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YMCA personal trainer and Docklands resident Jarryd Lok tests out the new gym equipment in Victoria Harbour.

## It sure is windy in Docklands!

*Winter has well and truly set in and Docklands seems windier than ever.*

If you're looking to keep warm why not head down to the new public gym equipment in Victoria Harbour?

Lend Lease has installed Lappset gym equipment on a future development site opposite the Library at the Dock, providing Docklands' fitness fanatics with a new place to workout.

The temporary activation project aims to provide a usable space for the community and the equipment will be relocated when development on the site begins in a few years.

# Docklands to paint the town red

*Thousands of people are expected to visit Docklands next month when the AIDS 2014 conference is held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.*

The event will be the largest health conference ever hosted in Australia and is expected to attract 14,000 participants.

These include journalists, scientists and leaders from 200 countries, with Bill Clinton and Sir Bob Geldof last month announced as speakers.

The 20th international AIDS conference runs from July 20 to July 25 and the five-day program involves presentations on new scientific knowledge along with discussions around the major issues facing the global response to HIV.

Outside of the conference program, the

City of Melbourne has developed a cultural program of more than 160 events.

When launching the cultural program last month, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said this would include many prominent buildings being lit up in red.

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Harbour Town, Wonderland Fun Park, Alumbra and the Icehouse will also be lit up in red throughout the conference.

*Docklands News'* masthead is red in this edition in support of the event.

On Friday, July 18 the Docklands winter fireworks will turn red to celebrate the beginning of the conference.

Docklands' new Library at the Dock will also host panel discussion *The Female Agenda: Global Perspectives on Feminine Identities*,

*Reproductive Rights and Sexual Health* on July 22. The event will run from 7.30pm – 9pm and is free to attend.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce has been working on building awareness of the conference amongst its members over the past three months and chamber president Joh Maxwell said many members would be involved.

"We're hoping to have plenty of visitors in Docklands during the conference," she said.

"We're looking for the businesses and residents in Docklands to really get behind it and support this event."

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# Putting the 'community' back into the forum

*The community has claimed ownership of the Docklands Community Forum, with forum representatives now facilitating the meetings.*

Forum representative Andrew Ward led the June 25 forum and said it was a great step forward for the community forum.

When the forum first met in September 2012 a council-appointed facilitator ran the session, while more recently council officers have managed the meetings.

Mr Ward said the forum had been effective in delivering information to the community and fostering discussion but so far hadn't been particularly action-based.

Mr Ward hopes this will change through the representative group facilitating the forum.

"I'd like to see some action come out of the meetings," Mr Ward said.

According to Mr Ward members of the representative group who want to take on the position will rotate the role of facilitating the forum.

This could include the forum's three new representatives, who were announced at the June 25 forum.

City of Melbourne CEO Kathy Alexander named Docklands resident and worker Darcy Ingliss, business owner and resident Mark Scholem and resident Yvonne Zhou-Grundy as the new representatives.

Former representatives Ani Linton and Lauren Basser had resigned from the forum over the past year, requiring new representatives to be selected.

Mr Scholem was the only new representative able to attend last month's forum and has been involved across Docklands residential and business community since 2006.

According to Mr Scholem, local residents want Docklands to be modern and efficient, have a plan, and have the support of a government and council who understand



New Docklands Community Forum representative Mark Scholem.

the issues and communicate the plan.

"Retail businesses need the commercial and residential developments completed quickly to engage those communities to make their businesses work," Mr Scholem said.

He said green spaces and infrastructure were also the key and pointed to examples including Auckland's Viaduct Harbour and the Highline in New York.

"I think we are very close to being a great place for Melbourne, and our direction is mostly correct. Let's just get going," Mr Scholem said.

"People want the neighbourhood to be a destination and a busy, interesting place to work and live."



## Short-stay saga continues

*Hopes for an end to the long-running Watergate short-stay case were quashed last month when the Building Appeals Board (BAB) decided the case should proceed to a full hearing.*

Lawyers acting for short-stay operator Paul Salter had hoped the case could be resolved by a summary hearing, but during the hearing panel members questioned how they could make a decision without hearing evidence.

It will be the second time a BAB panel has heard evidence on the short-stay case, which dates back to 2012, when Docklands Executive Apartments operator Mr Salter appealed building orders issued by the City of Melbourne in 2011.

In the original case the BAB panel found in favour of the City of Melbourne and upheld the building orders.

The Watergate building 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.

Mr Salter successfully appealed this decision at the Supreme Court, which remitted the case to the BAB to be reheard.

Before it could return, council unsuccessfully appealed the Supreme Court decision at the Court of Appeals, which also remitted it back to the BAB.

Current panel member Stephen Kip retired from the BAB at the end of June and a new panel member will be appointed for the hearing.



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## Firing up on Friday nights

*Docklands is the place to be this winter, with fireworks set to light up the waterfront every Friday night throughout July and August.*

Kicking off on July 4, each Friday night will feature free entertainment at the NewQuay Piazza from 6pm to 8pm, while fireworks will light up the sky at 7pm.

Each week will feature different interactive entertainment, including art installations,

music and dance.

The July 18 fireworks will be an extra-special celebration, with a red fireworks display to mark the beginning of the AIDS 2014 conference, which will see 14,000 people visit Melbourne. See our story on page 1.

# Guy shies away from short-stays

*Planning Minister Matthew Guy has backed away from the issue of short-stay apartments, despite previously vowing to take action.*

In July last year, Mr Guy told *Docklands News* he would increase the power of owners' corporations (OCs) to regulate short-stay apartments in their buildings.

But in Parliament on June 11, Mr Guy shied away from taking action on the issue, pointing OCs towards VCAT precedents and saying the issue relied on consumer affairs law change rather than planning law.

Member for northern metropolitan Greg Barber raised the question with Mr Guy, asking him what his options were for fixing the problem and when the issue would be resolved.

*Docklands News* understands a number of Docklands residents living in buildings where short-stay business operate have been lobbying a range of politicians about the issue.

Mr Barber said Docklands residents had contacted Mr Guy, and that he had left it to his department to respond in a "bureaucratic" way by referring them to a current case and the unacceptable behaviour provisions within OC law.

Mr Guy responded by saying: "The issue is one that, in terms of a legislative response, does rely on consumer affairs law change rather than it does on planning law change."

He also referred to the short-stay case in Southbank in May, in which an owners corporation successfully obtained VCAT orders preventing a short-stay business in their building from operating.

"So there has been a precedent where the owners corporation has had certain powers in existence before purchasing or at the time of the signing of leases by people moving

into those buildings. They have been able to take action," Mr Guy said.

"What we are now looking at is whether or not that can be expanded to existing arrangements, where those arrangement are not in place in agreements with owners corporations in some other towers."

"It is somewhat complex and not clear as to whether or not we have the ability to retrospectively do that, but that is what the Government is examining at this point in time," Mr Guy said.

In response, Mr Barber asked why the provisions of residential zoning, under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, couldn't be used to set out how residential apartment buildings are used.

Mr Guy said this was an option but there was no mechanism within the Planning and Environment Act to enforce rules around use.

He said there would need to be "a substantive change" in the Planning and Environment Act for an enforcement provision.

He said the issue crossed the justice, consumer law and planning portfolios.

"As we have seen from the precedent in Southbank it can be fixed by owners corporations where they have existing provisions within the owners' corporation structure of a residential tower to then be able to take owners to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to get a cease and desist order," Mr Guy said.

However, he did admit that the Government may need to do more work on the issue.

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# Stink over closed toilets

*NewQuay visitors and business owners are frustrated over the closure of the last public toilet in the precinct.*

The toilet, located in St Mangos Lane at the base of the Palladio building, has been locked for the past two months after the building's owners' corporation (OC) became dissatisfied with the standard of cleaning by City of Melbourne contractors.

According to Asime George, OC manager for Boyd, Palladio and Sant'Elia, the toilets are the property of the OC and were being maintained by City of Melbourne.

"These were in a badly neglected state, repeatedly vandalised and potentially unsafe to use," Ms George said.

The St Mangos Lane toilets were closed two months ago, while toilets in Caravel Lane and Aquitania Way have reportedly been closed for more than 12 months.

Bill Price, owner of LATS Bakery in St Mangos Lane, said the closure had negatively affected his businesses.

Mr Price said foot traffic in the lane had slowed down considerably since the closure.

He said he had lost many customers, including cab drivers and cycling groups, who had visited his bakery because of the close proximity of public toilets.

"Just shutting the toilets down has cost me about \$800 a week," Mr Price said.

Visitors to the area are also frustrated by the



NewQuay visitors Harvey and Leanne Cleggett are frustrated by the closure of the St Mangos Lane public toilets.

lack of public toilets.

Boat owners Harvey and Leanne Cleggett moor a boat in NewQuay Marina and have been lobbying the council over the lack of public toilets in the precinct.

"What are people expected to use during events?" Mr Cleggett said.

Ms Cleggett agreed, saying: "The council is spending money drawing people here through the fireworks in winter, but once they are here there are no toilets for them to use."

