



Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2017

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Performance Space, Library at The Dock

Estimated attendance: 25

Docklands Representative Group: Joh Maxwell, Phil Spender, Andrew Ward, Roger Gardner, David Wong. Apologies: Janine Standfield, Mark Scholem

Development Victoria (DV) and City of Melbourne (CoM)

DV: Jamie Gillingham

CoM: Eamonn Fennessy, Cheryl Handby, Melanie Del Monaco, Kimberley Pierzchalski

Guest presenters:

Australian Football League – Simon Gorr, National Venue Manager

Conversion Partners – Brad Hennessy

Chair: Joh Maxwell (Docklands Representative Group member)

1. Welcome: Joh Maxwell

2. Docklands Community Activity

Victoria Police, Simon Stevens, Inspector

Provided a brief update and answered range of questions from the community:

Query over how Docklands ranks in the crime statistics against other Melbourne Neighbourhoods, and also what the building managers and owner's corporations can do to improve safety?

- Confirmation that Docklands is a low crime area, and that the Police are working hard to maximise the visibility of patrols in the area.
- Police are keen to explore further measures to prevent crime through good environmental design, and work closely with the City of Melbourne and Development Victoria in this regard

When will the Docklands Security Committee reconvene?

- VicPol team member has been seconded to a different role, however next meeting will take place shortly, anticipated in July or August (to be updated at the next DCF)

Disappointment expressed on recent response to bike thefts and other petty crime – didn't seem like VicPol were actively chasing up all avenues on this

- Inspector Stevens said he would look into the investigations for the bike theft incident. Personal crimes were often given more attention by Police.

Query on proactive initiatives to prevent future bike thefts

- Inspector outlined there were often bike engraving opportunities and the bike safety patrol were frequently out in Docklands and "every month is bike safety month".

- Inspector Stevens reminded everyone to make use of the Crime Stoppers and Victoria Police Websites.

Docklands Representative Group – Joh Maxwell

Joh Maxwell reported that a series of special workshops between the DRG, City of Melbourne and Development Victoria had been held. Considering measures to broaden the representation of the group and increase participation in the forum.

Docklands Community Association Update – Roger Gardner

Roger highlighted concerns about the proposed Western Gate Tunnel project, including:

- Off ramp moving further towards the freeway
- Added traffic on Footscray road
- Impacts upon E-Gate renewal project

Roger also raised concerns about risks of cladding on building in Docklands.

Library at The Dock - Kimberley Pierzchalski

Kimberley provided an update on the range of activities taking place as part of the upcoming Winter in Docklands campaign:

- Firelight Festival, Kimberley has been supporting this major upcoming event and facilitating opportunities for the local Docklands community to get involved.
- Series of Winter Glow events scheduled, including Father Bob Maguire and fashion talks. Have all been well received by the community and most have sold out.
- Further activations such as Thai Chi, Dock Echo and Jazz Brew Café events on offer. Further details can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/the-dock-6500357197>

Docklands Sunday Streets – Melanie Del Monaco

Melanie provided an overview of the recent Sunday Streets pilot event held on Harbour Esplanade on May 21:

- Focus of Sunday Streets is to bring local communities together, create more community connectedness and to activate under-used urban spaces.
- 170 residents attended the event
- 97% requested further Sunday Streets events
- 26% offered to volunteer for future events. City of Melbourne is keen to hear from any other interested residents wanting to get involved with running a similar event or activity in Spring/Summer. Email melanie.delmonaco@melbourne.vic.gov.au

3. Docklands Chamber of Commerce - Joh Maxwell

Joh reported on recent DCC activities, including:

- DCC currently has 182 members and more than 107,000 Facebook followers
- Recently held networking lunch – 77 people attended the event to hear more about the AFLs concept plans to redevelop Etihad Stadium.

DCC Stakeholder meeting was held on 7th June

- Fruitbowl provided an update on their plans for the upcoming Firelight Festival
- Introduction to Papermill agency
- Overview of City of Melbourne marketing proposals
- Range of glow art and events around Victoria Harbour, with a focus on dining, activations and workshops running through to mid-July.

4. Special Presentation: Etihad Stadium Concept Plans – Simon Gorr, AFL

Simon gave an overview of the concept plans recently developed:

- Clear emphasis that these are untested proposals, presented to spark a discourse in this area and obtain support from State Government to assist in the delivery of some of the wider aspirations.

