Melbourne Docklands

In Perspective

One of Australia’s premier waterfront urban renewal projects
Steve Ulula Parker
Yirga Bik Birranga-ga
(Sing land and Country)
2020

Steve Ulula Parker is a Boon Wurrung, Yorta Yorta and Erub artist living on Millowl (Phillip Island).

This artwork represents the Victorian coastline, including our two great bays Narm (Port Phillip Bay) and Murranbik (Western Port Bay), rendered in warm ochre. The circle motifs in the artwork represent the meeting places and campfires of Victoria’s 40+ Aboriginal language groups, each connected with song lines. The Kulin creator spirits Bundjil the eagle and Waa the crow can be seen reflected in the warreeny (sea).

In the spirit of reconciliation, Development Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country now known as Docklands. We recognise and respect their continuing cultural heritage and connection to the land. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.
Development Victoria creates a sense of place and prosperity through development, urban renewal and the establishment of cultural, recreational and civic facilities across Victoria.

At Development Victoria, we’re passionate about making our state a great place to be today and for generations to come. By developing and revitalising public land and buildings, we create vibrant community spaces and secure, sustainable homes.

As the Victorian Government’s development arm, we are a statutory authority wholly owned by government and guided by its policy ambitions – applying expertise and experience to deliver social and economic outcomes, for all Victorians.

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Over 25 years, Development Victoria has overseen the revitalisation of an area comparable in size to Melbourne's CBD.

- seven km of waterfront
- 146ha of land
- 44ha of water
- $15b of private investment
“Inspired by Docklands’ history and the unique character of its location, we have now delivered two hotels and luxury apartments, including the first purpose-built Marriott hotel in Australia in more than 20 years.

Our investment was driven by the benefits Docklands has to offer visitors and residents—access to high quality services and amenities right at your doorstep. Docklands offers a unique convenient lifestyle in Melbourne, which we have seen become desirable in other metropolis cities like New York, London, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Development Victoria’s passion for Docklands and its solutions-driven, collaborative approach to the partnership meant that we could create something that would be a clever and positive contribution to the precinct.”

Nancy Cao
Chief Operating Officer, Capital Alliance

“Shaping Melbourne’s skyline for over twenty-five years has been a great responsibility for MAB. NewQuay in Docklands represents a shared vision to establish a place where liveability, public space and architecture are brought to the fore. We’ve taken great pride in collaborating with Melbourne’s best talent to deliver an evolving waterside neighbourhood with enduring quality and character.”

Andrew and Michael Buxton
Founders, MAB Corporation
Changing the Fabric of Victoria

- Current Residents: 17,500
- Current Workers: 73,000
- Open Space: 20ha
- Water: 44ha
- Hotel Rooms and Serviced Apartments: 1,600
- Affordable Housing Apartments: 142
- Public Art Projects: 68

One of Australia's largest urban renewal projects under construction.
"In partnership with the Victorian Government and Development Victoria, Mirvac has been reimagining urban life in Docklands for more than 20 years, with our award-winning Yarra's Edge precinct now home to over 3,000 residents.

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Mirvac General Manager for Residential Victoria

"The continued investment in infrastructure and regeneration of The District Docklands shopping precinct ensures that it is purpose-built for the future, provides a seamless extension of Melbourne's CBD, and delivers a complete offering that attracts both leisure and corporate visitors.

Retail and tourism are crucial to Victoria's rebuild post-COVID-19. As a multi-purpose destination, The District Docklands continues to attract exciting partners, retailers and, most importantly, customers, who want to shop, stay, dine and be entertained.

AsheMorgan's continuing commitment to the regeneration of the broader precinct represents an ongoing investment in the Victorian economy."

Andrew Whiteside
Development Director, AsheMorgan

"Our long-standing partnership with Development Victoria has seen the regeneration of two of Melbourne's most transformative city precincts, in Victoria Harbour and Melbourne Quarter.

Through a shared vision to develop beautiful places for the growing Docklands community, we've collaborated to create connected places where innovation and businesses thrive, visitors are welcome and residents feel at home.

With placemaking at the heart of everything we do, these precincts are rich in green, public spaces and amenity designed to improve wellness and foster social connection."

Brian Herlihy
Executive Development Director, Lendlease

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When you think about the past industries that shaped the character of this site – tanneries, meat rendering, gasworks and chemical works, you realize the size of the job faced. Docklands has gone from being one of the dirtiest areas in Melbourne to one of the cleanest, with one of the largest concentrations of 5 and 6 star rated green buildings in the southern hemisphere.

Geoff Ward
Group Head Precincts, Development Victoria

The renewal of Docklands as a way to stimulate the economy and attract new residents and businesses is fascinating. Docklands, which was once surrounded by tanneries, meat rendering, gasworks and chemical works, has transformed into a vibrant and economically successful precinct that provides a grand new gateway to the city where the Queen’s Warehouse was the royal mint, and that would have been a popular site to walk past for tourists. Its history is rich, and the Docklands Walking Tours App with The Docklands Foundation, available for free, showcases the rich history of the site, both visually and with a self-guided tour. Docklands Walking Tours App

Docklands was once home to a Victorian quarry from which the stone was quarried to create the remarkable Docklands as a walk in the park today. The Docklands Walking Tours App, developed by The Docklands Foundation, is free. Docklands Walking Tours App

A quarter of a century in the making, the renewal of Docklands has established an entirely new suburb adjacent to the CBD, with businesses and communities embracing its many precincts, unique spaces and waterfront location.

Amar Goel
Director, The Docklands Foundation

In 1997, the construction of Colonial Stadium commenced on the site of the old Docklands town hall. Colonial Stadium was built as a multi-purpose sports arena, with a capacity of 43,012 people. Colonial Stadium was opened in 1998, making it the first step in Melbourne’s biggest urban undertaking since the pegging of the city grid. Colonial Stadium was officially opened on 9 March 2000 with the first AFL match between Essendon and Port Adelaide before a crowd of 43,012 people. The stadium hosted 56 events and over 1.7 million people in its first year.

The Docklands Conceptual Planning Design Framework and Vision was released in 1996, outlining the key principles of Docklands since it was first developed. The Docklands Conceptual Planning Design Framework and Vision

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In the early 1990s, the Victorian Government initiated the Docklands Urban Art programme to provide a new gateway to the city where Melbourne could be seen, work and visit. Docklands Urban Art programme

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To encourage private sector investment, and ensure interesting variations in the design of architecture and public spaces, Development Victoria has divided Docklands into eight precincts that shape the character of Docklands. Through a competitive process, Development Victoria partnered with private sector developers to create a master plan for one of the first eight projects, offering a design award ranging from residential, commercial, retail and leisure/entertainment spaces. While this was a unique opportunity, each is well on the way to establishing its own unique personality. Docklands was once home to a thriving wool and wheat. cargo including coal, steel, animals, and committed to its redevelopment. In 2000 as a premium residential precinct, providing a variety of prestige dwellings, including apartments and terrace homes. The precinct, which currently includes apartments and terrace homes, including apartments and terrace homes, has been formally named NAB Docklands and has been joined by Poly Development and International.

### Docklands of the Past

As Docklands continues to evolve, Development Victoria is committed to preserving and celebrating our important waterfront heritage. The first European companies began to arrive in Victoria in 1803, it was not until 1950s, Victoria Dock was Melbourne’s busiest dock, handling a wide range of freight by boat up the Yarra River. By 1970s, Royal Docks was Melbourne’s first 5-star hotel MDocklands. The Village at NAB as well as Docklands’ Market Lane (fresh food precinct). The precinct also houses the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the world’s largest purpose-built exhibition and convention centre.

### Precincts

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Throughout the years Docklands has undergone a significant transformation, set along 2.5 kilometres of waterfront promenade with hotels, restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. While the first Europeans began to arrive in Victoria in 1803, it was not until the mid-1990s when the Victorian Government released the Docklands for development, and committed to its redevelopment.

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Docklands is a post of low lying flat that spreads from Princes Bridge near Flinders Street Station to Melbourne. Over time, a series of berths have been developed, giving the area a unique character. The area is home to a number of social and cultural events, including parades, markets, and festivals.
Library at The Dock

Library at The Dock is a state-of-the-art library and community hub. It occupies a prominent site on the intersection of Collins and Bourke Streets in Victoria Harbour, enjoying wide open views towards Waterfront City, NewQuay and Marvel Stadium. Delivered in May 2014 through a unique tri-partnership model between Development Victoria, Lendlease and the City of Melbourne, the library also includes a creative editing and recording facility, performance space, community meeting rooms, study areas and café.

The Library is a three-storey building, with a simple timber frame construction made predominantly from Cross Laminated Timber (CLT). It is the first public building in Australia made with this material, significantly reducing its carbon footprint.

Together with a range of environmental features, the building achieved a 6 Star Green Star rating, making it one of Australia's most sustainable community buildings and winner of the National Award for Sustainable Architecture at the Australian Institute of Architects in 2016.

Community Hub at The Dock

Next door to Library at The Dock, the Community Hub at The Dock opened on 20 February 2016, again delivered in partnership with Lendlease and the City of Melbourne.

The Hub features:
- a community boating hub on the ground floor – now home to the Docklands Yacht Club, Dragon Boat Victoria and the Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club
- second-floor maternal, child health and other family services, including playgroups, parenting information groups, monthly immunisation sessions and family support and counselling
- a large multipurpose room available for hire, suitable for community workshops and health and wellbeing activities.

Open Space

The first decade of Docklands necessarily concentrated on buildings. The focus then shifted to delivering facilities that are essential to a thriving community. Today, Docklands has eight green parks, including Docklands Park and Ron Barassi Senior Park, totalling 7.87ha and 12.58ha of open space, reserves, waterfront promenades and forecourts and squares, including:

- Community Learning and Education Centre (CLEC) site bounded by Harbour Esplanade, Waterview Walk and Bourke and Collins Street offering:
  - The Hub@Docklands community space
  - the 2015 MPavilion designed for the Naomi Milgrom Foundation by Stirling Prize-winning architect, Amanda Levete
  - one of Melbourne's new generation smart parks featuring free wi-fi and phone charging stations, upgraded courts, urban gym, open space and seating
  - additional landscape works to complement the MPavilion, including seating around the landmark peppercorn tree, feature lighting, seating, and lawn areas for recreational activities
- Community Garden in Victoria Harbour, opened in July 2012, a joint initiative between Urban Reforestation, Development Victoria and the City of Melbourne.

A Living Space

"My husband and I have lived in Melbourne for over eight years - all of this time in Docklands. When we first came from New Zealand, I was lucky enough to find a furnished apartment to let for six months. I thought this would give us time to find which part of Melbourne we would like to settle in. We did explore and found that, although there are some beautiful areas, we liked Docklands best! Docklands is a quiet oasis, yet the CBD hustle and bustle and liveliness is only a 15 minute walk away. We have a little of everything, neatly packaged up: a sporting precinct, a perfect little harbour, strategically placed parks (including barbecues), supermarkets, doctors, pharmacies ... even a state-of-the-art library. And the best transport in Melbourne!"

Jacqueline Graham
Docklands resident
Jacqueline has been a member of the Dockland Representative Group since 2018.

"Businesses that talk and cooperate with one another, a fierce sense of loyalty from residents and a belief that what we have is truly special, all lead us to a point where Docklands will be a preeminent focal point for Melbourne and visitors abroad.