On June 6 Mr Cleggett received a letter from Lord Mayor Robert Doyle acknowledging the need for public toilets in the precinct.



"I agree that the recent closure of toilets at St Mangos Lane by the relevant owners' corporation has created a shortage of public toilets in the precinct," the letter said.

"There are no immediate plans to construct new toilets in the Docklands precinct, although a proposal will be developed for the 2015/16 financial year."

"In the meantime, council officers will have further discussions with property management companies within Docklands in an attempt to negotiate an alternative public toilet arrangement within another existing building."

A City of Melbourne spokesperson told *Docklands News*, the council was negotiating a new arrangement and was hopeful the St Mangos Lane toilets would be reopened shortly.

The spokesperson said the negotiations also included discussions about additional facilities.

Ms George said the owners' corporation was working co-operatively with all stakeholders to resolve the matter and regretted any inconvenience.



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# Alma Doepel restoration needs more money

*Around \$1.7 million is needed to complete the restoration of Docklands' historical three-masted topsail schooner, the Alma Doepel.*

At a fundraising event to celebrate the ship's official re-homing in Melbourne last month, Sail and Adventure Limited (the company which owns the boat) chairman Alan Edenborough asked guests to consider supporting the project.

Held onboard the Lady Cutler at Melbourne City Marina, the Alma Doepel was towed across from Shed 2, allowing guests to see the progress the restoration team has already made.

The ship's port of registry was previously Hobart, but Mr Edenborough said it had been changed to acknowledge the support of the City of Melbourne and the ship's long connection with the city.

"Alma Doepel has been associated with the city for much of her 110 year life," Mr Edenborough said.

"She's a living example of a time past. When life was lived far differently than today. When ships such as Alma thronged the ports."

"She represents our history and our heritage. Alma is something the world and Melbourne cannot afford to lose."

He said the Alma Doepel played a part in providing a sense of place in Docklands, in activating the waterways and in providing real links with the heritage of Docklands.

The Alma Doepel has been undergoing restoration at Shed 2 in Docklands since 2009, with 30,000 hours of volunteer work clocked up in that time, according to Mr Edenborough.

The Alma Doepel is expected to become a key part of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment and the restoration team are aiming to have her completed and ready for



Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Sail and Adventure Limited chairman Alan Edenborough.

positioning on Australia Day, 2016.

The City of Melbourne committed \$300,000 to the restoration project in 2012 and Lord Mayor Robert Doyle also spoke at the fundraising event.

According to Cr Doyle, feedback from the recent consultation on Harbour Esplanade's development has indicated the public wants connectivity, activation and recognition of the past.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if what people saw as they came down LaTrobe St and into Docklands was Alma Doepel, moored there at her home base in her home port," Cr Doyle said.

Cr Doyle said this would provide activation through people visiting the ship, was a "nod towards the past" and the maritime industry of the city and connects to the Hoddle grid and the "original city".

"So Alma could play a very crucial role in fulfilling all those things we want for Docklands and the city," Cr Doyle said.

He said he would also like to see the car park at the end of Central Pier demolished and the original heritage sheds restored either side of Central Pier, creating a "T" shape.

Cr Doyle called on corporate and individual sponsors to contribute the continued restoration of the Alma Doepel, saying the current funding was running out.

"I hope some of you will think this is a project that is worthy of its support in its own right, but also for what it can bring to Docklands and to Melbourne," he said.

Restoration director Peter Harris told *Docklands News* while no funding had been committed since the event, there had been "various indications that conversations are happening about contributing".

## Presidential intrigue in Docklands

*Bill and Hillary Clinton are expected to visit Docklands this month, with Victoria Harbour tipped to be a major focus of their visit.*

Mr Clinton was last month announced as a prominent speaker at the AIDS 2014 conference, which will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from July 20 to July 25.

*Docklands News* understands the Clintons plan to visit sustainable buildings in Docklands while in Melbourne.

According to the Victoria Harbour website, the precinct has the highest concentration of green buildings in Australia, making it an obvious choice for the visit.

These include Forte, the first cross-laminated timber (CLT) building in Australia and the new Library at the Dock, Australia's most sustainable public building.

In 2009 Bill Clinton named Victoria Harbour as one of 16 projects worldwide to be included in the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) global Climate Positive Development program, further strengthening the Clintons' ties with the precinct.

Involvement with the Clinton Initiative means Victoria Harbour developer Lend Lease has received assistance from the Climate Positive Development Program throughout the development of the precinct.

It's also been rumoured Mr Clinton will perform the coin-toss ahead of an AFL game at Etihad Stadium.

However, an AFL spokesperson did not confirm the rumour.

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# Excitement from city designer

*Docklands is at an “incredibly exciting stage” according to City of Melbourne director of city design Rob Adams.*

Speaking at an Alma Doepel fundraising event in Docklands last month Prof Adams said the boat would one day symbolise a turning point in Melbourne’s history.

The historic, three-masted topsail schooner is one day expected to be a key feature of the redeveloped Harbour Esplanade.

Mr Adams said the boat would be symbolic of a time when “we look back to go forward. Where we value our heritage.”

“Where we value this body of water we’ve had in our central city for many years, unrecognised and unloved until the 10-year period brought it to where it is,” he said.

According to Prof Adams, recent aerial photographs show, for the first time, a more seamless connection between the central city and Docklands.

He said the development of projects along LaTrobe St meant Docklands would slowly become Melbourne’s waterfront, and something the city would be proud of.

“The next major step forward will be the connection along Harbour Esplanade, which will provide us with that waterfront that connects the two sides of this body of water and will give people in Melbourne a reason to come down here,” he said.

The City of Melbourne and Places Victoria conducted a public consultation on Harbour Esplanade’s development in May and June and Prof Adams said initial feedback showed people wanted more activation, open space and a heritage link.

“I think the Alma Doepel and the Enterprize and what’s happening along Harbour Esplanade will give us that opportunity,” Prof Adams said.



City of Melbourne director of city design Rob Adams.

Apart from Harbour Esplanade, Prof Adams also spoke about other projects the City of Melbourne was focusing on.

He said work on the Docklands Family Services and Community Boating Hub would be completed by next August and would provide a unique experience in the centre of the city.

He said the council was looking to develop a ramp for recreational boats on Moonee Ponds Creek as well as a service area for larger vessels on the South Wharf side near the Bolte Bridge

“That’s something we’re pushing with quite strongly, to get that to happen in the near future.”

He said council was also looking to develop an extension of the Victoria Harbour pier to allow ships that can’t fit under the Bolte Bridge to moor.

Prof Adams said the city was committed to Docklands and was trying to rebuild, within the commercial developments, the “gritty life” of the city.



Wharf rectification work on Harbour Esplanade is nearing completion.

## Space and water are our top priorities

*The community wants Harbour Esplanade to provide more open space and interaction with the water, according to feedback received during the recent community consultation.*

Conducted in May and June, the consultation resulted in 460 formal surveys, 300 direct conversations and 4000 visitors to the consultation website.

“Harbour Esplanade will be a major waterfront destination of regional importance so we’re very happy with the level of interest in its future development and the number of people who participated in the conversation,” Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said.

“The feedback we received will help us to further develop the master plan for Harbour Esplanade, which will serve as a blueprint for the development of the waterfront over the next 10 to 15 years.”

According to Places Victoria the consultation process revealed that the community and key stakeholders want open spaces, which can be used for multiple purposes.

Key design elements people want to see along Harbour Esplanade include lawn

areas, seating and play opportunities.

The surveys also indicated people want water level access and water play along the esplanade, while water transport services were also important.

The consultation process found most people weren’t averse to the reinstatement of the heritage sheds, with two thirds supporting the sheds, either through complete reinstatement or a contemporary interpretation.

According to Places Victoria, 13 per cent of people surveyed said they weren’t supportive of the sheds.

Work on the wharf rectification along Harbour Esplanade, in preparation for the future development is nearing completion and is expected to finish in late July.

Places Victoria is expected to submit a planning permit application for Harbour Esplanade to the City of Melbourne later this year.



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# Mystery bubbles raise questions

*Giant crabs? A gas leak? Rotting vegetation? Theories abound as to what is causing large bubbles to appear in the patch of water between Yarra's Edge and Seafarers Bridge.*

The bubbles have been a topic of conversation amongst waterways users recently, but according to Marina YE manager Allan Cayzer, they aren't a new phenomenon.

Mr Cayzer said the bubbles had been appearing for at least as long as he had been working in the area, which is 10 years.

Mr Cayzer said the bubbles could be seen in both the marina and the river and so far no-one had been able to work out what causes them.

He said he didn't believe the bubbles were caused by marine life such as crabs because they were too gaseous.

Mr Cayzer said he thought the bubbles may be caused by decomposing vegetation which had floated down the river.

"We've had divers down there working on the marina but they haven't found anything," he said.

"It's a phenomenon but we don't know what

causes it."

Melbourne Water has been investigating the curious bubbles but has not yet been able to determine how they are being created.

Spokesperson Nicolas McGay said investigations had not yet resulted in a definitive cause for the bubbles.

