The City of Melbourne wants more transparency and, therefore, more accountability for developer contributions to public amenity within Southbank, after it introduced Amendment C208 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

The council hopes the amendment will result in more money for public amenities within Southbank.

The amendment will be applied to both the Southbank Structure Plan (2010) and the City North Structure Plan (2012). It introduces the Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO), which will make contributions far easier to track.

In its press release the City of Melbourne states the introduction of the DCPO will be: "Providing a consistent, equitable and transparent way for the council to cover some of the costs of providing public infrastructure."

The council said this amendment would help fund key capital works identified in both of these areas through their respective structure plans.

Cr Ken Ong told Southbank Local News that the City of Melbourne had done a study about 12 months ago comparing its developer funds to other municipalities and found it was slightly down on average (taking into account how much developers spend in areas like Southbank and City North).

He hopes this amendment will help level those statistics back up.

Cr Ong also explained that an increase in transparency was at the heart of the amendment.

"The most important thing is that we can see, a little money goes here, a little money goes there," Cr Ong said.

He also pointed out the obvious advantages to developers when the contributions are increased. "Developers also benefit because properties with improved amenity and public spaces are more attractive to potential purchasers."

Projects that will be undertaken as a result of the DCPO are yet to be finalized. Cr Ong said: "We’re still looking at possibilities, with no firm items yet."

However, the City of Melbourne has confirmed there will be streetscape upgrades (including footpath widening, new cycling infrastructure and street tree planting), key public space projects on City Rd and improved areas underneath the freeway.

Southbank, along with City North, has been identified as a beneficiary of the new amendment because of its rapidly increasing population and high level of development. "These contributions will fund the infrastructure that meets the needs of growing communities," Cr Ong said.

Amendment C208 is currently up for public consultation and can be viewed online at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection or in person at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Dance club gets spiced up!

The First Friday Dance Club was preceded by a performance from dance troupe Too Hot To Handle last month, with the group thrilling the crowd. Find out more on page 7.
Smolders stands down, and tall

As reported in this edition, the Southbank Residents’ Group president Michael Smolders has moved aside, but the impact of his 12-month term will be felt for many years to come.

Michael moved into the role after the controversial approval of Queensbridge Tower riled him and fellow residents at Freshwater Place. He vowed to make a difference to the treatment of Southbank residents’ views and has delivered on that promise, and then some.

Supported ably by Barry Janes, Michael has grown the visibility of the group to unprecedented levels. He brought a professionalism that enabled the group to establish and grow its connections to all levels of government, which has given it a far louder voice.

At the SRG’s AGM in October Michael further showed his professionalism, presenting a detailed report into the year’s work and illustrating just how large the shoes are to fill. He was also highly praised by Barry Janes, Freshwater Place OC chairman Peter Renner and even local member Martin Foley – all of which is richly deserved.

From a selfish standpoint, we’ve also been thankful for Michael’s constant willingness to work with and support the Southbank Local News, even when the big (well, bigger) media outlets in town came calling.

Charged with taking over is Tony Penna who has taken to the job enthusiastically and, with the backing of his new team, is looking to continue to build the SRG’s size and relevance.

As is his way, Michael has told Tony to get in touch if ever challenges arise that he can help with.

The Southbank Local News team wishes Michael all the best in his future endeavours.

Guy calls for more discussion on plan

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has put a call out for more discussion around the Plan Melbourne document, which outlines the future planning for Melbourne’s growth up until 2050.

Plan Melbourne was produced as an overarching document and includes information about many matters that have been discussed at length in Southbank such as capital city zones, density, green space and community amenities for high-density areas.

Mr Guy said the Government was ready and willing to take on board what the community had to say.

“The Victorian Government is committed to listening to the voices of the community so that we remain the world’s most livable city and a global city of opportunity and choice,” Mr Guy explained.

“The contributions to date have ensured that Plan Melbourne has a truly integrated approach to land use, infrastructure delivery and transport planning,” he added.

Plan Melbourne was released earlier this year after two years of consultation. Around 10,000 Melburnians had their say on the document while it was in drafting stages and there will now be more forums to discuss the completed plan.

There will be a community event at 253 Flinders Lane for inner city residents and you can also check out the plan on the website www.planmelbourne.com.au. The plan is open for comment until December 6.
Inner city planning ‘mainstream issue’

By Sean Rogasch

Inner city planning has thrust itself into the state political spotlight, according to Labor member for Albert Park, Martin Foley.

“Inner city planning is now rightly a mainstream state political issue,” Mr Foley said at the Southbank Residents’ Group’s (SRG) AGM in October. He added that groups such as the SRG had significantly contributed to the issue’s rise in prominence.

The issue has always been important in Southbank, but Mr Foley’s comments suggest that it goes far wider than postcode 3006.

Further proof of its rise is that inner city planning has also gained major media coverage over the past 12 months, with representatives from the SRG appearing on ABC TV and radio, commercial television and radio and in the daily metro papers.

In a follow-up statement to the Southbank Local News Mr Foley said communities like Southbank had matured to a point that they could now demand to be at the forefront of political minds.

“The people of Southbank deserve nothing less than these issues to be taken seriously by all levels of government,” Mr Foley said.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy agreed with the sentiment, but pointed out that inner city planning did not affect all Victorians.

“Inner city planning is a major issue, but I doubt that inner city planning is an issue of concern to residents in the outer suburbs or in country Victoria,” Mr Guy said.

As is the political way these days, Messrs Guy and Foley couldn’t resist the opportunity to take a swipe at each other.

