



Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2015

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Performance Suite, Docklands Library, Docklands

Docklands Representative Group (DRG)

Chair: Andrew Ward

Attendees: Mark Scholem, David Wong, Janine Standfield, Keith Rankin, Kelly Jensen, Roger Gardener, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy

Apologies: Darcy Inglis, Phil Spender, Joh Maxwell

Item 1. Welcome and introduction

Facilitator: Andrew Ward

Acknowledgement of country.

Item 2. Docklands Community & Place Plan Update

Speakers: Ronan Mellan from Places Victoria and Leanne Hodyl from City of Melbourne.

Ron Barrasi Senior (RBS) Park opening

- 500 attended event over the day

Harbour Esplanade redevelopment

- Waiting for Treasury authorisations, then PV can proceed with the procurement phase. (end 2015 – early 2016) to reintroduce the decks.

New Quay Wharf demolition

- Wharf unsafe after removal of sheds. Safety works expected to take place later 2015 (duration 50 weeks).

Community Hub at the Dock.

- City of Melbourne family and Children's service move in late November. Opening to the public is still to be determined.

Docklands Park improvements –

- Works underway on the park between Collins Street and Bourke Street and are progressing well and still on track to be completed by January 2016

Xmas Decorations

- As part of the CoM Christmas Celebrations, Docklands will have the Christmas decorations in the following locations:

- New Quay Promenade – Christmas Light Pillars as per last year. Christmas banners will be in key locations
Victoria Harbour Promenade – Christmas Present Boxes, large & small located in key positions along the promenade
- Buluk Park, Library @ The Dock – Docklands Christmas Tree
- Webb Bridge – Fan Baubles

Lorimer Street Structure Plan - Release of the State Government MAC report

- [Metropolitan Planning Authority](#)¹

Item 3. Melbourne West Police Precinct update

No update at this meeting

Item 4 . Docklands Representative and Agency Updates

Docklands Community Association –

- Watergate apartments - Watergate are taking their appeal against the VCAT Judge's decision to allow short stays to the Supreme Court on November 11.
- 'The Age' 18/10 article headed 'Ganglands, not Docklands: new high-rises harbour the gangland crowd'. The article referred to three alleged criminals. Matter will be raised at the next PCCC.
- Railyards gone – these railyards have been removed, there is still some noise
- Better Apartments – DCA represented at a meeting in October with an officer of the planning department and two town planners to establish our views on better apartments with reference to interior design.
- Events – More varied public events in Docklands including speedway racing, fundraising motorbike rides, Ultimate Fighting Championship, AC/DC and Military Tattoo. Police are aware.

Destination Docklands

- The recent focus has been establishing the new structure and role of Destination Docklands, including the following topics:
- Tackling media to promote positive messages to enhance Docklands reputation
- Launch of the new [Destination Docklands website](#)²
- Social media platform growing (now 18,500 likes).
- Destination Marketing Plan – focusing different marketing for Docklands (going to a working group committee)

Docklands Chamber of Commerce

- No update at this meeting.

¹ <http://www.mpa.vic.gov.au/fishermansbend>

² <http://destinationdocklands.com.au/>

Item 5. General Business

School review: DEECD are holding a consultation meeting asking for local residents feedback on their review approach and process to develop school needs data. Thursday 29 October. Janine Standfield will be attending and encourages other residents to attend also. The Melbourne Star, 101 Waterfront Way, Docklands.

- Next Forum is held on Wednesday 9 December 6-8pm 2015

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.