



## **Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary**

**Date:** Wednesday, 26 April 2017

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Performance Space, Library at The Dock

**Estimated attendance:** 30

### **Docklands Representative Group (DRG):**

Joh Maxwell, Keith Rankin, Mark Scholem, Andrew Ward

Apologies: David Wong, Phil Spender, Roger Gardner, Janine Standfield

### **Development Victoria (DV) and City of Melbourne (CoM):**

**DV -Apologies:** Ronan Mellan, Georgie Dwyer

**CoM** - Eamonn Fennessy, Cheryl Handby, Melanie Del Monaco, Sarah Lowcock

*Apologies:* Cindy Caldeira, Kimberley Pierzchalski

### **Guest presenters:**

Western Distributor Authority - Jim Carden, Director Communications and Engagement

Victorian School Building Authority – Alex Scheikowski, Projects Manager

### **Chair:**

Mark Scholem (Docklands Representative Group member)

### **Welcome: Mark Scholem**

Acknowledgement of traditional owners on whose lands we were meeting. Welcome special guests and all for attending.

## **Docklands community activity**

### **Victoria Police, Senior Sargent Michael Wilmott**

An update was provided on police activities in the area.

- Access into buildings via tailgating has been reported in the area with reports of burglaries within buildings once access has been obtained. Please be vigilant when entering and exiting buildings.
- Reports of thefts from building foyer letter boxes. Please report strange behavior to your body corporate managers, concierge (if in attendance) and to the police.
- Football crowds – Reports of thefts from motor vehicles now that the football season has begun and more vehicles are parking in the vicinity of the stadium.

- Range of recent successes in reducing crime due to valuable information provided by community. Keep an eye out and report unusual/suspicious behavior
- Get to know your neighbours this is pivotal to enhancing community safety

### **Docklands Representative Group**

- Mark Scholem provided an update on the status of the DRG revamp. A productive meeting was held on April 12 with City of Melbourne representatives and members of the DRG to discuss a range of issues. The DRG will continue to work with the City of Melbourne and Development Victoria to further these discussions.

### **Roger Gardner, Docklands Community Association**

Apology

### **Upcoming City of Melbourne activities**

- **Sunday Streets, Sunday 21 May, 9am – 12pm**, , Harbour Esplanade

**Docklands Neighbourhood pop-up initiative, activating** local spaces for local people. Including range of interactive activities for children.

- **Community Grants 2018, Open: Monday 1 May - Monday 29 May 2017** - Info Session, Tues 9 May, 9.30am, Multicultural Hub. Go to – [Community grants](#)<sup>1</sup>
- **High Life Expo, Saturday 20 May - Workshops from 10am, Expo 12 - 5pm** - Melbourne Town Hall. Register at – [High Life Expo 2017 tickets](#)<sup>2</sup>
- **Harvest Festival Expo, Friday 19 May, 5-9pm and Saturday 20 May, 11am – 5pm** - Buluk Park.

### **Docklands business activity**

### **Docklands Chamber of Commerce, president update: Johanna Maxwell**

#### **Executive update:**

- Resignation of Kebrasca King as Vice President. Kebrasca is going to focus on the next phase of growing his business. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best.
- Welcome to Kristie Gatti – New Executive Officer. Kristie will manage the day to day activities for the Chamber.

#### **Current activities:**

Re introduction of the Docklands stakeholder engagement meetings which are attended by Major Stakeholders within Docklands:

- City of Melbourne Representatives:
  - Events
  - Business and Tourism
- Development Victoria (formerly Places Victoria)
- Visit Victoria
- Docklands Chamber of Commerce members including the Developers

Purpose of the meetings is to:

- Focus on Communication across all areas of Docklands
- Opening and strengthening the relationships
  - Government – City of Melbourne – Members – Residents
- Getting the message out that Docklands is a GREAT place to visit
- Ensuring that all planned events are well supported by all

Working with the Events Team at the City of Melbourne to deliver:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/communitygrants>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/high-life-expo-2017-tickets-32221476303>

- Events
- Maximise Stakeholder Engagement
- Inform the Community
- Share Information and Marketing opportunities via
  - Facebook 55,000 followers (Visit Docklands)
  - Docklands Chamber of Commerce Website
- City of Melbourne Marketing Campaigns

