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School land to be purchased

By Sean Rogasch

A Southbank state school is getting closer than ever, after the State Government announced funding for the purchase of its preferred site on the border of Southbank and South Melbourne.

With money allocated in the 2013-14 budget to buy the Melbourne University land at 129-161 Ferrars St, the Minister for Education, Martin Dixon, announced that site preparation and master planning for the new school would now begin.

"It's well-positioned to cater to the growing populations of Southbank, South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend," Mr Dixon said.

He also left the door open for further inner-south schooling options, saying: "The Government is also investigating future education provisions resulting from the Government's vision for the Fishermans Bend urban renewal project."

In a probable reference to lobby group Two Schools Now, Mr Dixon said there had been growing pressure from the inner south community for a school in the area.

Two Schools Now president, Alanna Vaz, said the group was grateful for the funding announcement, but was also aware that it needed to maintain pressure on the Government to keep the project ticking along.

"We welcome the news that the State Government has confirmed there is money in this year's State budget for the purchase of the Ferrars St site," Ms Vaz said.

"While this is an important first step towards a school, it does not cover the planning and construction costs and, even when completed, it will not be sufficient to cater for the children already living in our area," she added.

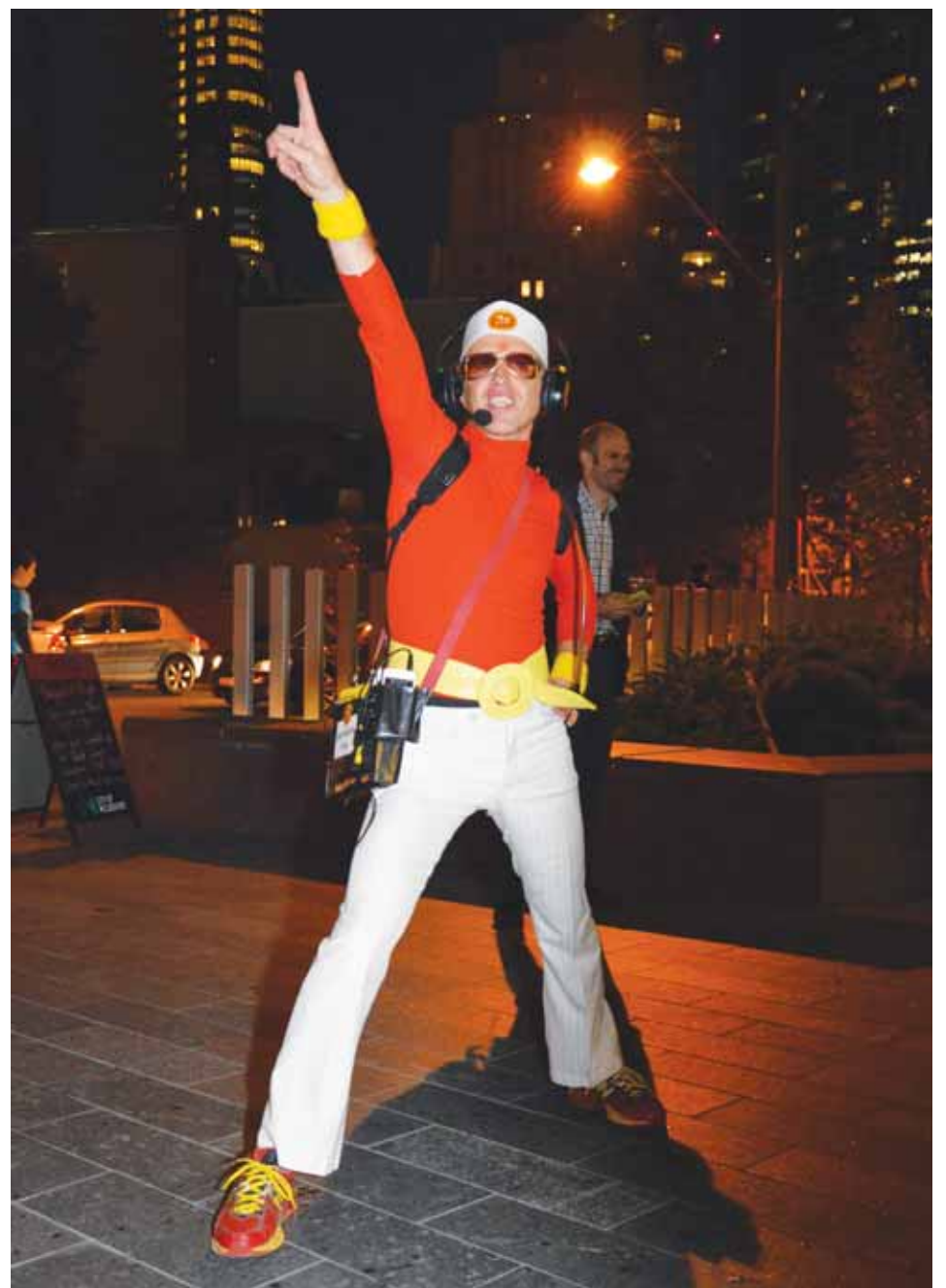
Ms Vaz thanked the wider community for its support of the Two Schools Now campaign, pointing out that it was far from finished in its lobbying for action on schools.

"Two Schools Now calls for an immediate community/government consultative and planning group to deliver this promised school in South Melbourne and a further school or campus for secondary students," Ms Vaz explained.

"Two Schools Now will continue to have a focus on funding for a primary and secondary school for the children living in our area, but it will increase its role in holding the government accountable for providing essential access to education in the new development areas."

Local State Labor member, Martin Foley, who has been heavily involved in the Two Schools Now campaign, said the announcement did nothing to relieve the immediate pressure being felt by families in the inner south.