There's not a major cosmopolitan city around the world with a similar waterway that doesn't take advantage of it. We are in a great position to do the same and if you go back 20 years, we have come a very long way."

Shane Wylie
Executive Officer, Docklands Chamber of Commerce

Image courtesy of Shane Wylie.
As the number of residents within Docklands grows, engagement with the community is key in helping to shape development.

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Construction of a new $46 million, 3700m² state-of-the-art sound stages, workshops, and production offices for local and international projects. In October 2019, the Victorian Government announced the opening of what is now known as Marvel Stadium in March 2000. A world-class arena, it currently seats more than 53,000 people and features a retractable roof for all-weather sports and entertainment. The Stadium is undergoing a multi-million dollar refurbishment funded by the Victorian Government. This precinct is also home to the Seven Network, Medibank, The Village at NAB as well as Docklands' first 5-star hotel, MDocklands.

Melbourne Quarter

The new Melbourne Quarter development by Lendlease includes retail, residential, commercial and public spaces. One Melbourne Quarter, an innovative commercial tower, achieved a 6 Star Green Star rating. Sustaining above Collins Street is Sky Park, which is accessed via a dramatic spiral staircase or glass lifts, and features lush green landscaping in a wind-protected environment. The park also includes WiFi, power outlets and USB charge points, encouraging workers to recharge in a wind-protected environment.

Docklands Studios Melbourne

Docklands Studios Melbourne is one of only three major film-making complexes in Australia. This precinct comprises five state-of-the-art sound stages, workshops, and production offices for local and international projects. In October 2009, the Victorian Government announced the construction of a new $46 million, 3700m² studio complex, the largest in Australia, housing 6500 people. Incorporating energy, water and waste management systems, it was awarded the 6 Star certification trifecta of Design, As Built and Interiors in 2012 from the Green Building Council of Australia. With its innovative design, this impressive building created a new benchmark in architecture.

Library at The Dock

Library at: The Dock was Australia’s most sustainable community building at the time of construction in 2012 and was built primarily from Cross Laminated Timber and recycled hardwood. Other sustainable features include passive ventilation and 85kw solar panels on the roof that supply around 30 percent of the building’s power.

The Harbour Family and Children Centre

In 2009, Development Victoria devised an Ecologically Sustainable Development rating tool for childcare centres specifically as part of the development of The Harbour Family and Children Centre. Developed in partnership with the City of Melbourne, Greater Victoria, Development Victoria and Lendlease in Victoria Harbour, the Centre was purpose-built with an ecologically sustainable design intended to act as a ‘best practice’ model for the design of inner-city childcare centres.

Public space

Throughout the many public spaces in Docklands, including the Community Garden, salvaged materials from Victoria Dock have been repurposed for community uses such as seating, tables, and garden beds.

Sustainability and Innovation

Forté

At the time of construction in 2011, Forté in Victoria Harbour was the first residential tower in Australia to be built with Cross Laminated Timber. This revolutionary product challenges current building practices by enabling the permanent capture of carbon and zero greenhouse emissions. Other sustainable features include smart metering and captured rainwater for toilet flushing. All joinery and timber products have zero formaldehyde to promote fresher, cleaner indoor air quality.

Merchant and Mariner

The Merchant and Mariner developments, completed in 2009 and 2011 respectively, deliver affordable housing as an integrated part of the Docklands residential mix. The homes include sustainable features such as solar-boosted hot water systems, double glazing, and were constructed using environmentally friendly materials. The Mariner houses a balanced mix of tenants who are in full-time employment, studying, or on moderate-to-low incomes, as well as seven apartments designed for accessibility.

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Commercial Projects

Collins Square

Architecturally stunning, Collins Square, a commercial mixed-use precinct, has been delivered by Walker Corporation featuring a business hub, 48 retail outlets and 32 commercial tenants over five towers, plus a heritage-listed building in the heart of Docklands. It is the second largest commercial mixed-use precinct in Australia.

