



Docklands Community Forum: meeting summary

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Community Hub at The Dock, 912 Collins Street, Docklands

Estimated attendance: 25

Docklands Representative Group

Attendees: Joh Maxwell, Andrew Ward, Philip Spender, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, Albert Morcos, David Wong, Keith Rankin

Apologies: Janine Standfield, Kelly Jensen, Mark Scholem

Guests and presenters

Chair: Joh Maxwell

Guests: Cr Ken Ong, Councillor City of Melbourne

Presenters: Mick Cronin, YMCA Bridge Project; Robert Smith, Melbourne University Gridiron Club; Ronan Mellan, Places Victoria; Trudy Reid-McPhee, City of Melbourne

Welcome: Trudy Reid-McPhee, City of Melbourne

- Welcome to all attendees to a different venue for the Docklands Community Forum at the newly opened Community Hub at the Dock.

Docklands Community and Place Plan update: Places Victoria and City of Melbourne

- Community Hub at The Dock open day held on 20 February with Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Minister for Planning The Honourable Richard Wynne MP.
- Overview of upcoming events at the Sustainability Festival for 27 February.
- Melbourne City Marina recently hosted Shuguang Haiyang (Dawn Sailing) and crew following the 2015 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.
- Future Melbourne 2026 has launched. City of Melbourne is undertaking a citizen-led process to refresh Future Melbourne 2008. Public engagement program open until 31 March.
- Lunar Market was held between 4 and 14 February along Harbour Esplanade. Approximately 85,000 people in attendance.
- Harbour Esplanade redevelopment – Places Victoria are working with the City of Melbourne to construct a temporary pontoon walkway that will run in among the existing white-capped pylons. The concrete decks either side of Central Pier will be reinstated in the future.

- Melbourne Quarter – Lend Lease has development rights to this site under a Project Development Agreement with Places Victoria. This will be a community and residential re-development on Collins Street. Construction is expected to commence mid-March and last approximately two years.
- A Fishermen's Bend Community Forum is being held on Monday 29 February. If you would like to attend, RSVP as soon as possible as space is filling fast.

YMCA Bridge Project: Mick Cronin, Manager YMCA Bridge Project

The YMCA Bridge Project provides support, training, and employment opportunities for young people at risk of being trapped in a recurring cycle of crime and imprisonment. Many of these young people have made bad decisions in the past and are looking for a second chance. When the Bridge Project reaches out to them, they are usually vulnerable and desperately in need of guidance and support.

In 2015/16 the YMCA Bridge Project will deliver 45 work skills and vocational pathways programs to Corrections Victoria clients state-wide placing 90 programs participants into education, training and employment. The Bridge Project is proven to reduce reoffending rates from over 50 percent to 3 percent for program participants.

One of the approaches to achieve this is YMCA ReBuild – a social enterprise that provides quality facility maintenance services at a competitive rate. Employees are young people who have been involved in – or who are at risk of being involved in – the criminal justice system that are looking to turn their lives around. You can help support YMCA Bridge project by contracting your building maintenance to YMCA ReBuild. For more information visit [YMCA Bridge Project](http://bridgeproject.ymca.org.au/)¹.

Melbourne University Gridiron Club: Robert Smith

A new gridiron club is looking to commence at Ron Barassi Senior Park and is looking for community support and participation. It is a new initiative to bring gridiron to Melbourne. Kids and adults of all ages welcome.

Further information can be found at [Melbourne University Gridiron Club](http://www.melbourneuniversitygridiron.com/)² or email Robert Smith at president@mugc.com.au or call 0402 435 208.

Docklands Community Association: Roger Gardner

- Interest expressed in the red and white lights from the Lunar Market to remain on a permanent basis – the area could benefit from this festive, constant lighting. A submission has been made to Council already.
- Concern raised over community feedback being ignored in Council's review of a permit application for The Banksia to be built on the current NewQuay Piazza site. Events such as the recent Australia Day celebrations draw huge crowds to the area.
- Note: The planning permit application for building C (aka The Banksia) was approved at the 21 April 2015 Council meeting – please visit the Council meeting documentation for more information.
- There were concerns regarding people jumping into the harbour on New Year's Eve. However, due to the space being a public area, Council has no control over this.
- The DCA has made a request to Council to extend the lighting of the basketball courts on Harbour Esplanade from 9pm to 10pm. Two people raised objections to this proposal, stating that noise from court users already extends well into the evening – extending the lighting hours would further extend the noise issues.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce: Joh Maxwell

¹ <http://bridgeproject.ymca.org.au/>

² <http://www.melbourneuniversitygridiron.com/>

- Harbour Town refurbishment and development is coming along well, with a lot of positive feedback – the new roof is being installed; Wonderland Fun Park closed on 26 January and is being moved under the Observation Wheel and the previous site will be used for the new Hoyts cinema.
- Docklands News Networking Lunch to be held 18 March from 12 noon. For more information and to book, please visit the [Docklands Networking Lunch](#)³.
- A decision on waterways governance is pending and is with the Minister. Likely to know more in the next couple of months. More detail is available in the Docklands News article [Waterways governance: So close, and yet ...](#)⁴.
- A morning tea will be held at Parliament House on 25 February at 10am and is open to the public. It will be run by the Greens and *City Schools 4 City Kids* to discuss the need for local schools in the CBD and Docklands.

Other business

- **Docklands Community Garden:** A crowd-funding program has commenced to provide on-going funding for the Docklands Community Garden. Pledge at: [New soil for Community Garden](#)⁵. Thirty-two percent of required funds have already been raised (ie \$1186 and need \$3000). Contact Greg Wise – Coordinator of Docklands Community Garden at wiseguy873@gmail.com.

Meeting closed: Joh Maxwell

³ <http://www.docklandsc.com.au/current/docklands-news-networking-lunch/>

⁴ http://www.docklandsnews.com.au/editions/article/waterways-governance-so-close-and-yet_11219/

⁵ <http://www.pozible.com/project/204166>