“For Martin Foley to make comments that planning in Southbank is an issue of concern to residents in Mallacoota or Mildura is a reflection on Labor’s city centric attitude to Victoria,” Mr Guy said.

Perhaps it’s actually a reflection of Mr Foley taking up issues within his electorate which, of course, what he is elected to do.

Mr Foley was just as keen to throw a political barb, saying: “Here (Southbank) Matthew Guy rules as the unchallenged Planning Tsar.”

With the progress made by the SRG and the City of Melbourne on planning issues in the last 12 months, both groups have a right to believe that this is far from the case.

Regardless of your political persuasion, as politicians look for alternatives to the urban sprawl, inner city planning has become a major issue and Southbank will continue to be right at the heart of the debate.

Garage sale a huge success

The Garage Sale Trail at Boyd Community Centre was a huge success last month, attracting about 40 stalls and numerous visitors to enjoy the day.

The trail was a statewide initiative to encourage neighbourhoods to have garage sales which, of course, is a little difficult in a high and mid-rise community where hardly anyone has a garage of their own.

Thankfully Boyd provided the perfect space for the community day and having all the stalls in one place created a carnival atmosphere.

The centralised venue meant Southbank’s trail had an extremely high community feel.

Stalls varied and one favourite was mother and daughter combination Tilly and Sally Esse (pictured above) complete with vintage toy car.

Among the sales were activities and entertainment including live music, food vans and an auction of television show Neighbours memorabilia.

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Member for Albert Park Martin Foley.

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New president moves into position

He's a long-time resident and investor in Southbank and, having recently returned here to live, Tony Penna is ready to take on a new challenge as the newly-elected president of the Southbank Residents’ Group (SRG).

Mr Penna was given the opportunity to address the SRG members at the AGM in October saying he was thrilled to be entrusted in the position and excited about the future of the group.

"I have big shoes to fill, but these guys have said they’ll be available if I need to turn to them for advice, which I will," Mr Penna said of the previous committee.

He also outlined his intention of bringing together the owners corporations throughout the area and using the SRG as a vehicle for their concerns.

"I intend on becoming very active with engaging with the community and in particular with the owners corporations. I intend to get to know them quite well, and attending their AGMs to hear what the issues are."

"I also want to engage with the other groups, Docklands and Eastenders and the like, to really make sure the Southbank group is well known. From what I understand it’s really just continuing what the previous committee has already been doing."

Vice president Dharmendra Poobalasingam, joins Mr Penna on the new-look executive committee, alongside secretary Andrea Johnston and treasurer Mike Vallis.

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The Choir
High praise for Eureka promo

By Sean Car

The World Federation of Great Towers has bestowed Southbank’s Eureka Skydeck with the ‘Innovative Promotional Award’ for its incredible stunt celebrating the world premiere of King Kong live on stage earlier this year.

The Skydeck, which staged a stunt welcoming King Kong to Melbourne by suspending a replica gorilla hand outside the tower clutching onto a stuntwoman, received the award at a ceremony in Berlin in September.

The Eureka Skydeck competed against 44 other famous international towers including the Empire State Building and Eiffel Tower for the coveted prize.

Located on level 88 of Eureka Tower, the Skydeck is the highest public viewing platform in the southern hemisphere providing the ideal location to launch the musical.

The $200,000 media stunt garnered more than $1.5 million in domestic and international media coverage subsequently increasing Eureka Skydeck sales by $430,000 during the months of July and August this year.

With more than 300 hours and 14 consulting groups involved in bringing the idea to life, Eureka Skydeck general manager John Forman highlighted the incredible risk that surrounded the planning of the stunt.

“The stunt was well planned but there were many risk factors,” he said.

“The weather had to be perfect, the rigging safe and the stunt-double brave. If there was one element that didn’t meet the strict criteria, the stunt was off.”

Extending beyond the reach of the initial unveiling, the replica gorilla hand was positioned inside Eureka Skydeck after the stunt, allowing guests to enjoy the King Kong experience for themselves.

“The real win for us is the positive feedback we have been receiving from the general public,” Mr Forman said.

Guests still have the opportunity to enjoy the King Kong Experience at Eureka Skydeck until next February.

Mondelez lends a much-needed hand

Employees at South Wharf-based company Mondelez International (formerly Kraft Foods) have been busy volunteering and making a difference to their local community.

The employees have been out to Braybrook to help build a vegetable garden at Rosamond School, which is a government school for kids with intellectual disabilities.

Mondelez International’s corporate affairs director, Simon Talbot, said the employees really responded to the opportunity and enjoyed helping out at the school.

“Giving back is a core part of Mondelez International’s philosophy, and our employees in Australia and New Zealand play a vital role in their communities all year long,” Mr Talbot explained.
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Dance club spiced up

The First Friday Dance Club had an extra kick in November when the main session was preceded by a very special performance from Too Hot to Handle.

Too Hot to Handle is a dance troupe made up entirely of people with intellectual disabilities.

The group thrilled the crowd with a choreographed routine and ended its rousing performance with a freestyle dance, which gave every dancer the opportunity to have the spotlight.

The crowd stayed on for the retro public dance class that followed and was put through its paces in a number of styles including hip-hop, reggae and disco.

The First Friday Dance Club is a City of Melbourne initiative, encouraging locals to head down to Queensbridge Square every first Friday of each month and learn a new style of dance.

Hard knocks on Boyd’s door

Jonathon Welch’s famed School of Hard Knocks is fast establishing itself as a Southbank identity, forming a productive partnership with Boyd Community Hub.