#### **Current events:**

- Docklands Harvest - a new event this May at Buluk Park.
- Soak up the festive atmosphere on Friday night and experience the toe tapping sounds of folk band Velvet Archers and local DJs. Grab a drink and a enjoy bite to eat from a range of vendors. If you're feeling a little creative then get involved in some lantern making workshops. The evening concludes with a sneak peak of what's happening in Docklands this winter... the burning of an incredible wooden sculpture that's set to mesmerise the crowd.
- On Saturday, Docklands Harvest will feature fun for the whole family. Get hands on with some great workshops including:
  - Sausage making, traditional pizza workshops and coffee appreciation with Saluministi
  - The age old art of preserving and pickling with My Green Garden
  - Make your own pasta with Twirled Pasta Bar
  - Tea and Chocolate pairing with WaWa Chocolatier
  - Learn how to make the most out of small spaces with vertical gardening
  - Plus many more
- Enjoy food and drinks from our pop-up stalls, whilst enjoying music from local artists and our feature act Cooking on 3 Burners.
- Head to Docklands Harvest after work on Friday 19 May or bring the whole family on Saturday 20 May.

#### **Coming events:**

##### **Lower Yarra River Management Advisory Committee (LYRMAC) Meeting**

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Yarra River Business Association will be hosting a presentation on the Governance of the Waterways.

Follows on from a 3 year program of meetings in relation to activation of the Waterways and the process of governance

- The Lady Cutler will play host to the Lower Yarra River Management Advisory Committee (LYRMAC) on Tuesday the 16th May at 4pm. All those with an interest in the Waterways either by being directly business based or dependent upon it are welcome to attend. The LYRMAC would like to address those in attendance for approximately 45 minutes. Following on from this the Docklands Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a network function on the Lady Cutler for those in attendance. Both will be catered.

The presentation and minutes will be shared via the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and the Yarra River Business Association. An RSVP to Kristie Gatti at [admin@docklandsc.com.au](mailto:admin@docklandsc.com.au) is necessary in order to attend.

Docklands winter event, Friday 30 June, Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 July. Harbour Esplanade (North) and New Quay Promenade precinct

- Event program based on the celebration of Winter Solstice – communal, warm, engaging, colourful and interactive.
- Programmed across 3 days

- Artist engaged to construct three large wooden sculptures which will be floated on barges. Each night will host a ceremonial 'burn' including procession of light involving the community supported by fireworks and curated soundtrack.
- Live entertainment including roving/pop up performers, and fire/light based acts.
- Food and beverage offer – BBQ meats, mulled wine, comfort food in a communal dining setting
- Stakeholder engagement opportunities.

For more information contact:

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## **Docklands Community and Place Plan update**

**Development Victoria** – Ronan Mellan, Development Director  
(Apology)

**City of Melbourne** – Eamonn Fennessy, Manager Placemaking and Engagement (acting)

Responded to questions taken on notice from 22 February DCF

### **Docklands community association - Question raised**

#### **1. Fireworks – what's the future of Fireworks and will they be launched from ETIHAD IN future?**

Harbour Esplanade Docklands will continue to be a location for one of the City of Melbourne live sites for the New Year's Eve (NYE) event. The firing sites will be located on rooftops as per the city wide NYE fireworks program strategy, therefore fireworks will not be returned to the harbour.

#### **2. NYE Fireworks / Chinese NY / Australia Day has CITY OF MELBOURNE Events undertaken an evaluation or feedback as to how the events went**

The City of Melbourne does not deliver the Australia Day or Chinese New Year events, therefore cannot comment on where fireworks will be located for these events moving forward.

### **Community request**

#### **1. That CoM Events team present at a future forum to present upcoming events and activations in Docklands.**

The City of Melbourne is working collaboratively with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce to ensure all future event information is made readily available to key businesses and all residents will receive stakeholder notification of future events should the event represent any significant level of disruption or impact to the precinct.

The City of Melbourne will deliver an event in Winter (June 30, July 1 and July 2) which will involve water based fireworks. The event program for winter is much smaller than NYE and crowd numbers will be significantly less. Given the nature of the event and the anticipated attendance; the risks associated with a water based fireworks program are deemed to be manageable.

## **Special presentations:**

### **Western Distributor Authority**

An overview was provided including project information on the [West Gate Tunnel project](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### **Victorian School Building Authority**

Provided an overview and outlined the [Docklands School community engagement process](#)<sup>4</sup> and encouraged the community to be involved.

## **Next Forum and meeting close:**

**The next Docklands Community Forum is on Wednesday 28 June, 6pm.** More detail including an agenda will be available on the [Docklands Community Forum](#)<sup>5</sup> webpage.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Docklands-Proposed-Primary-School.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf>