



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

**Date:** Wednesday, 26 October 2016

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Community Hub at The Dock

**Estimated attendance:** 39

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

**Attendees:** Albert Marcos, David Wong, Johanna Maxwell, Andrew Ward, Janine Standfield

**Apologies:** Phil Spender, Mark Scholem, Roger Gardner, Keith Rankin

### **Places Victoria (PV) and City of Melbourne (CoM):**

**PV** Georgie Dwyer, Ronan Mellan

**CoM** Trudy Reid-McPhee, Cindy Caldeira, Kimberley Pierzchalski, Tim D'Agostino, Gail Hall, Joseph Jenco

### **Guests and presenters:**

Senior Sargent Michael Wilmott, Victoria Police;

Johanna Maxwell, Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCCC);

Tim D'Agostino, Joseph Jenco City of Melbourne;

Jaison Hoernel, Good Cycles

Alison Lyons, Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club,

Russell Phillips, Docklands Yacht Club,

Phillip Chan, Dragon Boats Victoria

### **Chair:**

Albert Marcos

## **Welcome: Albert Marcos**

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

## **Neighborhood updates**

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

Current issues include commercial burglaries particularly around safe break ins which are occurring in the early hours of the morning (midnight to 2:00am). Offenders are gaining entry by smashing windows. Apartment Complexes – mail boxes are being broken into and mail is being stolen leading to identity theft. Should any breaches to mail boxes occur, in the first instance report it to your Building Manager. Apartment owners / occupiers should also be aware of unauthorized access to floors of apartment buildings.

Senior Sergeant Wilmott advised members of the public to be vigilant and if any unusual or suspicious behavior is observed or something out of place to report it to police by contacting 000.

There will be extra police presence in the city and around transport hub during the Spring Racing Carnival.

### **Roger Gardner, Docklands Resident Association**

(Apology)

### **Johanna Maxwell, Docklands Chamber of Commerce**

Joh advised that the New Year's Eve fireworks will not be water based. The Chamber have an AGM coming up venue TBC.

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

### **Ronan Mellan, Places Victoria:**

Harbour Esplanade - Places Victoria will be undertaking greening works on the southern end of Harbour Esplanade. Preparation works commenced on site on 25 October and are expected to be completed by mid-December 2016.

Bolte Precinct West – Community consultation to identify temporary sport and recreation specific uses for the site has been completed. Temporary use of the shed will be available in the interim 2 year period from mid-2017, pending a decision on the longer term use of the site. There was not an overwhelming response for a specific use with a range of activities identified as potential options including multipurpose sports, rock climbing, parkour and skating - the shed can accommodate a range of activities. BPW is being delivered in 3 stages. Demolition is completed, repairs and maintenance works are due to commence in early 2017 and use of the site is expected to commence mid-2017.

M-Pavilion - Officially opened at its permanent home on Collins St and Batman's Hill Drive. A series of free outdoor health and wellbeing classes will be held during lunchtimes at M-Pavilion Docklands over the coming weeks. The classes will involve yoga, stretching and pilates and will be tailored to suit all levels and are being run by Push! Fitness Docklands and the program will conclude on Friday 9 December 2016.

Docklands Walking Tours App - Places Victoria launched the 'Docklands Walking Tours' App, with the Dockside walking trail during the Melbourne Regatta on 28 August 2016. The App can be found on the App Store (Apple) or Google Play store (Android) by searching for 'Docklands Walking Tours'. Once the app is downloaded, click on the 'Dockside' icon and download the heritage tour. The Docklands Walking Tours App

will eventually feature several walking trails, of which 'Dockside' is the first. Places Victoria are developing two more trails, which will focus on the indigenous heritage of Docklands and the public art program.

### **Trudy Reid McPhee, City Of Melbourne:**

Array update – Awaiting settlement. COM will commence consultation into the uses as soon as this is completed.

Events in Docklands Tender update – Tenders applications have been assessed for events in Docklands for 16/17, includes Christmas, winter, and 3rd to be confirmed. Next steps - to be awarded (which has been delayed due to Caretaker) – Will be approved in the next 2 weeks, can provide an update by email and at next forum in December. Stakeholders are being consulted as normal. If you wish to be on this mailing list please ensure you are registered....

### **Feedback and questions from the audience**

Q: Resident concerns raised on the placement of the Good Cycles container on Harbor Esplanade impeding views of the water and contrary to the Masterplan. A: Places Victoria explained the statutory planning process was followed and the Masterplan provides high level plan for the Esplanade. There is no agreement on views of the Harbor being impacted due to the container. A presentation on Good Cycles is on the agenda for information on the Good Cycles enterprise.

Q: Resident reported traffic is causing issues following the container being placed on the Esplanade and confusion for cars, bicycles and pedestrians. Signage can be improved and bicycles should need to be registered. A: Places Victoria explained they were not aware of any issues due to the container. Cars should not mount the Esplanade – if this is the case it is to be reported to the Police. City of Melbourne does not have a position on mandatory registration of bicycles. Council's [Bicycle Plan](#)<sup>1</sup> is the city's framework for supporting the increase in cycling with a particular focus on education for cyclists, vehicles and people. Victoria Police also conduct bicycle blitz sessions and education to the community on cycling.

Q: What impact will the Stadium have on the Esplanade. A: Places Victoria is having preliminary discussions with the AFL who has indicated the importance of the Stadium to the Esplanade and is of the intention to maximize benefit to the Esplanade.

