



## Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Performance Space, Library at The Dock

**Estimated attendance:** 20

**Docklands Representative Group:** Joh Maxwell, Andrew Ward, Phil Spender, Keith Rankin,

Apologies: Janine Standfield, David Wong, Mark Scholem

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

**DV:** Jamie Gillingham, Karen Cowden, Adrian Lee

**CoM:** Eamonn Fennessy, Melanie Del Monaco, Leo Campbell, Kate Mallyon

**Chair:** Phil Spender (Docklands Representative Group member)

### Welcome: Phil Spender

#### Docklands Community and Business Updates

**1. DRG Update Phil Spender** encouraged everyone to consider submitting an expression of interest to be part of the new Docklands Representative Group.

#### 2. The Dock - Kimberley Pierzchalski, Community Animator, City of Melbourne

- Kimberley provided an update on all of the events at The Dock
  - Thai Chi
  - Toast masters club
  - Adult ADHD club
  - Myriad Collective – exhibition and workshops
  - French Theatre season
  - Table tennis
  - Dragon boat training
- Sunday Lounge music program will continue. Update to be provided at the future forum.
- The Dock enewsletter is the best way to stay informed on what's happening. Sign up [here](#)

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

Joh explained that the combined reach of CoM websites and the DCC can reach 1 million people

- Docklands Summer activation very successful
- Firelight Winter Solstice festival attracted 30k people
- The Docklands Chamber of Commerce has made a submission as part of the consultation on the Draft Fishermans Bend Framework. The DCC is concerned about the proposed freight bridge to run by the Bolte Bridge and will be taking part in panel hearings to detail their concerns.

- People again encouraged to sign up to Visit Docklands Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/MelbDock/>

#### 4. Docklands Laughter Club - Mahes

- Mahes talked about the benefits of laughter for the mind and body and encouraged everyone to take part in the free monthly Docklands Laughter Club. On 10am, first Saturday of every month at Buluk Park.
- World Laughter Summit is taking place on May 6 and Federation Square – everyone welcome.
- Mahes lead everyone in a small laughter exercise – and everyone had a good laugh.

#### 5. Good Karma Effect Network - Amy Churchouse

- Amy talked about how the Good Karma Effect Network started in Kensington as a Facebook group when she lost her pet.
- It is now helping thousands of people around Australia to connect with the local neighbours and communities and solve problems together.
- The Good Karma Effect Networks provide their members with the opportunity to ask for help from their local community with various challenges they are facing in their lives, workplace, family, or home. They are a platform of collaborative problem solving finds solutions and support that individuals may not have otherwise been able to access.
- Joh expressed that she thought this would be great for Docklands, and asked how Docklands can get involved. Amy offered to work with interested community members in Docklands to set-up a dedicated Dockland Good Karma Effect Network. It was suggested this could be an idea for the new DRG to take on or investigate further.
- <http://www.goodkarmaeffect.com/>

#### 6. City of Melbourne Update – Eamonn Fennessy

Eamonn provided an update on the Yarra's Edge Community Space:

- Approximately 250 square metres of space located on ground floor of Array Tower, Yarra's Edge.
- Tender to provide basic fit-out for the space recently closed. Anticipate this work will be completed mid-year.
- Work to be undertaken is generic - no specific end user in mind at this stage.
- Further updates at future forums
- The current DRG were acknowledged for their input especially for their advocacy for the school.:
  - Andrew Ward
  - David Wong
  - Janine Standfield
  - Joh Maxwell
  - Keith Rankin
  - Mark Scholem
  - Phil Spender

#### Mel del Monaco

- A review of the forum was instigated in 2017 at the request of the current DRG. A series of workshops was conducted with the DRG and consultation with the broader community through an online survey and series of pop-ups.

##### Review Findings

- Respondents indicated they value aspects of the current forum, including:
- Opportunity to stay informed on local projects and events in Docklands, including
  - hearing from “*decision makers*” and “*project experts*”.

- Chance to have their say and provide input and feedback into projects and decision making.
- Opportunity to connect with other local people.
- Respondents indicated they would like to see the following changes made to the forum:
  - Greater local community participation and opportunity to hear from the community about their own projects and ideas.
  - More emphasis on networking and creating opportunities for people to connect and meet each other. Some respondents suggested a “*pay your own way social drinks or group meal afterwards*”.
  - Increased promotion to the Docklands community about the forum.
  - Agenda with focus on important issues to Docklands including: Harbour Esplanade, primary school planning, sporting and recreational groups, transport, environmental and other large development projects.
  - More relaxed and not so formal format.
  - Slightly later start time
- Respondents indicated they most saw value in the forum serving as a network to connect communities and stakeholders, and as a platform for advocacy on important issues for Docklands.
- Informing the implementation of the Docklands Community and Place Plan (DCPP) did not rate highly amongst respondents. Given over 70 per cent of actions in the DCPP have been delivered, it can be considered this alone is no longer the key driver for the forum.

**Next steps:**

- Reshape format to be less formal and encourage more opportunities for networking and community-led projects and updates.
- Focus on improving the quality of and community participation in forums, rather than the quantity of forums. Given this, forums to be held quarterly in 2018.
- Transition the Docklands Community Forum to a community-led model by 2019.
- Expression of Interest process for new Docklands Representative Group members - this will involve retiring the existing DRG members (who can reapply again if interested).
- Work with the new DRG members over 2018 to develop Terms of Reference for the forum enabling it to function as a standalone community-led network in 2019. City of Melbourne and Development Victoria would continue to be involved in and support the forum.
- Docklands Representative Group - Expressions of Interest are open until **Monday 7 May, 5pm**
- We're looking for:
  - up to 20 people to help organise and lead the forum quarterly
  - people with energy, passion and ideas to help further improve Docklands as a place for everyone.
  - connect to the Docklands community to share and promote the forum
  - diversity
  - ability to act with integrity, confidentiality and diligence.
- For more information or to apply: [participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf](http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf)

**7. Development Victoria Update - Jamie Gillingham**

Thanked the DRG and spoke about how they make the work of DV easier. Reiterated that DV find it useful to gauge the opinion of the community through DRG.

**Adrian Lee**

- **Melbourne Quarter**
  - Second commercial tower under construction
    - 30,000sqm, 27 storeys
    - Anchor tenant Energy Australia
    - Creation of Melbourne Square open space
    - Provision of 500sqm community build space
  - First residential tower under construction
    - 44 storeys, 719 apartments

- Lendlease's largest residential tower in Australia
- **Collins Square**
  - Fifth and final commercial tower under construction
    - 33 storeys, 40,000sqm
    - Anchor tenants TransUrban and NBN
  - DV and Walker Corporation working in partnership on projects to support activation at ground floor level around the precinct.
    - Collins Street undercroft retail pods occupied by Tribute Boxing, who are running programs with a socio-economic focus for people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
    - Urban art lighting project illuminating Collins Street Bridge girders to enhance pedestrian amenity and improve safety.
- **MPavilion/CLEC**
  - CLEC Stage 1 (MPavilion) and CLEC Stage 2 proving popular with local residents and workers
  - DCF attendee requested contact for basketball courts
  - Directed to COM who maintain the site on behalf of DV

## Meeting close

## Next Forum

The next Docklands Community Forum is on Wednesday 27 June, 6pm. More detail including an agenda will be available on the [Docklands Community Forum<sup>1</sup>](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf) webpage.

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