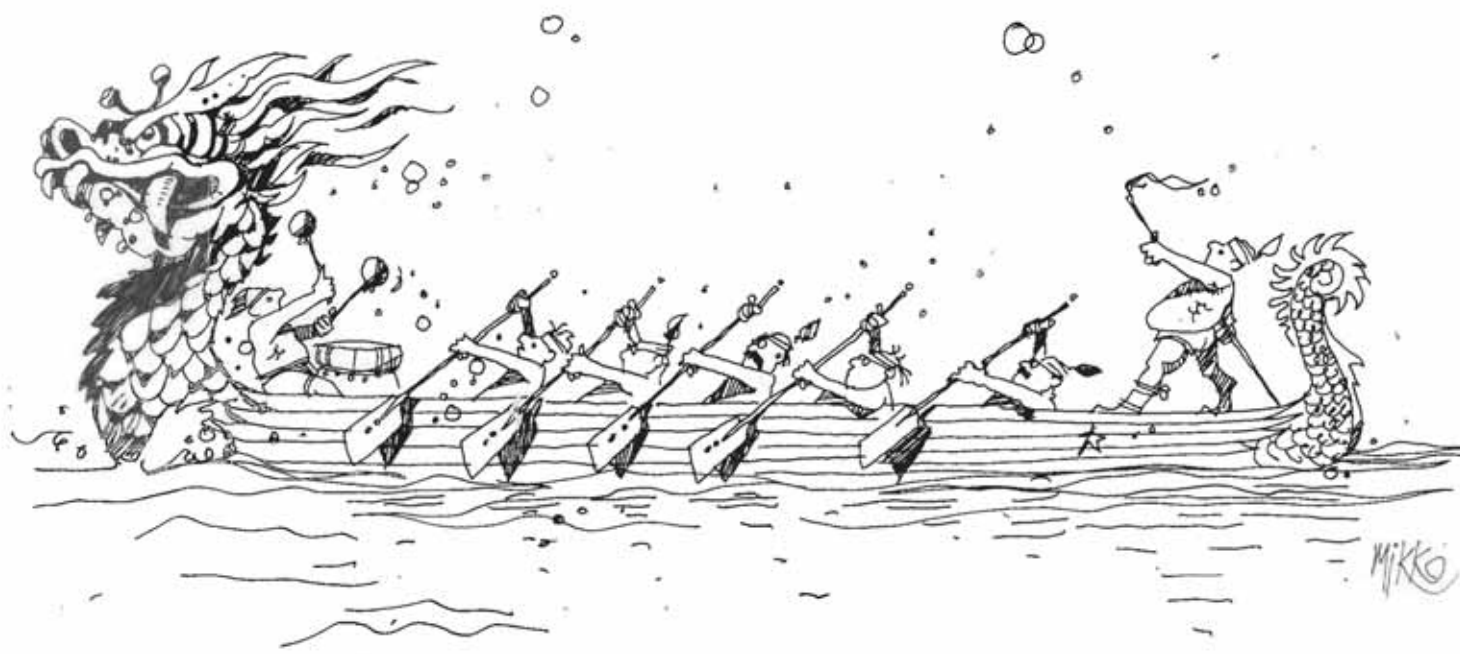
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## Paddlers compete

*Dragon boaters from throughout the state converged on Victoria Harbour on April 6 to compete in the Victorian Dragon Boat Championships.*

Despite the tough competition, local team the Melbourne Flames claimed victory and were named Victorian champions.

Other Docklands teams also had success on the day with the Dragon Masters, collecting a first place trophy, a second place trophy and two third place trophies.

## Ice and Mustangs enjoy early success

By Robert Bremner

*Melbourne's ice hockey sides have had a pleasing start to the 2014 AIHL season.*

A depleted Melbourne Ice went down to the reigning Goodall Cup champions Sydney Ice Dogs 9-2. Melbourne Mustangs however had no problem with the Ice Dogs scoring an upset 6-3 victory in style.

The Ice bounced back in the second week edging the Mustangs in a shootout 3-2. In front of a sold-out home crowd, Ice held up a vastly-improved Mustangs outfit with both teams signalling their intentions at taking out the 2014 Goodall Cup.

The Mustangs had the greater amount of

opportunities in the nail-biting match having 38-29 shots but were unable to convert their chances.

While the Mustangs had the following week off, Ice was finding its best form. Melbourne travelled to Perth to take on the Thunder and left WA with another two wins under its belt.

They accounted for the Thunder with ease 3-0, before repeating that exact same score line again the next day.

This was the first time in six years that Melbourne Ice had kept a side goalless at

their home arena. Ice joined Sydney Ice Dogs and Newcastle North Stars as the only side to have kept the Thunder goalless in a match.

Following their bye, Melbourne Mustangs clashed with the Ice Dogs. Once again, Melbourne came away with the points after a dominant 4-2 victory. Ice also found success against the Ice Dogs with their victory firmly placing Melbourne Ice at the top of the ladder, two points clear of the second placed Adrenaline.

The 5-2 breakthrough win was never in

doubt with the Ice scoring the first four goals. Melbourne's win is a welcome relief after they lost all five matches against Sydney last season including the semi final.

All teams were missing players in the first round due to international competition with the Roos currently at the International Ice Hockey Federation Division 2 World Championships in Serbia.

The season continues with both the Mustangs and the Ice engaging in a rematch at the Icehouse.

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