The project was also awarded Victoria’s development of the year at the 2020 Property Council of Australia Innovation and Excellence Awards. Development Victoria was also recognised by the Property Council winning the Government Leadership Award for Collins Square.

Project Area

More than

$12 billion economic contribution to Victorian GDP

$7.8 billion private sector commercial/other

$7.4 billion private sector residential development

Total Project Area: 190 ha

Built Form: 106 ha

Water: 44 ha

Open Space: 9 ha

Private investment to state costs

92:1

“Docklands offered a unique opportunity to build at scale, to create via large floorplates greater flexibility and a new sense of community - both within the ANZ and between the bank and the city. The open Docklands location facilitated the integration of new technologies and cutting-edge sustainable environmental practices, as well as improved wellbeing facilities with easy access to cycle paths, jogging tracks and less congested external settings on the waterfront. The commercial viability of a large site in Docklands enabled ANZ to create a new global headquarters that could truly represent the bank’s aspiration to be ‘super-regional’.”

Kate Langan

Group General Manager Property ANZ Banking Group

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Melbourne Docklands In Perspective

Bridges, parks, tramlines and wharves infrastructure, including building roads, is funded by private companies. The Victorian Government provided a loan to the private sector, state government authorities and the City of Melbourne. A key component of each agreement is a master plan. An development of the land must be in accordance with the master plan, agreed between Development Victoria and the private developer.

**Funding**

Docklands is being developed in partnership between the Victorian Government and the private sector. The land is owned by the State of Victoria, and development, in the main, is funded by private companies.

The Victorian Government provided a loan to Development Victoria to finance the initial development. Development Victoria is responsible for coordinating and administering the Agreements and managing development in partnership with the private sector, state government authorities and the City of Melbourne. A key component of each agreement is a master plan. An development of the land must be in accordance with the master plan, agreed between Development Victoria and the private developer.

**Key Infrastructure**

The key to ensuring the success of Docklands was the early installation of infrastructure to integrate Docklands with the CBD. La Trobe, Collins and Bourke Streets were extended into the new precinct, as well as the tramline network. This was crucial for moving people into and around Docklands, and to create a connection with the CBD. Harbour Esplanade was built to connect north and south Docklands along the waterfront.

A new state highway, Wurundjeri Way, linked Docklands to the Tullamarine and Monash Freeways. Docklands Drive was completed in 2015, connecting the north-west of Docklands to Harbour Esplanade. Collins and Bourke Streets were then further extended to meet outside Library at The Dock, bringing together two of Melbourne's most important streets for the first time.

When planning Docklands, Development Victoria focused on providing a range of public transport options for residents and workers in order to reduce the need for cars and motorbikes. Falling within the CBD free tram zone, Docklands is serviced by six tram services, as well as the City Circle Tram and four bus services.

**Planning and Delivery**

Negotiation and management of Development Agreements and the associated master plans brings a confidence to land and development plans, allows for the delivery of a high level of design and architecture, and balances commercial incentives with precinct outcomes. Infrastructure, delivered via government funding, supports the Victorian Government’s policy objectives and attracts high-quality private developers.

**Government and Private Sector Relations**

Development Victoria's focus on urban renewal supports the Victorian Government's policy objectives to meet the challenges of population growth, housing affordability and economic development. The Urban Renewal Authority Victoria Act 2003 grants Development Victoria various powers (if deemed necessary) particularly with regard to compulsory acquisition and planning frameworks.

Development Victoria works with government agencies and private developers to turn big ideas into reality. Having established a strong platform over many years, the authority is delivering projects of state significance, while identifying new opportunities for further state-shaping initiatives. Strong relationships and expert knowledge across the industry enable Development Victoria's team to share innovation and experience across government and within the private sector.