In addition to regular use of the facility, the school is also set to hold a couple of exciting events that all locals can get involved in.

Social Inclusion Week runs from November 23 to December 1, and as part of the week, a lunchtime concert will be held at Boyd Community Hub by the School of Hard Knocks.

The concert will feature piano, poetry, singing and even ukulele performances.

The original members of the Choir of Hard Knocks (known as the Choir of Hope and Inspiration) will also make an appearance.

The fun won’t stop during December, when the group will hold a fundraising School Fete, also at Boyd.

The fete will be on Saturday, December 7 from 10am to 3pm. There will be plenty of Christmas related activities, live music and the fete favourite, sausage sizzle.

School of Hard Knocks founder, Jonathon Welch said the partnership between his group and Boyd had blossomed and worked well for both parties.

“The Boyd and School of Hard Knocks philosophies are deeply aligned in that we both want to give people access to the best possible facilities and programs and ensure that everyone in the community, especially those who are disadvantaged, have access to arts programs in a warm and welcoming environment,” Mr Welch explained.

He said the school was thrilled to have the upcoming events at Boyd Community Hub and that this philosophy was what Social Inclusion Week’s lunch will be all about and hoped people would get behind the idea.

“Christmas is all about giving and thinking of others, so what better way than to support a charity that really gives back to the community through arts and cultural programs,” Mr Welch said.

“The School Fete is going to be a really fun community day for everyone of all ages, with everything from cake and craft stalls to sausage sizzles, there will be face painting and even Santa will be there to say hello to the kids!”

State political lines redrawn

A major overhaul of all state electoral boundaries has seen changes made to the Albert Park electorate.

The changes mainly affect the southern border of the electorate, with Albert Park losing electors from St Kilda Road, and Elwood, but gaining a section of St Kilda.

Overall, the electorate has been reduced by more than 8000 voters and has gone from being well above the state average size to about 5 per cent below it.

We now have 39,350 voters in the Albert Park electorate.

The electoral changes will come into effect for the state election next year.
Interest at forum on Fishermans bend

The community forum on the Fishermans Bend development was held at Boyd Community Hub in October with many locals taking up the opportunity to discover and discuss the plans for the future suburb.

Attendees were guided around a number of maps explaining exactly how the land is going to be developed and what effects that would mean for Southbank.

The forum was organised on behalf of Places Victoria (the authority in charge of the draft document) by consultation group Capire.

The forum at Boyd Community Hub was one of four held around Melbourne.

A spokesperson from Places Victoria said it had been happy with the number of people coming along to the forums.

"Attendances at the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area community information forums has been strong, with good overall support for the draft vision and interim design guidelines," the spokesperson said.

"The forums have been attended by people from across Melbourne and it was pleasing to have the Boyd forum attended by a number of local residents."

Feedback and ideas from the community and stakeholders about the draft vision and interim design guidelines will inform the development of the Fishermans Bend Strategic Framework Plan to be released in summer 2014."

Residents’ group’s new era

The Southbank Residents’ Group held its annual general meeting at Boyd Community Hub last month as outgoing president Michael Smolders and vice president Barry Janes handed over the reigns to incoming president Tony Penna and his new-look team.

Around 20 members and friends attended the meeting, including local state MP Martin Foley.

The meeting heard about the work and issues the SRG had focused on, including increasing relationships and lobbying to council, State Government and, specifically, Planning Minister Matthew Guy.

For more on the handover, read our editorial on page 2, learn all about the new team on page 4 and read Tony Penna’s first SRG column on page 16.

Connecting Southbank

The Southbank Rotary club is upping the ante to improve its business-to-community connections, kicking off its Synergy @ Southbank program last month, with plans to hold another event during November.

Southbank Rotary’s president, Richard Shortt, said the program also encouraged and educated people in the skill of networking.

"Effective networking skills are critical in the competitive global economy and people who can connect with others multiply their own value and influence," Mr Shortt explained.

"Synergy teaches participants to ask ‘what can I give?’ instead of ‘what can I get?’" he said.

There were 24 people at the first Synergy meeting at Boyd Community Hub during October and Mr Shortt said he hoped to build on this attendance during November.

“There was great feedback from the first meeting and support for a second meeting in late November,” Mr Shortt said.

“The original concept was for a series of events and for participants to see the value in attending the series rather than just a single event.”

The next Synergy @ Southbank will take place on November 28 at the Boyd Community Hub from 6.30 pm. Tickets are $35 with drinks and nibbles provided. For more information head to the Southbank Rotary’s website www.southbank.org.au

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Richard Shortt, from Southbank Rotary, is looking forward to connecting businesses with the Southbank community.
School planning committee meets

The planning committee for the school at Ferrars St met with principals and parents from surrounding schools to help gauge the level of infrastructure the school would require.

The team discussed options such as basketball courts, running track, swimming pool, community kitchen and garden and a community library.

The committee comprises representatives from the Department of Education, the City of Port Phillip, the Department of Transport and Infrastructure and lobby group Two Schools Now.

Planning committee and Two Schools Now member Marie Walters said the meetings had been progressing well and that Two Schools Now was pleased to be included.

“Two Schools Now is happy to be part of the process to build this much-needed school. There are some very experienced people on the planning committee, which is important because all ideas and ingenuity are required to negotiate the best result for the community,” Ms Walter said.

“The committee meetings have been fruitful with lots of ideas thrown into the ring, although the timetable is very tight,” she added.

Ms Walters also explained that Two Schools Now welcomed community input, even before that stage of the planning process was reached.