"We have checked the infrastructure in the area but the bubbles appear in different locations making it hard to pinpoint a recurring source," Mr McGay said.

Mr McGay also said decomposing matter could be a possible source of the bubbles.

"Anecdotally, we're advised the bubbles have been happening for more than 10 years and there is a theory that it may be due to sediment and organic material on the river bed breaking down," Mr McGay said.

"At this location the Yarra River widens and sediment accumulates due to the lack of movement through the system."



## Police raid Docklands hotel room

*Police raided a hotel room in Docklands last month following the arrest of two men over a credit card skimming racket.*

It's understood the men, who were part of an international crime syndicate, were staying at the hotel. Police seized a large number of fraudulent cards, cash skimming devices, camera equipment, laptops and cash from the room.

The 24-year-old UK man and 42-year-old Bulgarian man were arrested outside ATMs in the CBD on May 25 and the hotel room was raided the following day.

They have both been charged with obtaining property by deception and have been remanded in custody to appear in the Melbourne Magistrates Court in July.

A third man was arrested at Sydney Airport on May 28. Investigators will apply for the 24-year old UK national to be extradited to Victoria to assist with enquiries.

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This spectacular apartment which is kept in splendid condition. The apartment carries astonishing views towards the Yarra River and Port Philip Bay as well as the city situated on the left. There are two sizeable bedrooms, and the apartment is fitted with good quality window furnishings. It has two stylish contemporary bathrooms, stainless steel appliances in the kitchen, European laundry facility, heating/cooling unit and drawer dishwasher. It is situated within walking distance to the Melbourne CBD.



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Trisha at her makeshift home under the Collins St bridge in Docklands.

# The other side of Docklands

***This makeshift camp is probably Docklands' worst residential address but for couple Trisha and Glen, it is home.***

The couple have lived under the Collins St bridge next to Wurunjeri Way since Easter but would dearly love a proper roof over their heads.

Milk crates define the low walls and support their bed. A few possessions are neatly stored and a carpet off-cut gives a homely touch.

"It's not much but I've done it up nice," Trisha said.

But between the roar of the traffic, the winter chill and the rubbish, rats and mice, living rough is no picnic.

Trisha's daily routine involves breakfast with the Salvation Army at the eastern edge of the CBD where she interacts with other homeless people. The rest of her day is typically spent at "home" punctuated with

random visits by friends.

"Sometimes I go for a walk. I go to see my mates in Flinders St or I sit in the park and just chill out," she said.

The couple survive on welfare benefits and are on a waiting list for public housing.

"I wish I did have a house. It's hard waiting," she said.

Trisha arrived in Melbourne less than a year ago from NSW where she has family. The 40-year-old has five children and three grandchildren. Her mother still looks after two of her sons and her sister has one of her daughters.

She has TAFE qualifications in childcare but hasn't worked full-time since 2001 when she worked in a hospital.

"I can't wait to find a place," she said.

# Monumental art project ready to start

***MAB Corporation is behind schedule on its "Monument Park" project but work on the large-scale artwork is expected to begin this month.***

When the landscape-based artwork was announced in June last year, completion was hoped for the end of 2013, lining up with the completion of The Quays.

When asked why the project had been delayed, a MAB spokesperson said the sculptures were complicated structures.

The artwork, by Melbourne artist Callum Morton, will be located at the intersection of the Conder, Boyd and The Quays and is designed to look like a concrete carpet, featuring a pattern of the original Hoddle Grid draped over different shaped objects.

These objects are sculptures that can be found throughout Melbourne, including Vault, Burke and Wills and the Marquis of Linlithgow statue.

The sculptures will be broken open to reveal colourful interiors and parts of the "concrete carpet" will have holes, allowing trees and

greenery to emerge.

"Over the past 12 months we have been working on how to best construct the sculptures," the MAB spokesperson said.

"As most of the project is located on a wharf structure above water, we are limited to how much load we can place on the existing wharf."

"We resolved the sculpture construction methodology early this year and commenced fabrication of the sculptures off-site in East Gippsland in March this year."

According to the spokesperson, there have been no significant changes to the design since it was announced last year, apart from an increase in the amount of trees and grass.

Construction of the project is expected to begin this month and be completed by late 2014 or early 2015.



An artist's impression of the MAB Corporation's Monument Park project.

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# Want to hear a story?

By Sricharan Kumar

*The Library at the Dock is set to host a series of free storytelling shows running from July through to December.*

Storytelling Australia Victoria (SAV) has commissioned nine storytellers to craft six compelling tales to reflect their affiliation with Docklands, entitled *Words on the Wind*.

The history and environment of Victoria Harbour will be explored, highlighting a corner of Melbourne that is immersed in tales of mystery and intrigue as well as major engineering works.

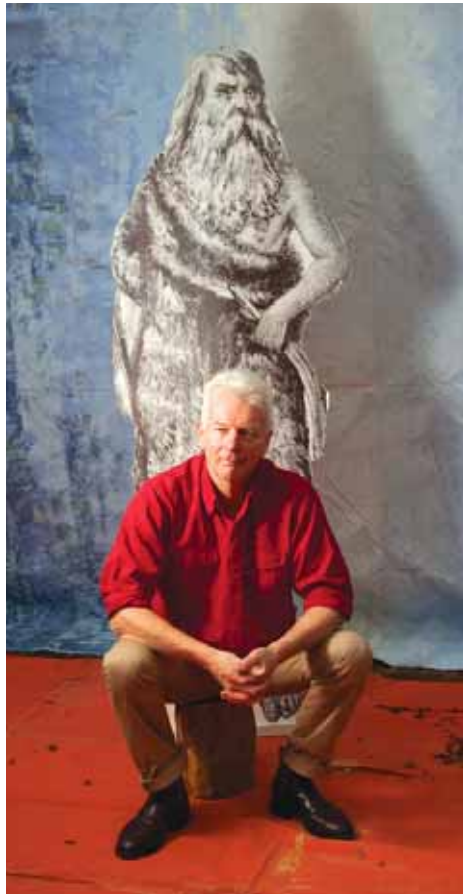
Project director, Anne Stewart said: "Words on the Wind is inspired by a visit to the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh where storytelling for adults is integral to the profile of the First City of Literature."

Ms Stewart dreamed of somewhere comparable in Melbourne and the series was conceived.

"The Library at The Dock is a new meeting place and a chance for traditional storytelling to shine," she said.

The series will be launched on July 24 with Jan "Yarn" Wositzky and his show *The Go-Between: William Murrungurk Buckley*.

Buckley Walk at Docklands is named after this legendary escaped convict who lived as one of the Wathaurong for 32 years and served as an interpreter between indigenous people and colonists.



Jan Wositzky kicks off the storyteller series this month.  
Photo by Elise Dutra

# NBN connection for Dock 5

*High-speed internet is coming to Dock 5, with the NBN Co expected to install fibre in the building this month.*

The move by NBN comes after owners raised concerns about PIPE Networks' attempt to install fibre facilities in the building, which they believed would limit residents' choice of internet providers.

*Docklands News* last month reported that PIPE Networks had told buildings across Docklands and other high-density areas in Australia that it would be installing fibre.

A loophole in the Telecommunications Act means carriers of telecommunications services, such as PIPE Networks, have the power to install low-impact facilities in buildings, even where OCs resist the installation.

It's understood the installation of PIPE Networks could prevent or deter other companies, including the NBN, from installing fibre in the building, limiting residents to using TPG (owner of PIPE Networks) as their internet provider.

Dock 5 Owners' Corporation (OC) committee member Tom Burt contacted the NBN after the OC received a letter from PIPE Networks about the planned installation of fibre in the building.

An NBN spokesman said Dock 5 would receive NBN fibre because it fits the criteria for a trial currently being conducted.

"The trial is examining the merits of bringing forward the rollout of the NBN to apartments in high-value, inner-city areas in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane," the spokesperson said.

Dock 5 resident building manager Bill Castle said he was working with the NBN to facilitate the connection, which would be fibre-to-the-apartment.

OC chair Denis Setches said having the NBN connection would be a great improvement.

"It's certainly a great improvement on what it would have been (if PIPE Networks had installed fibre). With NBN there's the choice of so many providers," he said.

Mr Setches thanked Mr Burt and other residents of the building who had advised and worked towards achieving the outcome.

"We have to deliver due care and diligence for our owners and we believe that's what's happened now," Mr Setches said.

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# Remedial works for EXO

*Lend Lease is installing insulation in the roof of EXO in Victoria Harbour, after temperature changes caused the building to start making strange noises.*

It's understood fluctuating temperatures were causing the concrete slab roof to emit creaking, crackling sounds in some apartments.

"We have partnered with independent experts to identify the source of noise detected in some of the upper level apartment," a Lend Lease spokesperson said.

"Works have commenced to further insulate the concrete roof and will be completed in approximately five weeks. We will continue to monitor the situation post-installation."

"We have been in regular contact with residents about this matter and assured them that the building is safe and secure."



Adrian Doyle's mural at The Quays has proved to be a controversial piece.