**Stakeholder and Community Engagement**

Government, industry and community stakeholder engagement is at the core of everything Development Victoria does. Recognising the growing stakeholder community in Docklands, Development Victoria has embarked on extensive engagement programs that have helped to shape the development of the precincts. This process has brought health and wellbeing benefits to Docklands' residents and workers, and created functional open spaces and carefully considered community infrastructure, including a school.

**Complex Over-rail Developments**

Media House, home to the editorial and commercial headquarters of Fairfax Media (The Age, Australian Financial Review and 3AW), was a complex development built over rail yards – a notable first for Docklands. This involved shutting down rail tracks and coordinating a large number of private and government stakeholders.

**Heritage Building Redevelopment**

Through careful planning, the 120-year old former Railways Goods Shed was restored to its original state with many of the heritage listed elements retained and incorporated into the modern, sophisticated warehouse office design. The Goods Shed North was the first 5 Star Green Star heritage building in Victoria.

**Site Decontamination**

Docklands was once one of the most contaminated sites in Australia. Extensive remediation works were required to ensure the area was safe for future residents, businesses and visitors. Much of the land was in need of dramatic decontamination. Following highly detailed and stringent processes, the land has been safely remediated. A stunning example of the success of these works is the former West Melbourne Gasworks site, now home to ANZ’s Melbourne headquarters, which houses more than 6,500 employees.

**Sustainable Development**

Development Victoria has embraced the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) and Water Sensitive Urban Design at all stages of the Docklands journey – from concept through to design, construction and, ultimately, the long-term operation of the buildings and their surroundings. At the time it was developed, the Docklands Ecologically Sustainable Development Guide 2002 set the benchmark for assessing the sustainability of commercial and residential buildings. It set clear expectations, standards and references for developers – as a result of this ongoing collaboration, new sustainable building standards have seen Docklands become home to one of the largest concentrations of green buildings in the Southern Hemisphere.
Stakeholders

Delivering projects the scale of Docklands requires the involvement of a range of different government partners and stakeholders, including developers, local councils, and the community. Development Victoria has worked closely with these stakeholders throughout the Docklands journey, and these relationships have been integral to its ongoing success.

Government Partners
- Department of Transport
- Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Department of Treasury and Finance
- Valuer-General Victoria
- Victorian Government Land Monitor
- Victorian School Building Authority
- Creative Victoria
- Film Victoria
- Parks Victoria
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
- Public Transport Victoria
- VicRoads
- Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack)
- Yarra Trams
- Southern Cross Station Rail Authority
- Metro Trams Melbourne

Community Partners
- Docklands Chamber of Commerce
- Docklands Representative Group

Traditional Custodians
- Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Boon Wurrung Foundation
- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

Batman’s Hill
- Walker Corporation
- Lendlease Development Pty Limited
- ParkUrban Corporation Pty Ltd
- Folkestone/Leighton JV Pty Ltd
- Village Docklands Pty Ltd
- Grocon Pty Ltd
- Melbourne Civic Pty Ltd
- 737 Bourke Street Pty Ltd
- Goods Shed Docklands Pty Ltd
- Suncorp-Metway Ltd
- Equiset Grollo Group
- WT Partnership Pty Ltd
- Fox Family Foundation Pty Ltd
- Kangan Institute

City Harbour
- Digital Harbour (Holdings)
- Poly Developments and Holdings

Docklands Studios Melbourne
- Docklands Studios Melbourne Pty Ltd

NewQuay
- MAB Corporation Pty Ltd
- Hiap Hoe

Stadium Precinct
- Devine Limited
- 675 La Trobe Street Pty Ltd
- Capital Alliance Investment Group
- Lacrosse Stage 2 Pty Ltd
- Seven Network Ltd
- Australian Football League
- Salta Properties
- Melbourne Stadiums Limited
- GFM

Victoria Harbour
- Lendlease Development Pty Limited

Waterfront City
- ING Real Estate Development Australia
- AsheMorgan
- Capital Alliance Investment Group
- Sanoyas Rides Australia

Yarra’s Edge
- Mirvac Group