“Once draft plans for the school are available, we will be seeking feedback through more formal channels such as community surveys but please do not feel you have to wait until then – if you have ideas, be in touch.”

You can reach Two Schools Now via email ferrarstreet@gmail.com

The school is expected to be complete by 2016.

Business commendations

Two Southbank businesses received bronze commendations from the Lord Mayor last month, celebrating 10 years of operation in the City of Melbourne.

Operators of Southgate’s Aqua Décor and AquaJ and American Rag both received the award as a reward of longevity from Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

Cr Doyle said the businesses thoroughly deserved the praise that came with his commendations.

“These small businesses have stood the test of time. From the remarkable family dynasty emerging from Benjamin & Co Jewellers established in 1880, through to businesses celebrating five years of operation, these are the tales of a city shaped by the many small business that evolved as Melbourne grew,” Cr Doyle explained.

Southgate’s Jo Gartner said the centre was honoured to have two of its longest serving tenants recognised for their contributions to Southgate and to the city.

“It’s a wonderful endorsement for both these traders and Southgate, given the centre has been a key dining and shopping destination in Melbourne for over 20 years,” Ms Gartner said.

Whispers of art change

The large-scale artwork on 109 Clarendon, which is fast becoming a gateway to the suburb, is going to be changed.

The owners corporation (OC) of the residential building on the corner of Clarendon St and City Rd is looking for a unique way to change the artwork and perhaps have it rotating on a regular basis.

The current piece is a mural of Southbank and the OC has stated it would like any new artwork to continue a connection of some kind to the suburb.

If you have an idea for the type of artistic competition that would engage Southbank locals, let us know via our Facebook and Twitter pages.
SRG has it funding cut by 33 per cent

The incoming Southbank Residents’ Group committee will have to work with 33 per cent less funding, as the City of Melbourne’s community grant is downsized from $3000 in 2013 to $2000 in 2014.

The cut puts pressure on the group which only has the grant and membership fees as its sources of income.

City of Melbourne councillor Richard Foster said that the council believed resident associations such as the SRG made important contributions to civic participation and connection, but the cut had come from an assessment of community grants by an independent panel.

“The independent panel who made the grant assessments wanted to be consistent with other recommendations made for similar organisations and project outcomes,” Cr Foster explained.

“To give maximum effect to the available funding, council agreed with a panel recommendation that all resident associations should receive $1500 in base funding for the 2013 calendar year to cover core administrative costs,” Cr Foster added.

The extra funding the SRG would receive is allocated when groups were able to demonstrate that their projects improved community connections and participation beyond their members.

Cr Foster also pointed out that the council would further analyse its funding for residents groups.

“The City of Melbourne will be developing a more detailed policy position and approach to funding of residents associations that will be incorporated in future community grant guidelines,” Cr Foster explained.

Later public transport?

The City of Melbourne opened the door on longer operating hours for public transport during a council meeting in October.

The council invited the Minister for Public Transport to discuss the possibility of extended hours in an effort to help people come in and out of the city late at night and early in the morning.

The idea was in response to discussions at the recently held Alcohol and Other Drugs roundtable. Let us know what you think about the possibility of later public transport hours via Twitter (@SOUTHBANK_News).

Not too late for directory

If you’re looking to give your business an extra kick into the new year, make sure you get into the Southbank Local News’ Southbank Directory.

The directory is an A5 booklet that acts as a guide to the suburb. The directory contains free listings of every business within postcode 3006 but also the opportunity to highlight your business with premium half and full page listings.

The directory is distributed to local residents, workers and visitors through most of the Southbank hotels.

For more details call the Southbank Local News on 8689 7980.

Arts Centre chief Judith Isherwood steps down

Ms Isherwood has been chief executive since 2009.

“On behalf of the trust, I would like to express the considerable debt of gratitude that Victorians owe to Judith,” Mr Harley explained.

“In her four year tenure, she has overseen the incredibly complex, challenging but successful rebuild of Hamer Hall and its reopening last year,” Mr Harley said.

He also stated that Ms Isherwood had laid foundations for long-term plans that would see her legacy last long into the future.

“Her recent work in developing a number of ambitious, long-term program initiatives focused on 2015 and beyond, has been particularly valued and we are hopeful of Judith’s continuing involvement in these plans,” Mr Harley explained.

“Judith has also been responsible for invigorating the centre with a comprehensive and diverse offering of programs,” he said.

“Through many programming activities, Arts Centre Melbourne has attracted growing and broader audiences with many people experiencing the Arts Centre’s rich offering for the first time,” Ms Isherwood will officially step down on November 20, when Jodie Bennett will take over as acting chief executive.

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**Signature dishes on the menu for Good Food Month**

Ends 30 November

As part of Good Food Month this November, Southgate is proud to present a series of signature dishes from its renowned riverside restaurants. Try dishes such as the scallop, prawn and cauliflower risotto from The Deck, the five spiced braised pork belly from Bluetrain or the deboned chargrilled spatchcock from Miyako.

If you order a signature dish during a weekday lunch, you could go in the draw to win a Southgate dinner voucher for you and three friends. Simply ask for an entry form from a participating restaurant at the time of ordering (conditions apply). But be quick! Good Food Month ends on 30 November.

**Christmas arrives at Southgate**

As the festive season approaches, now is the time to book your end of year Christmas function at Southgate, where you can choose from a wide variety of restaurants for either lunch or dinner. During December, Southgate will be filled with the sounds of Christmas Carols with live performances from the Australian Youth Choir. Performances will take place throughout the centre from 12noon-2pm every Sunday during December.