## Mural's fate is unknown

*The fate of Adrian Doyle's controversial artwork at The Quays remains unknown, with residents understood to be divided over the murals.*

In May, *The Age* reported a resident of the building was so offended by the work that they wanted it painted over, and had threatened to take the issue to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

The murals are located in the loading bay of the building in Palmyra Way. The larger mural depicts a seaside suburban town and the resident is understood to have taken issue with an image of a crucifixion and of a woman hanging out washing.

The other mural depicts a crying infant and it is understood the resident is offended by the image because she believes the child is depicted as being indigenous.

The stance of The Quays OC is unknown, with strata manager Adrian Quinn declining to comment and requests for comment from the OC chair going unanswered.

However, some residents of the building have expressed their support for the murals, according to artist Adrian Doyle.

Mr Doyle said he first became aware of the complaint after receiving emails from residents who wanted to save the artwork.

He said he did not believe the murals were offensive and said they depicted himself and his family.

He said the woman hanging out the washing was his mother and the crying infant was not indigenous.

Mr Doyle said the crucifix figure was originally his father but had been changed to Ned Kelly, keeping his father's eyes.

"It's looking at how much my parents have sacrificed to live the Australian dream," Mr Doyle said. "Docklands, in a way, is part of

the Australian dream."

Mr Doyle said he had creative control over the artwork and it had been signed off by the involved parties, including the Owners Corporation and the architecture firm which commissioned the work, Charles McBride Ryan.

Mr Doyle said the building owned the artwork but the image itself was owned by himself and he would fight to ensure it was not painted over.

"It would be a shame for Docklands to lose this piece," Mr Doyle said.

A spokesperson for the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission said she was unable to confirm or deny if a complaint had been received over the artwork due to confidentiality provisions.

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*Ever wanted to see what happens behind the scenes at Channel 9? Perhaps you’ve never visited the Norla Dome at the Mission to Seafarers?*

This month you’ll get the chance. Visitors and locals are invited to explore some of Docklands’ most interesting buildings in July through Open House Melbourne.

More than 100 buildings across the city, including many in Docklands, will open their doors to the public as part of the event.

In Docklands, Open House participants can visit the Channel 9 Studios, Lego Education Centre, the Library at the Dock, Mission to Seafarers, NAB’S 700 Bourke St headquarters and The Quays.

The Port of Melbourne will also offer tours of the port.

The first Open House was held in 2008, with eight buildings taking part.

This year 109 buildings will open to the public as part of the event.

Open House Melbourne takes place from July 26-27.

For more information visit [www.openhousemelbourne.org](http://www.openhousemelbourne.org)



We could soon see the Bolte Bridge lit up in colour during special events.

## Bridge colour transformation

*You may have noticed the Bolte Bridge looking greener than usual recently.*

Normally lit up in white lights, the bridge was lit up in colour while Transurban tested its new LED lights in May.

According to Transurban head of public affairs Ayllie White, the new LED lights were 10 times more efficient than the old lights and were easier to maintain.

The 34 new lights weigh 50 kilograms each and sit on a platform under the bridge.

According to Ms White, the default colour for the bridge is silver white, but the new lights can be programmed to almost any colour.

She said Transurban was considering

lighting up the bridge in colour for major city events and was currently working through the required arrangements and approvals.

Ms White said it was unlikely the bridge would be lit up in red during the AIDS 2014 conference this month due to time constraints.



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Artist Julie Andrews had collected hundreds of drawings created by train commuters.

# All aboard the artist express

*Train journeys can be boring, but as we peer out the windows at the scenery rushing by our brains are often ticking away.*

Julie Andrews' latest project, *Art in Transit*, explores the experience of the commuter and the view from the train window.

Exhibited at The Front in Docklands last month, the project features a collection of images created by commuters, primarily on the Bendigo to Melbourne train.

"It's about how we feel and what we think when we look out the window," Ms Andrews said.

A Bendigo local herself, Ms Andrews travelled the route at different times before and throughout the exhibition, handing out cards to travellers and asking them to create a drawing, which would then be displayed anonymously.

"Some people said 'I don't draw' but loved the idea and couldn't help themselves," Ms Andrews said.

What resulted were more than 250 drawings as varied as the artists themselves. While some drew exactly what they saw when

looking out the window, others added a bit of imagination to the mix.

One lady, who was travelling to Melbourne to pick-up her wedding dress, drew a picture of a bride standing in the middle of train tracks.

According to Ms Andrews, the drawings often became a way for people on trains to connect with each other, sparking conversation between strangers.

"There's something in this that has a way of connecting people."

Many of the drawers attended the closing event for the exhibition last month in Docklands, at which they were invited to select a drawing they connected with to keep.

If you didn't have a chance to see the *Art in Transit* exhibition in Docklands, you can catch it at Bendigo Railway Station until July 4 and at RMIT Spiritual Centre at the city campus from August 4 to August 7.

# Sailing back into life

*The Docklands Yacht Club is helping people with spinal injuries get their "sea legs" through a unique research program.*

The research study, run by the University of Melbourne, focuses on how sailing can be used to aid physical and mental rehabilitation following a spinal injury.

Participants begin by using a sailing simulator, before graduating to sailing on Victoria Harbour with the Docklands Yacht Club.

The project began five years ago when Prof Norman Saunders and Dr Mark Habgood installed a prototype of a sailing simulator they had developed at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre.

According to Maree Ellul, who is completing her PhD under the supervision of Prof Saunders and Dr Habgood, sailing was seen as not only a fun way to deliver some of the physical aspects of rehabilitation but also potentially a life-long physical and social activity.

"Early evidence indicates that involvement in a sailing program results in measurable improvements in physical and psychological wellbeing, moral self-esteem and self efficacy, as well as helping to integrate people with a disability into a social setting," Ms Ellul said.

Docklands Yacht Club's David Staley said the club had been aware of the project for the past few years and became formally part of the project around 12 months ago.

Already involved with Sailability, an international organisation that works with people with disabilities, the club has a fleet of "Access dinghies" and facilities to allow disabled sailors to get in and out of the boats.

"The Access dinghies are an Australian-designed boat specifically developed for those with a disability," Ms Ellul said.

"They have a long centre board to prevent it from capsizing and an elevated boom to clear the heads of sailors without them needing to duck."

Ms Ellul said participants initially visited Docklands twice as part of the research plan and were then encouraged to continue sailing at Docklands or close to home.

"They are able to sail at Docklands on a casual basis, whenever it suits them or they can become active members and participate in club sailing programs and racing should they desire."



A research program participant in Victoria Harbour.

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## Batman's Hill to provide link

*The Batman's Hill development will provide an important link between Docklands and the Hoddle grid, according to the City of Melbourne.*

Councillors discussed Lend Lease's development plan for the 2.5 hectare site at a Future Melbourne committee meeting on June 3 and unanimously supported the proposal, subject to a few recommendations.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has sole authority to approve the development plan.

Lend Lease has proposed two mid-rise office buildings, two high-rise office buildings, two mid-rise apartment towers, two high-rise residential towers and a strata office building.

The developer also plans to build an elevated deck over Wurundjeri Way, at the northern end of the site, which would meet Collins St.

Councillor Stephen Mayne said Batman's Hill would provide a "vital link" between the western end of the Hoddle grid and Docklands.

"This shift of activity towards that end of town is pronounced and this will be, in 10 years time, a very important precinct and development in that part of Melbourne," he said.



James Withers captured this award-winning photo during last year's "Shades of Winter" photography competition.

## Capture Docklands

*Budding photographers and professional snappers are invited to capture the many sides of Docklands over the next two months.*

Destination Docklands is running its "Shades of Winter" photography competition for the second year running after receiving more than 120 entries last year.

Destination Docklands' events and engagement manager Kelly Jensen said there were many great opportunities to capture Docklands' beauty this winter from the Friday night fireworks, to the Sunday markets, AFL at Etihad Stadium and school holiday fun at Harbour Town and Wonderland Fun Park.

"There is always something happening in

Docklands," Ms Jensen said.

The competition is free to enter and open to all ages, with a \$1000 cash prize awarded to the winner of the adult category and \$500 awarded to the winner of the youth category (under 16).

Entrants will also have the opportunity to feature in a photo exhibition later in the year.

Photos entered in the competition must be have been taken between July 1 and August 31 this year and should be emailed to [info@destinationdocklands.com.au](mailto:info@destinationdocklands.com.au)

## Funding for Chamber

*Docklands Chamber of Commerce last month secured a further 12 months of funding.*

President Joh Maxwell said the chamber's budget and funding of \$75,000 had been approved as part of the City of Melbourne's budget deliberations.

"The chamber looks forward to continuing its ongoing support of local businesses and championing initiatives important to Docklands," Mrs Maxwell said.

## Police seek witnesses

*Police are seeking assistance from Docklanders who many have witnessed a break-in at Rise restaurant last month.*

It has been reported that thieves entered the Victoria Harbour building via a window early on Friday, June 27 found their way to the till and left with a large amount of cash. CCTV footage did not reveal any clues.

