



Docklands Community Forum: Meeting summary

Date: Wednesday, 29 June 2016

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Library at The Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands (LATD)

Estimated attendance: 26

Docklands Representative Group (DRG)

Attendees: Albert Marcos, David Wong, Mark Scholem, Johanna Maxwell

Apologies: Andrew Ward, Janine Standfield, Roger Gardner, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, Phil Spender

Places Victoria and City of Melbourne

Places Victoria: Georgie Dwyer, Jamie Gillagham, Josh Kohl

City of Melbourne: Trudy Reid-McPhee, Adam Bucholtz, Cindy Caldeira

Guests and presenters

Chair: Mark Scholem

Special presentations

Mark Karutz, City of Melbourne

Murray Rance and Jamie Ruscoe, Port Phillip Ferries;

Craig Eloranta and Dawn Grealish, City of Melbourne;

Jacqueline Saultry, Lendlease and Hugo Lamb, Space Agency;

Mahes Karuppiah-Quillen, Laughter Club;

John Kakos, Docklands Community Association (DCA);

Johanna Maxwell, Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCCC);

Barry Gipp, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police.

Welcome: Mark Scholem

Acknowledgement of traditional owners on whose lands we were meeting. Welcome to all attending and acknowledgement of Senior Sergeant Barry Gipp from Victoria Police and Jamie Gillagham, Placemaker for Docklands, Places Victoria.

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

Update from Georgie Dwyer, (for Ronan Mellan) Places Victoria

Bolte West Precinct: Places Victoria will be releasing a community survey in July to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback on the temporary sport and recreation uses that could be accommodated at the site for an interim period of 2 years. Places Victoria will hold an information drop in session on Thursday, 21 July 4-7pm at LATD. Further information including the survey will be made available on the Places Victoria website.

Update from Trudy Reid-McPhee, City of Melbourne

Docklands Park improvement works: Docklands Park improvement works between Bourke and Collins Streets are now complete. The City of Melbourne has received several reports about the increase in skateboarding activity that is causing damage to new seating. Skate deterrents have been installed since to deter stakers and protect seating. More broadly the City of Melbourne is currently developing the Skate Strategy with skaters and the broader community. The plan aims to provide a guide to better management, location and provision of skate activity into the future, whilst keeping an appropriate distance from residential areas. A special presentation on the Strategy is scheduled for the August DCF.

Update from Mark Karutz, Property Services, City of Melbourne (CoM)

YE Tower 6 'The Array' Community Space: The Docklands Community and Place Plan action for a Creative Space in Docklands has guided the concept of the 'Array' space functioning as a creative space. CoM is scoping out the idea and provide options for a Makerspace, which provides flexible access to the community. CoM is awaiting ownership of the space and funding has been secured in 2016-17 for this project. The community will be invited to participate in on-site community workshops/consultations to inspect the site and provide feedback on use proposed. Feedback:

- Joh Maxwell has observed excessive pooling of water at Bourke and Collins street.
- The crossing at the junction of Bourke and Collins street (in Docklands) at the tram stop can be improved for pedestrians.
- Media announcement from Etihad Stadium this week – Attendees expressed interest in finding out more about the proposed revamp of the stadium including any community benefits that can be included. A special presentation would be welcomed at future DCF's.

Special presentations

Docklands Ferry – Murray Rance CEO, Jamie Ruscoe, Ferry operations, Port Phillip Ferries

Port Phillip Ferries (PPF) is thankful for the support received from Lord Mayor on the ferry trial. The trial so far has been taken up predominantly by the tourist market and lesser by city workers during the week. Feedback received focuses on cost and time taken to travel. Operators have improved this to increase uptake. PPF are working with authorities to increase speed limits between Docklands and the Bolte to the Westgate, to improve the trip time. PPF are keen to capitalize on the high take up from tourists to build the base. Routes are being explored from Portarlington to Wyndham Harbour to Docklands, Werribee Zoo day-trips during school holidays and Station Pier. The idea is to provide more than a journey to passengers and an experience on board and to connect to other niche areas such as the Zoo, wineries etc. PPF have policies in place to accommodate cyclists and assistance dogs permitted. Also working with local stakeholders for a collaborative approach.

**Winter 2016 Fireworks – Craig Eloranta, Events Melbourne (EM), City Of Melbourne **

Fireworks will take place on Victoria Harbour every Friday evening from this week in July and August. One of the key objectives of the program is to increase visitation to Docklands precinct over the winter months. The

program will commence from 6:30pm with small roving land based activation/entertainment with Fireworks at 7.30pm. In the event of severe/increment weather (wind is the major concern) the event will be cancelled. A decision to cancel will be made by CoM in consultation with the event Risk Manager by 2pm on Fridays. Key stakeholders will be notified via email. An update will also be posted to Councils' social media pages. In saying this Fireworks may still be cancelled at any time should the safety of the general public be a concern. This will be communicated on site by event staff. The City of Melbourne is reviewing the format of the Docklands Winter Fireworks with a view to change the format of the event program in 2017 and beyond. The CoM is currently working on a long term strategy with regards to events and activation in the Docklands precinct.

