

General Meeting

Meeting date: Tuesday 18 August 2009
 Meeting time: 6.30 pm (for 6.45 pm start)
 Venue: The Hub
 17 Waterview Walk
 Docklands

Present:

Keith Rankin (DCC President), Ilona Way (DCC Executive Officer), Don Jones & Rick Deering (DCC Executive Members), Nandini Bose (DCC Admin Officer), Peter Kelly (DCC Treasurer), Shane Scanlan (Docklands Community News), Sally Hewitt (Quest Explorations), Glenn Davidson (Etihad Stadium), Lisa Quittner (3008Docklands Magazine), Simon Morcom (Snap Printing), Alan & Joh Maxwell (Tours on Trike), Dom Pronesti (ElevateMe Health & Well Being), Adam Moon (Flight Centre), Alex Marriott (VECCI)

Apologies:

Crs Ken Ong & Kevin Louey (City of Melbourne), Photini Koutroumanis (Waterfront Venues), Barbara Nicholson (Take 5 & Energise), Joseph Germano & William Rowe (DCC Executive Members), Elena Tsapatolis (DCC Vice President), Jane Sharwood (City of Melbourne), Sena Arico (Bendigo Bank), Amanda Innes (Docklands Community News)

Minutes:

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes of previous meeting held 16 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Rankin, DCC President, presented the minutes and asked that they be moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record of General Meeting held Tuesday 16 June 2009 	Moved: Don Jones seconded: Ilona Way Passed
President's Report: <i>Keith Rankin</i> <i>(DCC President)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Docklands Community News (last issue) ran article about Charter Boat Industry issues. In it Keith Rankin is described as both a charter boat operator and President of Docklands Chamber of Commerce. He thanked Shane Scanlan for clarifying his community standing, but also stated for the record that he was not commenting in his capacity as DCC President. Shane invited Keith as representative of DCC to a networking lunch at Berth last Friday. Thanks noted. Keith put on the record that The 	

	<p>Docklands Chamber of Commerce, as a member-based organisation, represents and reports to its members. Any discussions had within the context of Chamber business are not for general distribution, without specific approval and permission of the DCC Executive. DCC is strictly answerable to its members and funding bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith attended PCCC meeting last week. This was not as well attended as normal –only 3 groups (as opposed to the usual 20-odd). The main issue discussed was that of bicycles, pedestrians, trams and traffic interaction at the intersection docklands Drive and Harbour Esplanade – near the Condor. The representative from CoM indicated that these intersection issues were to be resolved soon. 	
<p>General Business: New member presentation: <i>Sally Hewitt Chief Purser Quest Explorations</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Hewitt and Bill MacDonald are the owners and soon to be operators of one of Docklands newest Charter Boat vessels. • It has been a developing vessel at No 1 Victoria Harbour and is still in final stages of construction and fit-out completion. • Bill and Sally have been developing it under survey as a commercial operation from the outset – approx. 18 years. It is expected to be ready by Dec. • Quest Explorations will run at the more exclusive, top end of the market - it accommodates only 50 for a cruise and sleeps 16. It would serve as a unique accommodation experience for special events, eg. Australian Open. • Sally has had corporate experience for a number of years. She is presently heading up the Condor committee and has been involved in a number of committees over time. • It is a natural progression from this to an involvement in the Chamber. • Once complete – there may well be the opportunity to hold a Chamber meeting on board! 	
<p>Etihad Stadium: Upcoming Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Cup Qualifier – Socceroos v Oman – Wed 14 Oct, 40,000 expected 	

<p><i>Glenn Davidson</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearl Jam: Fri 20 Nov • Megarampage: Sat 31 Oct (skateboarding and BMX event with live music) • Sensation 2009: Thurs 31 Dec • New Years Eve event – with underwater theme. 	
<p>VECCI Special Briefing on Industrial Relations and the Fair Work Act: <i>Alexandra Marriott</i> Operations Manager - Workplace Relations, Business Services, VECCI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex gave a comprehensive overview of the changing landscape of Australian employment law and industrial relations. She covered many aspects of the new Fair Work Act and went into detailed explanations with regard to key issues that may affect the Chamber’s small business members. 	
<p>Meeting closed</p>		