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# The life and death of a naughty boy

By Shane Scanlan

*Nude train surfer Jordan Porter achieved his goal of notoriety last month although he was probably not expecting to die in the process.*

His tragic death on top of a train at Balaclava was widely reported in the media, which was his intended outcome of the exercise.

A mate was in place to take the photo which was to be sent to the *Herald Sun*, which had featured a photo of him doing back-flips at the beach in May. But Jordan was dead by the time the train arrived.

And, as the daily news cycle moves on, only those close to the 25-year-old are likely to remember him – people like my son Ryan who had been Jordan's best friend since they met in prep at Ripponlea Primary School.

Ryan and my other sons are shattered by their loss, but they also accept that his death by misadventure was inevitable. It was not a matter of "if". It was a matter of "when" and "where" and "how".

For Jordan, the purpose of life had become making his mark. Getting noticed was what it was all about.

In its primary form, this meant spraying his tag "Sinch" all over Melbourne.

This brings us to a Docklands' connection. It was earlier this year that I noticed Sinch sprayed over the lower walls of Etihad Stadium by Wurundjeri Way (pictured).



Jordan's crew (Mates Club) painting a "Sinch" tag as a commemoration to their friend the day after his death at Balaclava. The giant heads above were painted by his other brother Michael more than 10 years ago.

I was genuinely surprised when I saw it, perhaps naively assuming that, at 25-years-old and having a young child to support, he would have put aside his spray cans and fire extinguishers.

But apparently, the urge to be noticed was insatiable. And not content anymore with mere vandalism, he was continually pushing

the limits in danger and personal risk.

His manic highs made him a lovable rogue – enigmatic, eccentric, surprising and fun.

Climbing buildings, other structures and moving trains became staple thrill-seeking fare. The addition of nudity became his trademark as he upped the ante in outrageousness to potential challengers.

To his crew he is now immortal, revered and ever young. This rationalisation process is not unlike how we honour soldiers killed in futile wars – the glorification helps us overlook the inconvenient truth surrounding the tragedy. As for Ryan and my other sons, they find themselves in a vacuum of meaning and purpose.

They seek comfort for their loss via an explanation of why this happened. But they are looking for logic where none exists.

There is only madness, tumult and further isolation.

Jordan was burdened by mental illness, a dysfunctional home life and a fundamental lack of respect for the property or feelings of those outside his immediate circle. He was also a victim of his hormones which were left to run largely unchecked.

The civilizing influences of middle-class life did not tame this man who was destined to remain always a boy in his attitudes and behaviours.

Why does a dog cock his leg and mark his territory? Why does a man risk death in an attempt to get his picture in the paper?

It's chemistry that controls us. There's balance and imbalance.

Jordan's death is no one's fault. And I don't think there are any lessons to be learned from it. He was a naughty boy who couldn't grow up.



Jordan's final Facebook profile picture.



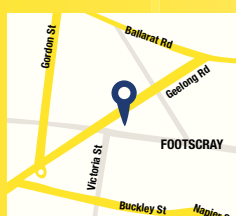
Ryan Scanlan (left) and Jordon enjoying Luna Park 18 years ago.



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# Networking in Docklands

*What a great networking lunch we had last month. And the next one is shaping up as even better.*



On Friday, September 12 the Docklands Networking Lunch takes place in the Wonderland Spiegeltent in the shadow of the Melbourne Star observation wheel at Harbour Town.

Melissa Head is planning some special entertainment to make the day memorable and she has already come up with a knock out menu.

Numbers will be limited so book early via [lunch@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:lunch@docklandsnews.com.au) or by ringing Docklands News on **8689 7979**. As always, the cost is \$60 and must be paid in advance of the day.

For the 85 who attended last month's event, all the photos from the day are displayed on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Docklands-News/304870494656>

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## Gold Anchor for Marina YE

Marina YE recently added another achievement to its long list of accolades, when it received Gold Anchor accreditation.

The marina was recognised as a Four Gold Anchor Marina in May, through the international industry accreditation scheme.

The Gold Anchor scheme aims to help boat owners choose marinas and provide a framework for marinas to improve their customer service.

According to Marina Ye manager Allan Cayzer, Marina YE is the only Docklands marina to be accredited through the scheme.

"We are delighted with our accreditation and proud of the fact that we received a perfect score for the customer service section of the evaluation," Mr Cayzer said.

"When added to our Clean Marinas Australia accreditation it demonstrates the standards Marina YE operates to and shows why we are considered one of Australia's top marinas."



## Top Gun is a top vessel

By Robert Bremner

Doug Jarvis has been involved with boats all his life. "My dad was a professional fisherman so basically as soon as I started walking I was on a boat."

Doug owned small fishing boats early on in his life but now owns a Florida-built Mainship trawler, a vessel that Doug says is his retirement plan.

"Our plan is to retire on this boat in the Gippsland Lakes because the area is perfectly suited to the ship itself," he said.

For now, Doug moors his boat in Docklands, which is where he works as the manager of waterways.

Working close to the water's edge is the ideal situation for him. "I stay on the boat a couple of nights a week because I live in Geelong. It's perfect because it's so close to

where I work and I can easily walk into the city. Docklands is a great spot."

The vessel's name is *Top Gun*, which was given by a previous owner. The name is amusing to Doug who says the boat isn't really a top gun with a speed of 8.5 knots and is more of a cruiser.

He has enjoyed great memories with both his new boat and old ones.

"I love having friends around on the boat whether it be for dinner parties or drinks," he said.

The vessel can fit around 10 people easily but only sleeps two.

Other great memories of Doug's include the six times he competed in the Melbourne to Hobart and also when he sailed to Japan. He placed a few times in the Melbourne to Hobart but unfortunately never took out that first place.

In addition to Top Gun Doug has a second boat, a small fishing vessel that he uses often.

"We take the small boat out almost every weekend to go fishing. It's easier for the smaller trips," he said.

With Gippsland Lakes on the horizon, Doug certainly has a lot to look forward too.



**DOG NAME:** Bob

**BREED:** Pug

**AGE:** 5

**OWNER:**  
Cendamo family

**BOAT NAME:**  
Gambler

**MODEL:** Riviera

**OBSSESSION:** Chasing his own shadow

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Peter Faris enjoys the view from his home office in Docklands.

# It's a nice view from here

*For criminal barrister Peter Faris QC, Docklands is now home.*



Profile by  
Bethany Williams

A lawyer for 50 years and a city-dweller for 15, Mr Faris moved to the area early last year.

Well-known for his strong opinions, tenacity and work on high-profile criminal cases, Docklands is something Mr Faris is very enthusiastic about.

"I love it. I think it's a fantastic place to live," Mr Faris said.

After deciding to move out of his Exhibition St apartment following the sudden death of his wife, Mr Faris looked far and wide for an apartment that would tick all the boxes.

He was looking for an apartment that was light-filled, west-facing so he could see the sunset and sunrise, could see the south-west for the weather and couldn't be built out.

After searching for around five months across the CBD and Southbank, Mr Faris found an apartment in Docklands he knew he wanted as soon as he walked in.

Having lived at the opposite end of the city, Mr Faris said he didn't know anything about Docklands and the decision to move here

was based on finding the perfect apartment rather than the suburb itself.

"But I've really grown to love it and I love living here," he said.

Since moving to Docklands, Mr Faris has sold his car, finding there was no need for it when living in an area with so much public transport.

"I do as much walking as I can, you see a lot of the area and it's fabulous," Mr Faris said.

But most of the time, he says he feels as though he's not in Melbourne, with water views something he's never associated with his hometown.

"Certainly in the city, it's quite remarkable, the expansive water views here that you can't get that any where else in Melbourne."

While he's had a prolific career, becoming a lawyer wasn't initially driven by a strong desire to work in the field.

"I didn't want to go out and work so that's why I went to university and the only course I could get into was law," Mr Faris said.

"I'd never met a lawyer until year five when I had to go and organise my articles."

With a law degree in hand by the time he was 21, Mr Faris said he made the most of it.

He helped to start the Fitzroy free legal service and the Alice Springs Aboriginal legal service in the 1970s, before "taking silk" in 1986 and working as criminal lawyer.

With a list of previous clients that includes Carl Williams and Tony Mokbel, Mr Faris says he isn't one to classify his cases as the most interesting or memorable.

"They're all interesting in their own way," he said,

And he doesn't see himself slowing down anytime soon.

"I enjoy working. I pace myself and work basically when I want to," he said.

One thing for certain is that he has no plans to leave Docklands.

"I made the right decision buying this apartment. I'm very enthusiastic about Docklands."



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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Fashion on the streets of Docklands

### Name: Dora Li, 20

What are you wearing? Shoes from Novo. The rest of the outfit was bought from factory stores in China.

Location: Harbour Town.

Describe your outfit: Everyday, cold weather clothes.

Where are you from? Docklands.

What brings you to Docklands? Going to my final exam.

Favourite clothing item: Black high heels for when I'm going out.

What makes a good outfit? Wearing clothes that are suitable for you. Adding lots of vibrant colours and changing it up.