Four quarters around the stadium have been identified, highlights include:

- East side - new front entrance for the stadium, food courts, reception arrival space. Potential for the introduction of the Lonsdale bridge in the future.
- North side - emphasis on community zone, including a kids zone, possible space for personal trainers and other activities.
- South side - new fan zone, with opportunities for big screen / mesh based advertising and engagement.
- West side – introduction of a new 272 key hotel, sky bar, high end conference facility with ancillary space and access. Possible bridge, pool and other activations along the Esplanade.

5. City of Melbourne Update – Eamonn Fennessy

Cladding Investigation Update

- Since February 2016, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) has reviewed a total of 170 buildings.
- The VBA referred 83 buildings to the City Of Melbourne's Municipal Building Surveyor (MBS) in February 2016 for further investigation, which we carried out in conjunction with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB).
- Following these investigations, a total of 60 buildings were declared safe to occupy with no further action required from the MBS.
- Six buildings were referred back to the VBA (due to being under their jurisdiction) and 17 buildings are currently subject to further investigation, with a number close to being satisfactorily resolved.
- The City of Melbourne is working with all the relevant building owners and body corporates to ensure that remedial works to those buildings are taken as necessary.
- None of these buildings have been issued with any enforcement action. City of Melbourne will continue to work in partnership with the VBA and the MFB on these investigations.
- In regards to the Lacrosse building, the MBS is satisfied that the building is safe to occupy, provided that the interim safety measures in place are maintained. These measures were directed by the MBS and include: limiting occupancy numbers, keeping balconies clear of clutter, and ensuring the emergency management systems are properly maintained. These measures will remain in place until a permanent solution to address the cladding issue has been determined.
- Further information at <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/Pages/statement-on-cladding-investigations.aspx>

West Gate Tunnel

- This is a State Government project and not a City of Melbourne project.
- An Environmental Effects Statement has been released and the public are able to make submission up until July 10. More details on the EES and making a submission at <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/ees/>
- CoM has a range of concerns about the project, and will be making formal representations on the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) submitted for consideration on the project.
- Council's response will be considered by the Future Melbourne Committee on July 4. Community can attend this or view Council's response [online](#).

10 Years of City of Melbourne in Docklands

- In July 2007, Docklands was officially integrated into the municipality of the City of Melbourne.
- Significant investment and development in community infrastructure over this time, including:
 - Library at The Dock, Community Hub with family services and boating facilities, Jim Stynes Bridge, Buluk Park, Ron Barassi Park, Monument Park, Docklands Community Garden
- Close working relationship between CoM, DV and stakeholders has helped achieve these outcomes

- Residential population has more than doubled to 10,965 people in 2016 - up from 3939 in 2006 (ABS)
- Commercial and residential floor space has increased by almost 1 million sqm since 2006.
- Docklands is now the second largest locality in the City (after the CBD) and the fastest growing. 300% increase in jobs
- Docklands Community Place Plan (DCPP)
 - Outlines \$300 million of joint investment by DV and CoM
 - 77% of the 72 items in the (DCPP) are complete
 - A school for Docklands is a key target

6. Development Victoria Update - Jamie Gillingham

- Overview of current live projects around the Docklands area. DV excited about the next 10 years of working across Docklands.
- Overview of proposed works at Central Pier and Harbour Esplanade provided.

7. Special Presentation: Revitalisation of Harbour Town and Waterfront City – Brad Hennessy, Conversion Partners

- \$150 million redevelopment currently underway. Further improving the environmental aspects of the precinct.
- Focus on temporary and permanent landscaping
- Events and activations program being developed
- Key tenancies confirmed include Hoyts (2018), Dialogue in the Dark (now), and the changing profile of the retail from discount to full price.
- Woolworths taking a significant tenancy of circa 4,000sqm – 2019
- 3 hectares of land still to come forward
- Generally looking to evolve the look and feel. Pushing to improve the tram stop and accessibility.
- New 154 space childcare centre opened – this has been well received and is filling up quickly.
- Big ticket occupiers due to come through October, watch this space....

8. Next Forum and meeting close:

The next Docklands Community Forum is on Wednesday 30 August, 6pm. More detail including an agenda will be available on the [Docklands Community Forum¹](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf) webpage.

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