Looking for a little help with your Christmas shopping? When you shop at Southgate enjoy complimentary gift wrapping by gold coin donation to support the Starlight Foundation. Simply visit the gift wrapping desk with your Christmas gifts on the mid level between 11am-2pm Wednesday-Fridays during December.

**Book now for New Year’s Eve**

The end of the year is fast approaching, so now is the time to secure your table for New Year’s Eve. With spectacular views of the city skyline, Southgate’s many restaurants are an ideal location to celebrate the New Year with friends and family. Book now to avoid disappointment.

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**Celebrate art, good food and the festive season at Southgate**
Lee Tambouras has been working in South Melbourne and Southbank his entire working life. At 16 he was an apprentice motor mechanic at Smith’s in South Melbourne, opened his own garage in 1987 and then moved it to Southbank.

Triple S Motors has been operating in the area since and has its home, along with BC Car Rentals, nestled in between high-rise apartment complexes on Whiteman St.

To further illustrate his affinity with the area Lee and his wife Angie also bought an apartment in Southbank Towers in 1997, becoming some of the first residents to call postcode 3006 home.

“I do love the area. I’ve been here most of my life now, so it’s pretty obvious I love it,” Lee explains.

“After we settled down to have kids we moved to a family home in Bundoora, but we really missed the city living. We moved back to Albert Park, have extended and we’re still there. And the best part? I can walk to work!”

It was this unparalleled insight of both the area and his industry that helped Lee expand his business.

“From the mechanics I opened up a detailing arm, then a sales arm and then we moved into rentals.”

Lee said the rental side of the business, BC Rentals, was the perfect fit for Southbank.

“Because of the move to residential housing in the city we saw a lot of our customers selling their cars and not needing them anymore,” Lee explained.

“Now I have customers who come in every two weeks and rent the same car, and to them it’s their car, we just house it.”

Lee also added the obvious connection between the two businesses gave the rentals extra credibility.

“I service the rental cars in the same way I’d service a customer’s car. This ensures the cars always get from service to service without a hiccup, which is particularly important when you rent a car.

“Even after all these years, clearly Lee is still passionate about his work.

“I love the work. When I was at school I loved puzzles and problem solving and that’s always been the way. I love diagnosing cars. I love the challenge.”

If you’re looking for a mechanic or hire car, make sure you check out Triple S Motors and BC Rentals. As an added bonus BC rentals offers discounts for Southbank residents, all you have to do is quote “neighbours” when you call. Call on 03 8395 7429 or check out the website www.bcrentals.com.au

INVESTING IN ADVICE

As Ray White’s Andrew Salvo explained to Southbank Local News his company is perfectly placed to advise anyone on the property market.

“We decided this year that we wanted to provide another aspect to our real estate business. As we are part of the largest real estate brand in the country, we have access to a lot of information surrounding property,” Mr Salvo said.

“We also have a core property investment team working within the business,” he added.

He also explained that the reputation and standing with which Ray White is held within the property industry helps back up the advice.

“Ray White is 111 years old and has over 1000 offices worldwide,” Mr Salvo said.

“From this vast network, we can leverage off some vital property information and investor experiences,” he added.

Combining this knowledge with an intimate understanding of the local area further strengthens Ray White’s advice.

“We deal with Southbank locals everyday and know the questions that we get asked on a daily basis. We designed our presentation to cater to what we commonly get asked,” Mr Salvo said.

The first of these events was held during November and was a great success. About 50 people listened to the advice and 40 of these have chosen to look a bit deeper, booking a follow up appointment with Ray White.

“The purpose of this appointment is for people to ask any further questions to gain further info based on the parts of the presentation that they want to delve further into,” Mr Salvo said.

As Mr Salvo explained, it boils down to one thing: “Buying a property is easy, however making a sound investment choice is not.”

The next Learn to Invest event will be on Thursday, November 28 at Ray White Southbank, 111 Clarendon St Southbank.

You can book in for the event by calling 9385 7429 and quoting “SLN” or via SMS on 0418 128 784 and quoting “SLN” plus your name and email address.

Lee Tambouras and his team show off one of the several high quality vehicles available for hire at BC Car Rentals.
The City of Melbourne is going to take action on climate change by implementing the Port Phillip Coastal Adaptations Pathways Project (Southbank Local News, October 2013). Why is the City of Melbourne ignoring the findings of those scientists who disagree with the IPCC on climate change? The Non Government Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC) does not support the IPCC's alarmist stance. It is supported by 31,487 scientists who do not subscribe to the view that anthropogenic emissions are driving climate change.

All sorts of dire predictions have been made by global warming advocates for over 30 years, and none of them have been realised. Ice caps are not melting. To get coastal flooding you need massive ice cap melts but this is not happening. The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research report prepared in 2009 for the Antarctic Treaty nations’ Washington conference, noted the south pole had cooled over 30 years, and none of them have been calculated by Bjorn Lomborg that taking action now on climate mitigation will result in spending around three times the amount we will need to spend in the future, if and when, problems arise – that’s working the assumption the alarmist predictions are remotely accurate.

Before the City of Melbourne rushes out and spends millions of taxpayers money, wouldn’t it be wise to get a second opinion? After all that’s what the precautionary principle says to do.

Alan Barron

While Australian television continues to churn out worn reality-clone formats from overseas, large-scale dramas continue to be a huge trend elsewhere. The tribal councils, the backstabbing and the stunning scenery are all there. Host Jeff Probst is there (wearing the same hat) and they even continue to engage in the same challenges – fighting over the same crusty puzzle pieces and hidden immunity idols. The strength of the format is that it’s consistent with what works and what we know. It can be found on the GO! Network.