### Name: Liz Iaquinto, 55

What are you wearing? Jeans from Jeans West, Royal Melbourne Hospital gift shop scarf, Envy top and ALDO shoes.

Location: Harbour Town.

Describe your outfit: Casual winter wear.

Where are you from? Eltham North.

What brings you to Docklands? Meeting with family today but like to come here before St Kilda games for some shopping.

Favourite clothing item: Loose fitting tops such as the one from Envy.

What makes a good outfit? Adding a colourful scarf during winter. Accessorising with jewellery and a bag. Looking neat and presentable.

### Name: Josh Nguyen, 19

What are you wearing? Jacket from Fila. Jumper and shoes from Factory and General Pants Co Pants.

Location: Spencer Fashion Outlet.

Describe your outfit: Warm casual that is perfect for winter.

Where are you from: Werribee.

What brings you to Docklands? Spending some free time shopping before I start work.

Favourite clothing item: Skinny jeans because they show your body shape and match well with a lot of tops.

What makes a good outfit? Having the confidence to wear whatever you want.



## Friendly Lily

*Lily is a seven-month-old mini schnauzer who is very well behaved. According to her owner Leah Capuno she is very friendly to strangers.*

"Lily just loves people, she will run up to anyone on the street and jump at them until they give her attention."

Lily's interesting trait is that she loves to sing opera and will step on her squeaky toy and begin to howl along to the sound of the toy.

Lily is very active but taking her to obedience school has helped train her to be well behaved, Leah said.

"She attends obedience school on the weekends and has learned to sit, stand and jump when we tell her to," she said.

Leah believes that Lily wants Docklands to always be her home, as she "loves the cosmopolitan life" and enjoys meeting all the other dogs around the area.

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

*I felt very honoured last month to be invited to sit on a judging panel of six to select finalists for health awards.*

Without going into detail of the criteria of each category, or even the various categories themselves, it was an incredible insight for me to be able to read through almost 100 nominations of individuals, clinical teams, volunteers and more. As the only non-medical person on the panel, it was perhaps a harder-hitting eye opener, but certainly we all finished our judging (done first by individually scoring each application, then coming together for a day to discuss and mutually agree on our three finalist selections) and left feeling motivated, inspired – and often in awe – of some incredible achievements.

As a person who does not work in healthcare, I believe we so often take for granted the services we receive through public health. I know, I know – there have always been a lot of issues. Public health is, after all, one of the largest service providers in the country. There are systems that don't work smoothly, there are errors made from time to time, which can be devastating and

warrant the personal and public outcry when something negative – or disastrous – does occur.

There's not enough budget to update infrastructure, hospitals and wards can look old, be overfilled and under-resourced. Nurses are often pushed to points of exhaustion with unrelenting workloads and shifts that would stretch any one's patience (pun intended!).

We are all very aware of the things that aren't right, and it is right and proper that we are pushing for solutions to these issues.

But what I believe we're not as aware of, that's not shared through media as quickly as a negative story, is the number of heroes that are in health. Trust me, I had tears in my eyes reading about the dedication, the commitment, the tireless pursuit of better health outcomes that some of these individuals display.

I read of one nurse who goes beyond her role

every day, who is so loved by her patients that she's had children and even a puppy named after her! I've read of doctors who spend nearly the rest of their spare time – and they are already working far more than the average 40-hour week – researching, educating, sharing information and striving to find new cures.

I've read of managers who have turned a clinical situation around, of teams that have come together recognising an issue and have taken it on themselves to provide a solution.

Of volunteers spending days with patients with dementia, just to keep them calm and give them company. Of those who sit with the grieving, those who take the time to visit their patients at home, those who will not let anything come in their way of delivering their patient the very best in care, every time.

There are more of these people than you might think, and their stories deserve to be told.

They, of course, are humble. They are doing it for the purest of reasons, they are not doing it for themselves. They're doing it for us – for our present, and for our future.

So I'd like to ask you to raise a glass, and say thank you to all the unsung heroes. Be it for those in health care that you haven't heard of, be it for those in the army, the navy, the air force, the emergency services, those in life saving, those in ambulance services, fire brigades, SES, and many more. Please join me in saying thank you to those heroes whose stories we don't hear, that we don't even know exist. For without them, our lives would be very different.

God bless.

Till next month, stay safe  
*Abby xx*

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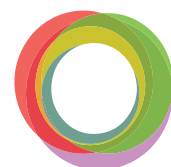
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# FACES OF DOCKLANDS



**EDWIN CEN, 52**  
Manager at Re-juice

Edwin likes the people who live in Docklands as they are all very friendly. He said that he is able to develop relationships with the customers who visit his shop on a regular basis.



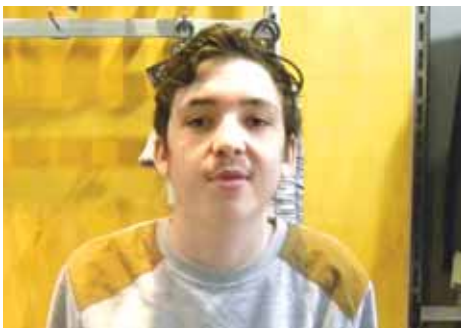
**JIG PETCHSONG, 30**  
Store Manager at San Churro

Jig's favourite aspect of Docklands is the people. She is able to talk to different people from other nations and hear about their different experiences. Jig has also enjoyed watching the area develop over the last few years and seeing all the changes happening in Docklands.



**SARAH-JAYNE PHILLIPS, 22**  
Retail assistant at Lindbergh

Sarah-Jayne enjoys the area her shop is located as it is near the water. She also likes the customers and the surrounding shop workers, as they are all very friendly.



**ALEX MACKEY, 20**  
Manager at Crosshatch

Alex enjoys the wide-open spaces of Docklands. He says that he meets a wide range of people who come into the shop. He also enjoys the wide selection of shops available in Docklands.



**RICKY JOHNSON, 30**  
Frontline Co-ordinator at YMCA

Ricky enjoys the location of Docklands, in particular how easy it is to get to. He also likes the scenery and the people who live and work in the area.



**KIRSTY MCINNES, 23**  
Store Manager at Tony Bianco

Kirsty likes how close her work is to the CBD. She also enjoys being able to go out for dinner and drinks with friends after she finishes work. She also enjoys the shopping in the area.



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## DISCOVER AN UNDERWATER WORLD

*Looking for something fun to do with the whole family these school holidays? Why not pay a visit to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium?*

Located just outside of Docklands, the aquarium is just a short tram-ride away and is home to one of Australia’s biggest oceanariums.

According to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium exhibit manager Tereza Todd, the oceanarium contains 1200 aquatic animals, 60 species and 2.2 million litres of water.

The oceanarium is home to a range of animals from the tiny cleaner wrasse, which Ms Todd says is the smallest fish in the oceanarium.

According to Ms Todd, the wrasse can often be found cleaning the teeth of the largest animal in the tank, the giant grouper.

“We have a number of large marine animals in our oceanarium with the biggest being Mr G, our giant Queensland grouper,” Ms Todd said.

“Weight approximately 250 kg and measuring around 2.2 m, the other underwater residents are under no illusion of who’s boss,” she said.

With such a range of animals living in the

oceanarium, feeding time involves a number of different methods.

According to Ms Todd, pole feeding, where food is attached to a long pole, is used on bigger animals including sawfish, grey nurse shark, large eagle rays and giant grouper.

“We have a specialised metallic ringer that we use to attract our sandbar whaler sharks,” Ms Todd said. “They have become used to the special sound, which allows us to target feed them without getting hassled by the others.”

“A large bell is rung to attract our large smooth rays. Much like the sandbar whalers, these smooth rays have become accustomed to the sound of the bell, so each time the bell is rung they know it’s food time.”

For the rest of the animals in the oceanarium, a large bucket is filled with food and dropped from above, Ms Todd said.

“Visitors can often see this taking place throughout the day, there’s a food frenzy when we do the bucket drops.”

Ms Todd said the oceanarium was one of her



SEALIFE Melbourne Aquarium exhibit manager Tereza Todd.

favourite exhibits to work in at the aquarium as she loves diving and interacting with some of the large animals.

“Many of the animals in this exhibit have been here for a number of years and they have become quite friendly, which allows us

to get up nice and close,” Ms Todd said.

“In the wild you simply can’t have this face-to-face experience.”

SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium is located on the corner of King St and Flinders St and is open 365 days a year.

## FOR EVERY PROBLEM THERE’S A SOLUTION

*For Julie Darray and the team at Kingston Management Group there’s no such thing as a too-hard basket.*

With 15 years of strata industry management experience Ms Darray has all the skills needed to ensure strata communities run smoothly and says her team is committed to helping people resolve any issue, big or small.

“For every problem, there’s a solution,” Ms Darray said.

Kingston Management Group offers a range of services including owners’ corporation management, setting up owners’ corporations for developers, facility management, mediation and dispute resolution.

Ms Darray and her team of six have extensive experience in OC management, OC administration, OC accounting and customer relations.

