



# The Big Things Tour drops by

*With 17,000 BIG kilometres behind them, the Henderson family dropped into Docklands on August 13 for a little spoiling and a well-earned rest.*

Sean and Kylie Henderson and their two boys Sam, 10, and Josh, 9, were in the home-straight of their around-Australia-by-trike-adventure, having left Coffs Harbour NSW on June 4.

"I can't believe I'm in Melbourne. I've never been to Melbourne before," gushed Kylie as she took her helmet off on Central Pier.

"It's so much more colourful than I imagined," she said looking across Victoria Harbour to the NAB headquarters.

The family was on a mission to be the first to complete the epic trip on a trike. But their

trip was also special as a pilgrimage to the nation's "big things".

Having become engaged 18 years ago at Queensland's Big Pineapple, they have always had a thing for Australia's "big" tourist attractions. Buying a trike tours business and operating out of the Big Banana

in Coffs Harbour cemented the passion for the BIG things.

So "The Big Things" tour was conceptualised, planned and ultimately undertaken.

The family had 125 BIG things on its 94-day-whirlwind-itinerary. But a BIG seven-day

breakdown on the Nullarbor meant a sprint to the finish and the promise of a second tour of South Australia and regional Victoria.

The Hendersons came to Docklands at the invitation of our own Trikeman, Alan Maxwell, who operates Tours on Trike in Bourke St.

Three of Alan's trikes escorted the Hendersons from Little River into Docklands where they were shouted a slap-up feed at The Woolshed Pub and given tickets to an ALF game the next day at Etihad's Medallion Club.





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# Atlantic Group cleans up

***Atlantic cleaned up at the Victorian Restaurant and Catering Awards for Excellence on August 8, with three awards.***

Docklands-based Atlantic Group [v] was announced the winner in the Wedding Caterer category, the Function Venue category and was then awarded the ultimate

prize, Overall Victorian Caterer of the Year, beating a "who's who" of the industry.

The Overall Caterer of the Year is awarded to the caterer who has scored the highest marks across all the categories.

Atlantic managing director Hatem Saleh said: "This is not only an amazing result, but well deserved recognition for the efforts we as individuals and as a company give to the hospitality industry, and most importantly to our clients."



## Docklands connection pays off

*Tess Galea sat down in front of the television on July 17 to learn a little about Docklands.*

Little did she know she would soon have \$1000 worth of Docklands hospitality to redeem.

The Brookfield resident was doing the research because her son John is engaged to marry his long-term sweetheart Brook Mallia in Docklands on January 14.

As it turned out, Tess didn't find anywhere

to stay in Docklands through watching the episode of Postcards on Channel Nine, but she did win the viewers' prize - \$1000 worth of Central Pier hospitality.

And, what a coincidence. John and Brook had already booked MAIA in Shed 14 for their wedding reception.

Brook said she looked at a few different places for her special day, but nothing compared with Docklands.

"It's got a modern look with a heritage feel," she said. "Nothing compared with it since I first saw it."



*Brook and future mother-in-law Tess check out Docklands ahead of the big day*