On the other end of the TV spectrum, I had the good fortune of being turned on to Sons of Anarchy – a long-running American drama that’s playing out on Foxtel at the moment. It’s a fresh concept that takes the viewer behind the helmet of a fictional biker gang.

The characters feel authentic and the world of the bikers draws you in immediately as you’re privy to their many illicit activities. The cast is strong and, as is the trend at the moment, truly multi-generational with a wide age spectrum adventurous. It doesn’t help that most of these programs turn out to be the same tired reality formats, albeit with a highly-publicised “twist” included for your added enjoyment. That said - I ashamedly and desperately inhaled each episode of the latest season of Big Brother (bad luck, Tahan). Arguments can also be made that once we have a formula we like, the characters themselves aren’t all that important to us continuing to love the show (Home and Away, anyone?).

One particular program which has engaged in my above-mentioned “twist” is Survivor. Currently in its 27th season, the latest version pits fan favourites against a tribe of their own family members and loved ones. The title? Survivor: Blood vs. Water. How poetic. And yet, the Survivor team has done it again, delivering a season not unlike any others that made the show so addictive.

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Expectation and excitement are always rising fast by the third Sunday in Advent but at St Johns this year spirits will be positively soaring.

On December 15, in the heart of Southbank, Brett Dean’s The Annunciation will have its Australian premiere – with the composer himself conducting.

The cantata, which was commissioned as part of the 800th anniversary celebrations last year for the Thomänschule, the famous school of St Thomas in Leipzig, Germany, once directed by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Dean was one of five eminent contemporary composers asked to produce new works in the Lutheran cantata tradition. His commission was for a Christmas work. The result was The Annunciation, which was first performed last December in the Thomänschule by the Thomänschule and the Gewandhaus Orchestra under the direction of the Thomänschulleiter Georg Christoph Biller.

St Johns, through the Bach cantata program directed by Dr Graham Lieschke, has established strong connections to the Thomänschule and Dr Biller. The performance of The Annunciation strengthens those connections and, at the same time, brings them closer to home.

Brett Dean, one of the most internationally performed composers of his generation, is an Australian and a former artistic director of the Australian National Academy of Music in South Melbourne. He still lives at least part of the year in Melbourne. The text of The Annunciation is a poem by Melbourne poet Graeme William Ellis.

In his composer’s notes Brett Dean writes: “We wished to capture something of the sense of drama and darkness out of which the Christmas story and the miracle of Christ’s birth emerges. Graeme directed me to the Old Testament’s star prophecy, the first reference in scripture to Christ’s eventual birth (‘A star will come out of Jacob.’ Numbers 24:17). From this starting point, our work then uses the story of the three kings as both vehicle and metaphor for this journey from dark to light.”

Dr Lieschke, director of music at St Johns, believes St Johns makes the perfect setting for the first performance in Australia of The Annunciation. He sees the congregation’s established cantata program and its close connections with the Thomänschule as providing the performance with a sense of occasion and the liturgical purpose that was integral to the work’s conception and its performance in Leipzig.

The Annunciation for choir and small orchestra (three clarinets, three horns, harp, three violas, three cellos, two double basses) will performed at St Johns’ 9 am service. The choir will be formed from the Choir of Trinity College and the Consort of Melbourne. Michael Leighton Jones will be chorus master. And, of course, in charge will be Brett Dean himself.

The performance has been made possible with support from two local philanthropic bodies, the Robert Salzer Foundation and the Vizard Foundation.

Excitement is already mounting and seats are sure to be in high demand. Join us at St Johns on December 15.

Grant street in the heart of Southbank’s art’s precinct has the distinction of running on top of the Burnley and Domain tunnels.

It was named after Scottish native James Grant, who migrated to Sydney at age fourteen with his parents. By the time he was 23 he was admitted to practice as a solicitor.

He shot to fame when he acted as an attorney at the trial of the Eureka miners in Melbourne in 1855, a task that he undertook without fee.

Post the Eureka trials he was elected a member of the Legislative Council. He later was elected to the seat for Avoca, a seat he held under his death.

He became very popular during his time as Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey after passing Land Acts that was the basis of all subsequent land settlement in Victoria.

He’s extraordinary life ended in 1885 after he suffered a stroke a few months previous. He was survived by his wife, son and three daughters.

Grant Street
If not for the Yarra River, Southbank would be much the same as most modern, inner urban, high-density suburbs.

It is the water that makes this precinct special and which gives it its defining character. I remember talking once to an American couple staying at The Langham.

The highlight of their trip to Australia was eating breakfast in the hotel and watching the early morning rowers training on the river. They were experienced travellers, but had never had such an experience at a hotel anywhere in the world.

The rate and quality of development on Southbank and parts of Northbank has been spectacular over the past decade. We’re now seeing refurbishment of many of the precinct’s original pieces of infrastructure, such as Hamer Hall’s $127 million redevelopment, the creation of WTC Wharf, and the edgy transformation of South Wharf Promenade.

Twenty years ago the developments hardly identified with the waterfront. These days everyone is scrambling to achieve river frontage or, at least, a glimpse of the water and its many users: rowers, recreational boaters, ferries and shuttles, tour boats and dining vessels.

The business association is about to start discussions with the State Government over the management and governance of the waterfront. Times have been tough for our river boat operators during the past 10 years – ever-increasing fees, new taxes and reduced maintenance. While we have one-off events on and along the river, it is the companies who have been plying the Lower Yarra with their boats everyday for up to 30 years that gives it colour and character. Have you seen Melbourne’s skyline, gardens and port area from the water? – you’ll get a whole new impression of our city when you do.