Q: Feedback: Increase the provision of infrastructure to provide shade shelter in Docklands. A: This is being considered in new developments including Bolte Precinct West and Ron Barassi Senior Park.

Q: Delay in Event tender being awarded and made public. A: Concerns raised on inadequate notice for traders to prepare for Christmas. CoM to follow up for an update from Events Melbourne.

Q: Village Street Activation – concerns were raised in relation to the direction of traffic on Village Street and the impact the Collins Square car park will have on traffic. . Furthermore, concerns were raised regarding the undercroft area where the Collins Square car park is located which was once publically accessible. A: Places Victoria clarified that the Collins Square car park is not a public realm area.

Q: Signage from the tram stop into The Dock needs improvement and confusion created on Hub names – Residents would like to be consulted in naming facilities and see signage improved. Signage in the Boating Hub needs to improve to include clubs operating out of the facility for exposure and promotion. A: Kim P noted this was being worked on internally with other feedback also being received.

Q: The Café in the Library has ceased operation due to rates going up and the operation being economically unsustainable. The café is a welcome addition to the precinct particularly with limited places being open on weekends. A: Kim P advised the lease has ended however the offer will continue.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parking-and-transport/cycling/pages/bicycle-plan.aspx>

## **Janine Standfield, CS4CK and DRG:**

The Department of Education has released its plan for Schools provision. On behalf of City School for City Kids and the Docklands Representative Group, advised the audience on positive news in relation to schools provision within Docklands. However the timeframes for implementation are inadequate and need further advocacy. Also the re-zoning is not satisfactory as neighboring facilities are overflowing and not accepting enrolments.

The DRG, PV and CoM thanked Janine for her advocacy with the Department since 2014 on the schools issue.

## **Draft Skate Melbourne plan, Tim D'Agostino, Open Space Project Officer, City of Melbourne**

Updates were provided on the development of a strategic plan to better support and manage skating in the city. Skateboarding is an increasingly popular activity amongst youth across Victoria. To stay up to date visit [Skate Melbourne Plan<sup>2</sup>](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate) or email [skatemelbourne@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:skatemelbourne@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

### **Questions and comments from the audience**

The audience was largely supportive of the presentation and strategy. Q: Where will the skate facility be located in Docklands? Q: The map shown is indicative of the need to accommodate skating in Docklands. No detailed work has been conducted into the precise location of the site itself.

Feedback: Surface material used for public and skating should be cognizant of the noise created by the activity.

### **Fire Safety in high rises**

Joseph Genco provided an update on the issue of Fire Safety in High rises. A flyer is available to all attendees on Fire Safety for distribution within buildings and common areas. Also available at the Library at The Dock.

### **Comments and questions from the audience**

Q: Can the flyer be made available in other languages A: MFB's Home Fire Safety [booklet<sup>3</sup>](#) is available in 21 other languages.

Q: Change in legislation since the Lacrosse fire. A: All new developments will require sprinklers on the balcony regardless of balcony size. Other legislation currently proposed is allowing owners corporation to deal with fire safety in the common areas is currently being drafted for approval by parliament.

Cladding Audit- 83 buildings investigated, with 22 of these buildings requiring more in-depth research.

Q: Is there an overarching body to audit existing facilities? Is there a way we know a building is compliant? A: Proactive audits are undertaken on risk based situation and typically for building occupied as nightclubs, backpackers, squats in dangerous buildings. The responsibility rests with the owners or owners corporations.

Q: Issue of fire alarms being set off in common areas requiring attendance from emergency services all hours and too frequently. A: Owners need to ensure essential safety measures are maintained and that the smoke alarms or detectors are the correct ones for the situation, occupant behavior is not dealt with in building legislation.

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

<sup>3</sup> [www.mfb.vic.gov.au](http://www.mfb.vic.gov.au)

## **Good Cycles**

Jaison Hoernel, CEO of Good Cycles provided an update on the Social Enterprise Good Cycles<sup>4</sup>. The container is a facility for education and programs to be run out of along the second busiest cycle route in Victoria. People working out of the container are in the final stages of the Good Cycles training program to long term unemployed. The location works extremely well due to close proximity to the Capital City trail and cyclists and neighboring facilities including the Library that are used for their programs. Good Cycles works closely with various businesses in Docklands already and is keen to have more involvement and interaction with the community.

## **Community Hub at The Dock tenants**

The 3 clubs of the Community Hub at The Dock provided a presentation on each club's operations, membership, history and future aspirations.

Alison Lyons, President, Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club<sup>5</sup>

Russell Phillips, Vice Commodore, Docklands Yacht Club<sup>6</sup>

Phillip Chan, President, Dragon Boats Victoria<sup>7</sup>

Docklands Corporate & Community Regatta scheduled for 18 February 2017.

## **Other business:**

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

Chair encouraged attendees to provide feedback to improve future forums and to register to the mailing list to be kept informed.

The next Docklands Community Forum is on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 6pm. More detail including an agenda is available at [Docklands Community Forum](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/strong-communities/Pages/docklands-community-forum.aspx)<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.goodcycles.org/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://melbourne.outriggers.com.au/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.docklands.yachting.org.au/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.dragonboatvictoria.com.au/home/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/strong-communities/Pages/docklands-community-forum.aspx>