



Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Performance Space, Library at The Dock

Estimated attendance: 15

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

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

DV: Jamie Gillingham. Guest presenter: Eleni McIlroy

CoM: Eamonn Fennessy, Melanie Del Monaco, Kimberley Pierzchalski. Guest presenters: Jordan Mcinerney, Dan Booth, James Regan

Chair: Phil Spender (Docklands Representative Group member)

1. Welcome: Phil Spender

2. Docklands Community Activity

Community Spotlight

Trial of new 'community spotlight' item on the agenda to share:

- news from the neighbourhood
- Ideas on community projects you'd like to undertake
- Topics for future forums
- Something else about your neighbourhood you'd like to discuss further

Range of topics discussed including:

- investigating footpaths ramp/low kerbs near the community garden, open space maintenance issues including weeds and overflowing bins, need for more tables near recently installed BBQs.

Possible future DCF topics:

- Understanding Snap, Send Solve and how to use it to address customer service requests for the City of Melbourne, Harbour Esplanade Master Plan update, beautifying and improving open space in Docklands (especially around Yarra's Edge), understanding parking and parking changes, dedicated session on resilience of neighbourhoods in face of climate change (especially sea level rises)

Victoria Police – Senior Sergeant, Michael Wilmott

- Reminder to be vigilant, particularly of thefts around building sites and vehicles being tailgated to gain access to private car parks
- VicPol bike patrol also reported on range of bike related issues including modal conflict between people walking and riding on the shared path on Harbour Esplanade, and a recent incident of oil being laid on bike path.

- October is Bike Safety month and VicPol will be involved in a range of activities as part of this month-long campaign to promote safe cycling and safe communities.

Docklands Representative Group – Phil Spender

- In April this year members of the Docklands Representative Group (DRG) requested the City of Melbourne and Development Victoria hold a series of discussions about the effectiveness of, and levels of participation in the DRG and DCF.
- City of Melbourne and DV have held three meetings with the DRG to understand these issues and opportunities for improving the DRG and the DCF.
- At the most recent meeting on 2 August 2017 it was agreed that the City of Melbourne with support from the DRG would seek to undertake broader community engagement (Oct/Nov 2017) to understand the community's views on the value of the DCF and DRG and how participation and representation could be increased.
- It was also proposed that the City of Melbourne review the current Terms of Reference to establish clearer roles and responsibilities for the DRG and broadening the DRG membership to ensure it is more representative of the Docklands community. As such there would be a process developed to renew and broaden DRG members for early 2018.
- The DRG is fully supportive of this next phase. It is also keen to ensure the forum is adequately promoted to the Docklands community.

Library at The Dock - Kimberley Pierzchalski

- Range of upcoming events at The Dock including Jazz Brew Café fortnightly on Fridays. See www.eventbrite.com.au for upcoming dates and details.
- Sunday Lounge music program will be commencing later this year with an expression of interest process for a new program mentee underway. Update to be provided at the next forum.
- Range of events happening at The Dock in October as part of the annual Seniors Festival. For more information www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards
- To stay up to date on event activities and news, sign up to Dock News: <http://commail.monkii.com/h/r/0C43B36FEAA62E5B>

3. Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) - Joh Maxwell

- The DCC now has more than 114,000 Facebook followers and 175 members
- Hosting an upcoming network lunch on 22 September – to learn more about the \$150 million dollar redevelopment of HarbourTown which is being rebranded as 'District Docklands'.
- Docklands Stakeholder meeting held this morning. Review of Winter activations including: Winter Glow, Firelight, Melbourne Day Celebration.
- WinterGlow: positive feedback on this initiative from participants and businesses.
- Firelight Festival: 32,000 people in attendance, restaurants along New Quay Promenade were at capacity with customers across all three nights. Need to review event site and process for engaging businesses in this festival. Planning for 2018 event to commence in January.
- Christmas campaign in the City of Melbourne will develop incentives to drive visitation to various precincts via interactive experiences. Docklands Christmas initiatives will include: Docklands Crackers, Present Boxes, Banners, Santa's Mailbox and light projections.

4. City of Melbourne Update – Eamonn Fennessy

Eamonn provided an update on the West Gate Tunnel project which is being led by the state government:

- The Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) hearing to consider the project's Environmental Effects Statement and public submissions started on 14 August and is expected to run until 19 September 2017.
- City of Melbourne is calling expert witnesses and presenting its submission to the IAC on the following dates:
- Monday 28 August, Tuesday 29 August, Wednesday 30 August and Friday 1 September
- For hearing timetable and more information visit: engage.vic.gov.au/west-gate-tunnel-project

5. Development Victoria Update - Jamie Gillingham

- Investigations underway to assess condition of Central Pier. This includes divers being deployed to investigate the state of pylons underneath the pier. These findings are being documented and recommendations will be developed accordingly depending on condition.
- Harbour Esplanade Master Plan implementation has currently paused to consider new opportunities that may now be available with the AFLs concept plans to redevelop Etihad Stadium. However, work will commence shortly to install pontoons to enable some commercial vessels to dock at the Esplanade.
- Volvo Ocean race – an international yachting race – will be coming to Melbourne over late December 2017 and early January 2018. It is anticipated this race will attract thousands of people to Docklands over the New Year's period. There will be a range of activations and entertainment around the Harbour during this time and many volunteering opportunities for the local community. More details at www.volvoceanrace.com

6. Special Presentation: Space at corner of Harbour Esplanade and Collins St - presented by Jordan Mcinerney (CoM) and Eleni McIlroy (DV)

- Redevelopment of this community open space is almost completed and will include an outdoor exercise station, ping pong table, USB rechargeable points, new footpaths to connect Waterview Walk and Harbour Esplanade.
- Pilot sensor project will be implemented at the space to explore how to capture, analyse and share the data collected by the sensors and to understand how the data might be used in city planning and by the wider community.
- There are two categories of sensors being installed at the space:
 - Microclimate sensors: measuring temperature, wind speed, air quality, pressure and precipitation
 - Usage sensors: measuring USB charging ports usage, basketball court usage, ping pong table usage
- Data collected will become available through open data platform to the public.
- These sensors do not monitor people or collect personal information – it's about capturing environmental and usage data to understand how these elements impact on infrastructure and people in the city.
- All data will be made available on the City of Melbourne's Open Data platform in easily accessible formats so that city planners and members of the community can share and interpret the information to improve our city.

7. Special Presentation: 3D Developer Activity Model - Dan Booth, James Regan, City of Melbourne

- The City of Melbourne has developed an interactive 3D Development Activity Model to make it easier for people to find out about development applications across the city and to visualise future development.
- The model presents a visual representation of buildings currently built, approved, under construction and under application, with the ability to turn on and off different stages.
- Data in the model is updated monthly. View the model at <https://developmentactivity.melbourne.vic.gov.au>

8. Next Forum and meeting close

The next Docklands Community Forum is on Wednesday 25 October, 6pm. More detail including an agenda will be available on the [Docklands Community Forum](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf)¹ webpage.

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