



## Docklands Community Forum Meeting Summary

**Date:** Wednesday 25 February 2015

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Venue:** Performance Suite, Docklands Library, Docklands

### Docklands Representative Group (DRG)

Albert Morcos, Andrew Ward, David Wong, Janine Standfield, Keith Rankin, Philip Spender, Roger Gardener, Joh Maxwell, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, Darcy Inglis, Mark Scholem

Apologies: Kelly Jensen, Director Marketing and Events, Destination Docklands.

#### Item 1. Welcome and introduction

**Speaker/s:** Andrew Ward

Forum opened and participants welcomed.

Acknowledgement of country.

The chaired thanked Anita Donnelly (former representative for Destination Docklands) on behalf of City of Melbourne and Places Victoria for her contribution and commitment to the Docklands Community Forum since its inception in September 2015.

#### Item 2. Fountains and Flames Show – Docklands proposal

**Speaker/s:** Mark Ryan - FCT Flames

We can be accessed on [YouTube](#)<sup>1</sup>.

This is a simulated presentation of the capabilities. It has the potential to be a significant attraction for Docklands and the City of Melbourne to generate \$230million in economic activity annually.

We have a full Press Release issued by FCT Flames.

Requires \$15million funding, to be sourced from the private sector. Support from City of Melbourne and State Government at this stage is for permits and planning. Approvals take 6 months.

This has been forwarded to the Lord Mayor already and will be issued through to State Government Ministers for review.

We are seeking support in spreading of the news. Road show to Docklands stakeholders and potential investors are currently being scheduled with the first of these presentation completed 25 February with more scheduled over the coming weeks.

#### Item 3. Docklands Fire – Emergency Recovery Update

**Speaker/s:** Dean Griggs (Manager Community Safety and Well Being)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_5zugCFij4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_5zugCFij4)

A comprehensive overview of impact of Docklands apartment fire November 2014. City of Melbourne is lead agent in emergency and recovery program working with state emergency services. Audience wanted to know cause of fire and how to prevent another high rise fire occurring.

Action: Invite Melbourne Fire Brigade to present at the next DCF on fire safety.

#### **Item 4. Melbourne West Precinct Police Station**

**Speaker/s:** Senior Sergeant Willmott

Update on Operations, Community Relations, Crime Prevention.

- Recent incidents – bike theft, motor car theft and burglary
- Beware of drivers tail-gaiting into private car-parks
- New station on Lonsdale opening next month

#### **Item 5. Lorimer Draft Structure Plan**

**Speaker/s:** Leanne Hodyl (City Of Melbourne), Jane Monk (Metropolitan Planning Authority)

Introduction to the Lorimer structure planning process commencing this month.

Discussion focused on audience concerns about MPA role in ameliorating the impacts of development that residents do not want, and the absence or lack of genuine consultation for particular sites, including densities, heights, scheduling, shadowing, traffic. Local and State Government agencies need to balance private sector resources over and against the concerns of residents' expectations and needs.

City of Melbourne informed the audience about forthcoming consultation sessions for the draft structure plan in March and April.

Residents and traders are encouraged to register with [Participate Melbourne](http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/)<sup>2</sup>, the Council's online engagement site, to provide input and follow the public conversation.

Action: Representatives suggested an extra-ordinary meeting with developers to discuss these issues.

#### **Item 6. Docklands Community and Place Plan Implementation Update**

**Speaker/s:** Places Victoria and City of Melbourne

Ron Barassi Senior Park – Community and Sporting Facility

Harbour Esplanade Master Plan (HEMP) Next Steps: community feedback will be used to refine the HEMP, which will be the blue print for the development of the Docklands waterfront over the long term.

Docklands Park Improvement Works – Jim Stynes Bridge all works complete

The focus on the park between Collins Street and Bourke Street will include:

- Adaptation of the existing wetland area along Collins Street into a new public activity space
- Improve path access and connections to the raised park spaces
- Provide public seating

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<sup>2</sup> <http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>

- Upgrade edge treatments to existing wetland area (removal of the temporary fencing and steel barriers)
- Improvements to the park edges and entries
- Improved streetscape to Bourke Street edge with new street tree planting and park entry space
- Improve the existing vegetation with additional garden bed and tree planting

#### Victoria Harbour – Collins Wharf Development

- In February 2015, a series of community drop-in sessions were held and a static display installed in The Library at The Dock, providing information about the proposed amendments and providing the opportunity for feedback. Development Plan amendment expected to be lodged in March 2015.

#### Community Boating and Family Services Hub

- Structural works underway
- Completion expected Dec 2015
- The Community Boating Hub (ground floor)
- The Family Services Centre (first floor)

See Presentation on City Of Melbourne forum webpage.

### **Item 7. Alma Doepel Ship Restoration Project**

**Speaker/s:** Peter Harris (Restoration Director)

The director gave an excellent presentation on all the exciting works happening at the restoration sheds and the fantastic community education and training programs underway at the Ocean Education Centre.

Alma Doepel is supported by corporate and local business including the Chamber of Commerce and seeks sponsorship to meet its funding goals to this unique and grand ship on the waters.

### **Item 8. Docklands Community Choir**

**Speaker/s:** Open Door Singers

A new choir is starting in Docklands, based at the Dock Library, commencing after Easter.

Another initiative of City of Melbourne to build community connection and wellbeing in Docklands neighbourhood.

### **Item 9. Comment on Harbour Esplanade Master Plan**

**Speaker/s:** David Napier (Executive Director) Digital Harbour (Holdings)

David Napier provided a perspective on the plans, that public consultation did not necessarily reflect the community's views.

He also rejected claims that built form was necessary to ameliorate effects of wind and that protection from the wind could be achieved through screening and planting.

That the derelict area has created a barrier to visitors and general amenity for too long – that the surplus funding should be invested sooner rather than over 10 years as proposed. Any remaining harbour water views

must be maintained as part of the new development as they are essential to the amenity and charm of the city. This document is being forwarded to City Of Melbourne.

## **Item 10. Docklands Representative and Agency Updates**

### Community Association

- Roger Gardner advises that Places Victoria has a solution to the litter problem on the harbour.
- Skater related incidents and complaints will be passed on to relevant parties.
- Roger to participate on State Government panel investigation into effects of short stay accommodation.

### Chamber of Commerce

- Joh Maxwell advises that Seniors Week starts in October. Planning is underway.

### Dragon Boat Association

- David Wong advises that Chinese New Year opening ceremony went off with a bang.

### Docklands School Advocacy

- Janine Standfield has written to Minister Merlino on behalf of the Forum advocating for a school for Docklands and contacted Minister Foley, MP for Albert Park, who will advocate for Docklands students to access local schools and spoken with Ellen Sandell, MP for Melbourne, who is also aware of limited educational opportunities for Docklands students and will advocate for Docklands students.
- Janine was asked by the Fishermans Bend Network to promote the submission they have made regarding future planning for the area.

### Harbour Town Traders

- Albert Morcos advises that there has been some positive change for traders and shoppers with the Ash Morgan administration of Harbour Town, investment of \$25 to \$40million in building new residential and office space.

Docklands Social Club next meets at Merchant Society Restaurant on 11 March after work.

### **Forum closed 9:30pm**

Next meeting to be held Wednesday 29 April 2015.