We would like to inform government about how you – the residents and business people – feel about the commercial river operation. What could be done to improve the service? Would you like some of them serving commuters? What do you think of the facilities for berthing and embarking the vessels?

If there was a regular river commuter shuttle between Federation Square, South Wharf and Docklands, would you use it?

Please use the email address at the end of this column to let us know your opinion.

Speaking of water ferries, the WTC Water Taxi should be operating again by the time this paper hits the streets. During winter it has been running a “Float to the Footy” service, but now cranks-up for the spring, summer and autumn period on Friday evenings (4-7pm) and on Saturdays and Sundays between 11am and 5pm. It runs a loop service between WTC Wharf, Southgate and Federation Square. It’s heavily subsidised by WTC management, which means that prices are as little as $2 child and $5 adult, or an unlimited day pass for $5 child and $10 adult.

ges@yarrariver.info

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This meeting was well attended by interested and keen residents who are passionate about this wonderful part of Melbourne and improving on where it’s at.

The meeting was also fortunate to have our local member of parliament, Martin Foley, present and he gave us his vision for his new role as Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Planning.

The preceding year was very productive and active with a great deal of media coverage about this wonderful part of Melbourne and wonderful efforts of president Michael Smolders.

Recently Southbank Residents’ Group (SRG) held its annual general meeting at Boyd, chaired by president Michael Smolders.

I was also to like welcome and congratulate the other members of the executive who were elected on this night, being: Dharmendra Poobalasingam as vice president; Andre Johnston as secretary; and Mike Vallis as treasurer.

We have a very enthusiastic executive to represent the interests of the group, but we also welcome and encourage any other residents who would like to become a member of the Southbank Residents’ Group or indeed any current members who would like to be actively involved in some way throughout the year.

My personal goal is to attend as many owner corporation meetings to get a feel and understanding of the real issues that are affecting residents and investors and promote Southbank Residents’ Group as being a worthy and valuable voice for them.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year. Please don’t be shy to say hi if you see me around the neighbourhood. Keep up to date with the work of the Southbank Residents’ Group through our website southbankresidents.com.au or like and follow us on Facebook at SouthbankResidentsGroup.

Let’s get to business

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It’s time to get Active Melbourne!

Have you ever sat at your desk and tried to proof read a piece of work you were constructing for hour, only to be told by a passing colleague that you have made an extremely obvious mistake?

There is great truth to the notion that it is extremely advantageous to have a fresh set of eyes proof read your work, whatever your occupation may be. By doing this you can potentially reduce the numbers of mistakes you might have made or even provide you with a different perspective in for presenting the material you have collated.

Alternatively, by getting out from behind your desk and becoming active, you will find when you return to your own desk, that even you can become a fresh set of eyes for your own work. Having taken your eyes away from your computer screen, you will be amazed by the attention to detail your fresh mind can achieve upon your return. It might be as simple as taking the stairs instead of the elevator on your way into or out of the office or as rewarding as participating in a corporate sports series.

The Corporate Challenge

Want to know the best possible way to spend your lunch break? It has to be the Corporate Challenge, a lunchtime sports competition that provides its participants a selection of fantastic sports in very convenient CBD locations. Team-based activities are a great way for corporate workers to interact outside the normal office environment, and some examples of the benefits our participants experience include;

• Incorporating fun and fitness into your week;
• Improved concentration and stress minimisation; and
• Building a more cohesive working environment

The current repertoire of sports includes netball, soccer, basketball and lawn bowls. With a strong culture of inclusivity and sportsmanship, the Corporate Challenge has something for everyone. To register your team visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/amcs or alternatively for all enquiries email amcs@ymca.org.au or call us on 9604 8600.

Free yoga and zumba at Fed Square

Yoga and zumba at Federation Square aims to promote exercise during lunchtime as the perfect opportunity to get active. No experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm down to Federation Square early in the new year. Brief descriptions of the programs include:

• Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That’s exactly what the zumba program is all about. An exhilarating, effective, easy to follow, Latin-inspired, calisthenics-exercising dance fitness party that is moving millions of people towards joy and health; and
• Yoga sessions will place emphasis on safe, thoughtful movements, promoting a sense of kinesthetic awareness. Stretching and postures will focus on controlled breathing aimed to improve key health areas of core strength and flexibility. Take a break from the bustyness of city life and incorporate meditation and tranquility into your day.

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   - Assembly Hall at Boyd, 207 City Road
   - Join us and explore strength, flexibility, balance and relaxation through Yoga. BYO Yoga mat and blanket/bath towel. $10 per session, every 5th session free.
   - peipei@yogawithpei.com

2. Introduction to iPads (3.30pm-5pm)
   - First Friday of every month at 6pm
   - Red Stairs @ Queensbridge Square
   - Come along and test your dancing shoes with Stompers Melbourne Library Service’s new weekly program for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Come along for a half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and music.
   - library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

3. Free Tai Chi at Boyd
   - Every Tuesday, 1.00pm - 2.00pm
   - Boyd Community Hub, 207 City Road
   - Instructors are from Yulong Wu-Shu Tai Chi. Classes are suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced. Courtesy of the City of Melbourne. Contact: yangwu@melbourne.vic.gov.au

4. Chunky Move Dance Classes
   - Mondays to Thursdays 6.30pm-8pm, Saturdays 10am-1.15pm
   - 111 Sturt Street
   - Chunky Move dance classes are the perfect way to unwind, get fit and improve flexibility and strength. For more info: www.chunkycomove.com