Feedback

- Christmas and NYE are both owned and delivered by the City Of Melbourne. Both events are in the planning stages for 2016.
- The Australia Day event is delivered by Department of Premier and Cabinet. CoM events are promoted via the City of Melbourne's What's On website. 'Only Melbourne' is not a CoM owned channel however events will look at promoting the event via this platform.
- Discussion about Saturday night being considered for fireworks. This will be taken on board for planning in 2017.
- Discussion regarding safety fencing on New Quay Promenade. Safety fencing is put in place along New Quay Promenade as this is the area where CoM focus activation. It is also the area that has the highest attendance from general public. Detailed risk assessments are conducted and the fencing will continue to be placed along the promenade for 2016 as part of the events Risk Management Strategy. The fencing's main purpose is to mitigate the risk of people, particularly young children falling in the water. Any questions regarding events in Docklands can be directed to Craig Eloranta.

Knowledge Market - Presentation by Lendlease and Space Agency

A presentation on Knowledge Market, initiated by Lendlease to provide new and innovative ways to activate Victoria Harbour, to create new experiences and social connections. Knowledge Market has been curated with a compelling range of events and experiences designed for the whole Docklands community, with programmed activity during the week, on weekends and at night.

Victoria Police

Senior Sargent Barry Gipps provided an update on police matters within the Docklands. The facility at 313 Spencer Street is the biggest complex in Victoria, which also has a community space that can be utilised for meetings. Docklands has a comparatively low crime rate. The issue of mail/identity theft is higher in Docklands. Residents are encouraged to secure their mail delivery and be aware of identity theft. A majority of patrols in the area are done by bike or foot traffic, to facilitate quicker movement by officers, compared to that achieved by car. Police rely on feedback and intelligence from the public and therefore all suspicious activity should be reported. There are approximately 60 – 70 cameras throughout Docklands and more are requested. Bike theft - those with lost bicycles are welcome to inspect Collingwood Police Station, where a growing number of stolen bikes are stored awaiting owners to claim them, before they are destroyed. It is recommended that bike owners have their bike engraved, to increase the chance of it being identified and returned.

Laughter Meditation Club

Mahes Karruppiyah Quillen, provided information on the benefits of laughter in daily practice. A laughter club meets at Buluk Park, LATD, on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10-11am. Everybody welcome.

Neighborhood update

Docklands Chamber of Commerce

The chamber continues to work with stakeholders and traders to increase visitation and bring events to the Docklands precinct. A function is planned for 15 July at Melbourne City Marina. Events on the radar include, Global Village Multicultural festival and a Christmas festival. All encouraged to participate in activities, events and work with traders to support your community.

Docklands Resident Association

Concerns raised surrounding the issue of short stay rentals in residential towers, and also traffic flow into Docklands from Western Distributor Project.

Docklands resident

Bruce Purnell shared a report that is available on Physical Activity and Urban Environments, a study by Lancet, a reputable health journal. It considers how aspects of the urban environment affect people's physical activity. The following attributes of the urban environment were significantly, positively, and linearly related to physical activity (moderate to vigorous physical activity):

- One of the outcomes of the report was net residential density (high density makes people more active: the authors suggest this is because a critical mass of people is required to make it viable to have convenience stores, cafes and other services within walking distance)
- Intersection density (what we take for granted: lots of intersections with safe pedestrian and bicycle transit points)
- Public transport density (not just one train station, but various options as we have in the CBD and Docklands)
- Number of parks
- A copy of the report is available on request from the City of Melbourne.

Other business

DCF link and attendees encouraged to register following the forum. The information will be useful in planning future forums. Promotion of the forum is recommended by all to your neighbors. The DCF is open for all to attend. Promotional posters can be made available at the LATD in the lead up to the forum for members to distribute.

Next Forum

Wednesday 31 August, Is expected to attract increased interest from the community. Items on the agenda (tbc) include Department of Education and Training to present on school provision, Melbourne Quarter development, Skateboarding framework, and Western Distributor project.

Meeting closed: Mark Scholem

Further information

Special presentations

[Port Phillip ferries](#)¹ (also on Facebook)

[Knowledge Market](#)²

[Laughter Yoga](#)³ Mahes Karuppiyah-Quillen N.D president@laughterclubsvic.org.au Mobile 0431 166 002

General information

Planning links

[CoM planning register](#)⁴ (search planning permit applications lodged within CoM)

[Ministerial applications](#)⁵

[Development Activity Monitor](#)⁶ (includes data from various sources)

City of Melbourne links

[Docklands Community Forum](#)⁷

[What's on](#)⁸ for events in the city

[That's' Melbourne](#) Facebook for events in the city

CoM official [Facebook](#)⁹

CoM official [Twitter](#)¹⁰

Places Victoria links

[Places Victoria](#)¹¹

Places Victoria [Facebook](#)¹²

Places Victoria [Twitter](#)¹³

¹ www.portphillipferries.com.au

² www.knowma.com.au

³ www.laughterclubsvic.org

⁴ www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/property-information/planning-building-registers/Pages/town-planning-permits-register.aspx

⁵ <https://planning-permits.delwp.vic.gov.au/greenlightExt/public/main.aspx>

⁶ www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-melbourne/research-and-statistics/city-economy/pages/property-and-development-activity.aspx

⁷ www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf

⁸ www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/whatson

⁹ www.facebook.com/cityofmelbourne

¹⁰ <https://twitter.com/cityofmelbourne>

¹¹ www.places.vic.gov.au

¹² www.facebook.com/placesvic.gov.au/

¹³ <https://twitter.com/placesvic>