The business has been operating in Docklands for the past four years and is based at Yarra’s Edge, where Ms Darray has



Julie Darray (centre) and the team from Kingston Management Group.

worked managing developments in the precinct for the past 11 years.

Located close to the buildings it manages locally, Ms Darray said the office was a friendly place where owners felt welcome to pop in.

With a large meeting room, Kingston Management Group also makes its office available for OCs to use for AGMs and meetings.

Kingston Management Group aims to provide a high-level of service to OCs by

listening to owners about what they wanted from a strata manager, maintaining and adding value and by assisting owners to care for their homes and investments.

“We can’t manage every building, but we can help to change the industry for the better,” she said.

According to Ms Darray, Kingston Management Group is all about doing that little bit extra for its clients.

“We try to resolve things straight away rather than adding it to a to-do list,” Ms Darray said.

Most importantly, Kingston Management Group prides itself on always doing the right thing by each OC it manages and gaining their trust.

“Honesty and integrity, that’s what we’re about,” Ms Darray said.

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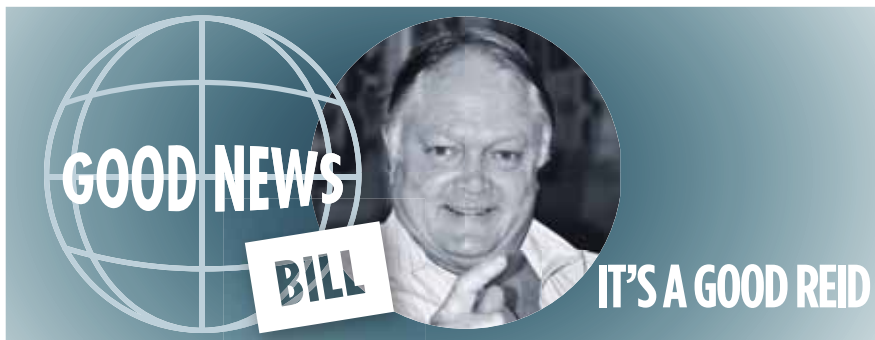
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## REPORTING FROM THE DOCKLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Docklands maritime heritage revival

*Senior executives from a number of Docklands corporates were invited by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce to attend a lunch on board the Lady Cutler to last month raise public sector funding for the restoration of the Alma Doepel. The Alma is a three masted topsail schooner, Australian built and operated, with more than a hundred years of history behind her, and with more history yet to be written.*

She is currently in dry dock being faithfully restored by shipwrights and volunteers giving hundreds of hours of their time. The Alma Doepel is a significant example of vessels of a bygone era. Restoring her requires about \$1.5 million to bring her back to her former glory – making her yet another restored symbol of Melbourne's maritime heritage.

Plans are afoot to create a permanent home for the Alma and other historic vessels in Victoria Harbour, creating a spectacular gateway to Docklands.

Speakers at the lunch included the Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Professor Rob Adams, director of city design for the City of Melbourne. Matt McDonald, CEO of SeaRoad Ferries, spoke passionately about his experience working with marginalised kids on tall ships and how the experience changed their lives, identifying the benefits a restored Alma would bring to our community. Individuals can help by getting together to raise just \$500 and buy a plank for the restoration. Visit <http://www.almaadoepel.com.au> for more information.

The Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet is coming to Docklands on Saturday,

August 30, and it will be a great family day for all who live, work and play in Docklands. So start planning how you are going to spend Melbourne Day in Docklands. The Blessing of the Fleet will be presided over by Father Bob, followed by a formal sail-by, celebrating the spirituality of 1.4 million seafarers who sail upon the high seas.

On Sunday, August 30 1835 settlers from Tasmania arrived in Melbourne near current-day Enterprize Park on the tall ship schooner Enterprize. To commemorate the first landing the Enterprize will perform a re-enactment of this significant event in Docklands with volunteers in period costume. The day will continue to entertain visitors with plenty of shore-based action that includes a free ferry service, street entertainment, music and food.

On the day there will a number of cruise options available to those interested in seeing Melbourne from the water. The Enterprize will also run short cruises. Visit <http://www.enterprize.org.au/>

The Mission to Seafarers is taking bookings for a cruise of Melbourne's ports to see big ships up close. Visit <http://www.missiontoseafarers.com.au/melbourne-regatta>.

[missiontoseafarers.com.au/melbourne-regatta](http://www.missiontoseafarers.com.au/melbourne-regatta).

The Melbourne Passenger Boating Association has a number of group packages available. Visit [www.cruisemelbourne.com.au](http://www.cruisemelbourne.com.au). The message is simple. Get on board! Docklands is coming alive for Melbourne Day.

Leading up to Melbourne Day, the City of Melbourne is once again sponsoring the annual Friday night fireworks in Docklands throughout July and August. Friday, July 18 will be especially spectacular as Docklands acknowledges the AIDS 2014 conference by lighting up the Docklands sky in a shower of red.

AIDS 2014 is coming to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre just over the river from Docklands. The conference is expected to convene over 12,000 participants from nearly 200 countries, including more than 800 journalists. The conference will be held from July 20-25. Docklands corporates and businesses will be "painting the town red".

Guest speakers at the AIDS 2014 have been

announced and these include Former US President Bill Clinton and Sir Bob Geldorf, among the high-level speakers.

Another great addition to Docklands is the arrival of a new online radio station that promotes Melbourne's waterfront. HTR Melbourne's Waterfront has commenced broadcasting in Docklands. Tune in to <http://tunein.com/radio/HTR-Melbournes-Waterfront-s224880/> to hear music and community messages about the many attractions in Docklands. Hotel and Tourist Radio (HTR) is a great way to find out what is happening in our neighbourhood and has the potential to showcase Melbourne's waterfront to a global audience. You can also download an App so you can listen in.

Things are really happening in Docklands and the future is looking bright. The Docklands Chamber of Commerce is helping local businesses connect and be informed of planned events, so they can be part of the action and deliver an excellent welcome to visitors, who come here expecting the beautiful waterfront experience that is Docklands.

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# GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Greetings everybody

My column this month is necessarily short as I am overseas, returning July 8. Right now I am writing this on board ship in the Caribbean near Puerto Rico. It's Thursday afternoon here, its 30 degrees, the humidity over 80 per cent and it's good for swimming. Sorry about that, but somebody's got to do it. Hope it's not too cold in Melbourne.

I believe there was a big attendance at the

opening of the library/ community centre. I think our major meetings and functions will be held there in the future.

The major item I wish to comment on (apart from doing well in the footy tipping) is the result of the online survey the DCA has conducted regarding preferences for the redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade.

Some 80 per cent of respondents have opted for a linear park as first preference; 11 per cent for a few buildings ; 7 per cent for the large number of buildings with lanes in

between as proposed by Places Victoria and council and a mere 2 per cent for inclusion of old cargo sheds as proposed by them.

This sends a clear message to those authorities that the people are opposed to their schemes. The issue will be pursued.

I'll be catching up with the activities of other community groups on my return. The formation of the Owners' Corporation Network is taking shape with interest in committee work being registered by OC members from various buildings around

the city.

This is all I am able to contribute from where I am overseas. But I will be in full swing when I return.

Dont forget to keep in touch with our website [www.docklandscommunityassociation.com](http://www.docklandscommunityassociation.com) and you can email us at [docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com)

Kind regards,  
Roger Gardner  
President DCA



## OWNERS CORPORATION LAW

With Tom Bacon

# A better way: Incentivising owners to pay levies on time

## 6.09 per cent is the magic number.

Taken from the Strata Community Australia (SCA) Benchmarking Survey, 6.09 per cent is the Victorian average of strata owners that have their levies in arrears for greater than 30 days.

While this may not seem like a large number – what this does mean is that, in any given building in Melbourne, owners' corporations ought to be setting budgets that are in excess of 100 per cent of planned expenditure, to account for late payers and the prospects of paying (sometimes substantial) legal

professional fees to chase the late payers in VCAT and the courts.

It can take between six to 12 months to obtain a judgment for levy arrears in VCAT, and to enforce that judgment via the Sherriff's office (for individuals) or via the Federal Court (for companies).

However, it occurs to me that owners' corporations could be doing more to incentivise lot owners to pay their fees and levies as they fall due and payable. Apart from setting budgets at 110 per cent of actual planned expenditure, an owners' corporation could adopt a discount for those that pay on or before the due date. Similar to the methods employed by utility companies for gas and electricity bills, a

prompt payment discount would reward those owners that do the right thing and pay their fees on time.

The other message is for the owners that do fall behind on their levies: the most common reason for non-payment of fees on time is because lot owners don't receive a copy of the quarterly levies in the post. Not surprisingly, this is no defence for not paying the fees, and if the owners' corporation has incurred fee collection charges for sending letters of demand and final fee notices, then the owner will need to pay those charges and any interest in addition to the levy amounts. So, if you change address, ensure that the owners' corporation manager is given notice of the new contact details.