5. Breastfeeding Support Clinic
   - Every Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm
   - Boyd Community Hub, 207 City Road
   - Providing breastfeeding counselling, support and advice, run by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse/ Lactation Consultant. If you need any assistance/support for you and your baby! MCH 9340 1444, or mchbookings@melbourne.vic.gov.au

6. Breastfeeding Education Before Birth
   - 31 City Road Southbank at MANTRA
   - For women wanting to know how to Breastfeed before their birth and beyond. Attend from 30-40 weeks pregnant.
   - Presented by Maureen Brook. Certified lactation consultant: 0405 933 345
   - Facebook/breastfeedingeducationbeforebirth

7. Arts Centre Sunday Market
   - Sundays, 10am-4pm
   - Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road
   - Meet over 80 of Victoria’s finest artisans first hand. Discover how these unique artworks are made, chat directly about the first hand. Discover how these unique artworks are made, chat directly about the first hand. Discover how these unique artworks are made, chat directly about the first hand. Discover how these unique artworks are made, chat directly about the first hand. Discover how these unique artworks are made, chat directly about the first hand.

8. Fashion Illustration Classes at Boyd
   - Boyd School Studios, Kensington & Balston St
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   - Call Louise Baker 9826 9019

9. Reading Circle
   - First Tuesday of the Month 5.45 - 6.45pm
   - Southbank Library at Boyd, 207 City Road
   - Come along to talk about books: those you love, those you want others to love, and those you still haven’t discovered.
   - Phone: 9658 8300
   - library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

10. Southbank Night Photography Workshops
    - Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm
    - 3 Southbank Promenade
    - This night photography class runs in Melbourne’s city centre and has all the night photography tips you’ll ever need.
    - For more info: www.pennykoukoulas.com

11. French Workshop
    - Every Wednesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm
    - Southbank Library at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Discover the beautiful sound of French with Lucie, a native speaker! Our beginner group sessions are friendly and open to everyone and all material is provided.
    - thefrenchworkshop@gmail.com
    - www.facebook.com/thefrenchworkshop

12. Preschool Storytime
    - Assembly Hall at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Come and share the wonder of books with us! Enjoy approximately 40 - 50 minutes of fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities with your three to five year olds.
    - library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

13. Chunky Move Dance Classes
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14. Melbourne Sun Rise Probus Club
    - First Thursday of the month, 10.00am
    - Wharf Hotel, Siddlestey
    - Probus clubs cater for the needs of men and women over 50. Keep your mind active and meet new friends while enjoying a range of activities.
    - 9600 1628 or carolbergegb@gmail.com

15. Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club
    - Every Tuesday, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
    - Boyd Community Hub, 207 City Road
    - Professional speakers - Brief Chapel service at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12:30pm in the Function room. Interesting speakers and a great chance to make new friends.
    - www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

16. Kensington Neighbourhood House @ Boyd
    - Saturday, November 30
    - Boyd Community Centre, 207 City Road
    - Giving a taste of the courses run at Kensington Neighbourhood house. Including English conversation (2pm-3.30pm), Intro to Ukelele (3pm-4pm) and Introduction to iPads (3.10pm-5pm).
    - Call 9376 6366 to book.

17. Children’s Programs
    - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10.30am
    - Southbank Library at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Come and share the wonder of books with us! Enjoy approximately 40 - 50 minutes of fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities.
    - Phone: 9658 8300
    - www.melbourne.libreservice.com.au

18. St Johns Southgate Sunday Events
    - Second Wednesday of the month
    - St Johns Southgate, 20 City Road
    - Friendship group - Brief Chapel service at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12.30pm in the Function room. Interesting speakers and a great chance to make new friends.
    - www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

19. St Johns Southgate Sunday School
    - Every Sunday, 10.30am - 11.15am during school terms
    - St Johns Southgate, 20 City Road
    - Sunday School for children 3-11 years.
    - Youth Group for teenagers.
    - Every Tuesday 10am-Noon Playgroup for very young children and their carers.
    - www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

20. St Johns Southgate Midweek Events
    - Every Sunday, 10.30am - 11.15am during school terms
    - St Johns Southgate, 20 City Road
    - Friendship group - Brief Chapel service at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12.30pm in the Function room. Interesting speakers and a great chance to make new friends.
    - www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

21. Southbank Rotary
    - Every Tuesday, 6.30pm
    - Blue Train Southgate, but subject to change
    - Rotary Club of Southbank Inc meets weekly for dinner on most Tuesday evenings throughout the year in the Southbank area. Visitors are always welcome.
    - www.southbank.org.au

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26. Reading Circle
    - First Tuesday of the Month 5.45 - 6.45pm
    - Southbank Library at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Come along to talk about books: those you love, those you want others to love, and those you still haven’t discovered.
    - Phone: 9658 8300
    - library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

27. Melbourne Night Photography Workshops
    - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm
    - 3 Southbank Promenade
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    - For more info: www.pennykoukoulas.com

28. French Workshop
    - Every Wednesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm
    - Southbank Library at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Discover the beautiful sound of French with Lucie, a native speaker! Our beginner group sessions are friendly and open to everyone and all material is provided.
    - thefrenchworkshop@gmail.com
    - www.facebook.com/thefrenchworkshop

29. Preschool Storytime
    - Assembly Hall at Boyd, 207 City Road
    - Come and share the wonder of books with us! Enjoy approximately 40 - 50 minutes of fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities with your three to five year olds.
    - library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

30. First Friday Dance Club
    - First Friday of every month at 6pm
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