And if owners know that they don't have sufficient funds to pay the levies, the best thing to do is to pick up the phone and tell the owners' corporation manager, so that a payment plan can be drafted. There is no shame in admitting that you can't pay on time. All of us experience cash flow issues at various times in our lives.

An agreement to catch up the quarterly levy by paying a few hundred dollars per month will mean both the owner and the owners' corporation can avoid incurring the late payment collection fees charged by many management companies and law firms.

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# Thank you new library

*The promise of a jam donut took me to the newest and best thing on the Docklands scene last week – the new library.*

The funky little cafe that sits in the foyer didn't have jam donuts so my friend Tam settled for a warmed up cinnamon donut instead. The coffee was good, the atmosphere was relaxed, warm and friendly, and inviting enough to seem like a good spot to go and sit, read, people watch and, this is the most important thing ... explore.

Plus it has that very special feel of something that has just been launched that has benefitted from the time, efforts and love of many, many people.

I think of exploration – exploration of the lives of others, environments we perhaps will never experience in person, feelings we won't necessarily feel and people we would never come across in our daily lives. Exploration as a common theme suits Docklands and its new library.

The new library is a great place to explore all of this, plus more.

It's also a very peaceful place. The hard wood

floors, solid and foundational, give a great feel of earthiness to the place, while the sense of light is all pervasive, never glary and harsh but permeating the entire building with a warmth you can feel. (The heating keeps it toasty warm as well!)

Having joined the library, I even went so far as to borrow a book. I say went so far because I go through stages where I convince myself that reading is not for me. I'm too busy, I'm too tired, I can't find a good book, the last book I read didn't really grab me ...

Having been through these cycles before I have always, always gone back to books.

The book I chose started out slow, as they often do with me. It always takes me a while to warm to a book and its the characters. To care enough about them, I want to go back and revisit the landscape they live in.

It took a while, but now I'm totally into it. I look forward to my book time, which is

shared with my 11-year-old son's book time, and so it fulfils the purpose of modelling a behaviour I would like him to follow. So it really is totally brilliant.

Thank you new library.

I have a little meditation app on my phone and there is a meditation on it called "Thanks". Buddhism is very much about gratitude – being aware of, seeing, hearing and feeling the things in our lives – whether they be material or non-material – that enrich and support us.

So in my meditation perhaps it would be good to say thanks for the new library and for all the people who made it possible. The builders, the architects, the town planners, the gardeners, the staff, and everyone else who made it possible for me to sit down at 7pm of a week night and read with my son.

Until next time.

Maria x



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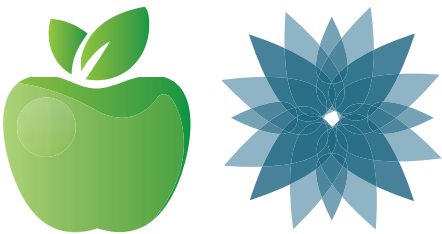
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# HEALTH & WELLBEING



By *Andrew Ward,*  
*YMCA Docklands manager*

## Make time to move – Theory!

A five-minute stretch combined with some mobility exercises at work can do wonders for your posture, health and wellbeing.

For the office worker it would be a fair assumption that we spend more than half of our working day slumped over a computer, laptop or some kind of electronic device.

Poor posture at the desk is common, often with poor ergonomics at a work station. This can lead to headaches, a sore neck, back and shoulders. In the medium to long-term if left unaddressed, muscles shorten further and the poor posture becomes more permanent, as does the impact to general health.

Here are some great exercises to do at your work desk or in the corridor if you are an exhibitionist (or want to motivate others!).

Whether you are a regular at the gym or you have never worked out, we can all benefit from some more regular stretching. Why don't you lead some mini-stretch breaks in your work place this month and help out your buddies?

## Make time to move – Practical!

In general, hold stretches for 20-30 seconds and repeat two or three times. Try the following in any order:

**Calf pumps** – Blood pools in the lower legs when you don't move. Calf pumps will help circulate blood and oxygen back to the lungs and brain. You can do this while seated or standing, but standing would be better. Complete 20 pumps by pushing your foot down and lifting your heels up, then lowering down. Rest and repeat.

**Forearm and bicep stretch** – Straighten your arm and pull the hand back towards the body (think Spiderman). This helps release the muscles in the arm that shorten when typing on your key board. Stretch both arms.

**Chest and shoulder stretch** – stand up, join your hands behind your back and open up the chest.

**Neck release** – When seated, hold the base of your chair then tilt your head to the side, taking the ear to shoulder. Then move slowly to the other side. Once completed, roll the head in a semi-circle forwards

**Standing quadriceps stretch / hip flexor release** – Balance yourself by holding on to a fixed object, lift the leg and grab the foot. Pull your heel into your backside. Push the hip forwards. Repeat on both legs.

## Exercise to improve physical and mental health

We all know that a regular exercise routine can have great benefits for our health and well-being. The National Guidelines for Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour recommends:

Adults (aged 18-64) should exercise with moderate intensity for at least 300 minutes per week; and

Children and young people (aged 5-17) need at least 60 minutes of vigorous activity EVERY day.

Please take a minute to check where you, your family and friends are in this regard – do they need your help to live a healthier life? Working out or exercising with family and friends is a great way to build healthier and happier families and communities – why don't you take the lead?

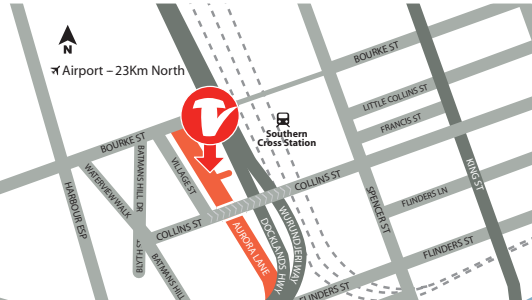
Have you heard about the brain chemical serotonin? Exercise helps stimulate the synthesis of serotonin and maintain healthy levels within the brain and body. Low levels of serotonin are associated with depression, whereas higher levels are associated with "feeling great!"

Aerobic activities like walking, running, riding and swimming are noted as better forms of exercise for the serotonin production, but of course any form of activity is better than none at all.

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## President Emma is scoring goals

By Robert Bremner

*Emma Poynton is a busy woman. For many of us, working full time is enough to deal with but, on top of that, she is the president of a sporting organisation and is also a player in her "spare time".*

Ms Poynton is the president of Melbourne Ice, a club that is based in Docklands and plays its home matches at the Medibank Icehouse.

Since she took over presidency in late 2012, Ms Poynton has seen a huge growth at the club.

"We have been getting more and more people to the games. Especially the derbies against Mustangs the stadium is reaching close to capacity," she said.

Ms Poynton says the growth is partly due to the Docklands venue.

"The Icehouse is still a very new facility that offers big change rooms, referee rooms as well as a bar and a cafe," she said.

The complex houses two rinks and has a capacity of 1650 to watch hockey matches, which has directly contributed to the growth of the club.

"Docklands has contributed to the growth of the sport in Melbourne. In fact the number of registered players has doubled in the last four years since the icehouse was opened."

The club is still small and has plenty of room

to grow. "We are an amateur club. No one gets paid; everyone here at Melbourne Ice is a volunteer."

As well as being president of the club, Ms Poynton also manages the women's side – a team that has also been successful in recent years and not just on the field.

"We have won the last two championships but importantly we are now getting 350 people to the women's games while, in previous years we had about 150," she said.

One of the difficulties she faces is finding sponsors and other forms of revenue for the club.

"It is very difficult for the women. Once you make the team you are hit with a \$2000 players fee. You also have to pay for your own equipment and travel expenses," she said.

This is different to the men who are compensated for all the equipment and also do not have to worry about player fees.

As part of her long-term goals for the club, Ms Poynton hopes that the women can one day reach break-even status.

Ice hockey, like many other sports is very



Melbourne Ice president Emma Poynton at the Icehouse.

male dominated. For Ms Poynton, who was the first female president of an Australian sporting league team, it is not an issue.

"A lot of people have asked me about being the first female, but to me it's just a job that needs to be done regardless of gender," she said.

Being in a male dominated environment is nothing new for Ms Poynton, who is used to it in her field.

"In my job as a podiatrist I was the only female in the clinic and back when I was a sports trainer there would be one or two girls down there in amongst 50 or 60 guys in the change rooms so it's nothing new to me," she said.

As well as managing the team, Ms Poynton was also a member of the team last season and hopes to be selected again. "I'm 33 now so I've only got a couple more years where I

have a chance to make the team," he said.

Ms Poynton has only been involved in ice hockey for a couple of years. She was previously a sprinter but suffered a foot injury that forced her to retire from the sport altogether.

It certainly hasn't been easy reaching this point for her. Working full time as a sports podiatrist, taking care of the media work among other things at Melbourne Ice and finally training.

"It took a lot of hard work over the years to be considered good enough for the Melbourne Ice side and also to be chosen as president."

Fast-forward to 2014 and Melbourne Ice are having one of their best seasons in recent years. They are firmly planted at the top end of the ladder and the president puts it down to the changes the team has recently undergone.

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