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Guru Dudu dances up a storm

Guru Dudu leads a group of locals in a silent disco boogie at the recent Buoyed @ Boyd event. Dancing with the headphones may not come naturally, but it proved a very popular activity!

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Community grants available

The City of Melbourne has opened its community grants program for 2014, with \$900,000 available to non-for-profit community groups throughout the municipality.

Community groups can apply for up to \$20,000 worth of funding.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the grants were important for the city and helped contribute to its diversity.

"The City of Melbourne is home to more than 93,000 people and hundreds of community organisations, all striving to make Melbourne a great place to live," Cr Doyle said.

Councillor Richard Foster also encouraged locals to get involved, saying: "The 2014 grants program will create opportunities for the municipality's residents to join in, enjoy city life and contribute to Melbourne's safety, health and happiness."

Applications for the grants are open until June 17. For more information head to www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grantsandsponsorship



It'll take some work, but with money allocated for the purchase of this site on Ferrars St, a school is closer than ever.

School land to be purchased

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"The announcement by the State Government on their promised 'new school' in South Melbourne to serve the growing needs in Southbank is a cruel joke," Mr Foley said.

"We welcome any investment in education - but this government is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of this community. There has yet to be a single dollar invested in new school infrastructure by this government in local education after three budgets," he added.

"The promised school in South Melbourne is now being pushed out to 2017 - at the earliest, if everything goes well."

The Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services, Andrea Coote, said the announcement was an important one.

"The local community has been very enthusiastic about the need for a new primary school. Premier Napthine and Minister Dixon have listened and it's fantastic that we're able to deliver a brand new school," Ms Coote said.

How important is a new primary school in Southbank and the surrounding areas? Let us know on Facebook (www.facebook.com.au/southbanklocalnews) or via Twitter (@SOUTHBANK_News)

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Bikies congregate by the river

Before you go calling the police, you should know that these bikies prefer pedal power, and they're not here to cause any trouble. At least that's what they told 'Southbank Local News'.

The COTA cyclists group is run for older people looking to connect and every second week the group heads off on a bike ride from Southbank.

COTA volunteer Janet Bennett told *Southbank Local News* that the group really enjoyed meeting in Southbank, given the convenience of the location.

"It's just so central. We've got people coming in from all across Melbourne, so it makes sense to meet somewhere that isn't too out of the way for anyone," Ms Bennett said.

"It also helps that there are great cafes and restaurants here, for a morning coffee or a group lunch after our ride."

Southbank shunned in council budget

By Sean Rogasch

Southbank has been almost entirely ignored in this month's City of Melbourne draft budget.

While the council budget boasts \$96.2 million in capital works and suburbs Docklands (\$11.1 million) and Carlton (\$7 million) reap the benefits, Southbank was left out in the cold.

We will share in some of the \$2.55 million to strengthen the cycling network and, inevitably some of the \$14 million to support Melbourne's arts will be spent here, but apart from this, the cupboard is decidedly bare.

There is one mention of the desire to develop a City Rd master plan but, at this stage, no money has been allocated for its implementation.

In some good news, funding will continue for the popular First Friday Dance Club at Queensbridge Square.

One of the major news stories to come out of the budget was the increase in costs for on-street parking. While CBD parking is set to increase more dramatically, Southbank isn't immune to the price rise, with parking prices increasing by 80 cents an hour in half, one and two-hour spots. It increased 50 cents per hour in three-hour parks and 40 cents per hour in four-hour spaces.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said he knew the increased parking costs were not going to be

popular, but were a necessity because of a fall in revenue from parking fines.

"We have so few revenue levers that this is something we just needed to do. It's our intention to do it just once throughout our four-year term," Cr Doyle said.

"A budget that includes rate rises and increases to parking fees is a difficult one to deliver, but this draft budget maintains all our current services and is essential to achieve council's long-term vision for a sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Melbourne," he added.

On the budget as a whole Cr Doyle stressed that the council was being fiscally responsible and pointed out its \$77 million cash reserves, juxtaposing it with many cities and state or federal governments around the world which are currently in debt.

"A growing city demands not only responsible financial management but investment in projects that contribute to the essence of what makes Melbourne a great place to live, work and visit," Cr Doyle said.

"This budget safe guards our city's growth. We've reinvested where we need to reinvest."

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Federation square revamp revs up

The Federation Square east project progressed last month when the State Government requested industry submissions for the site.

The site has long been touted for redevelopment and the Government has come under fire for its decision to allow commercial development on what will become a public site.

Minister for Major Projects, David Hodgett, defended the decision.

"The Coalition Government is looking to harness the innovation and creativity of the private sector for proposals to develop this important site," Mr Hodgett said.

He also specified that the government was treating these proposals from industry as research, in particular he was hoping to get feedback on:

- Commercial structures;

- Ownership structures;
- Contractual structures;
- The apportionment of risk; and
- Costs and extent of any state contribution needed.

"The aim is to find out what is possible and how much interest there is in developing the site. We do not have a predetermined outcome in mind," Mr Hodgett said.

"This project, like the Flinders St Station design competition, is about finding new ways to revitalise the north bank of the Yarra and better integrate the CBD with both the river and our cultural, sporting and entertainment precincts."



Big fuss for a morning cuppa

It's probably part of most morning rituals, but a big deal was made out of the humble morning cuppa last month, when Southbank hosted LifeStyle Food's Biggest Morning Tea.

The Cancer Council Victoria's major fundraising event was on a promotional tour and used the prominence of the Southbank Spillway to promote to other businesses the benefits of holding a Biggest Morning Tea.

Cancer Council Victoria spokesperson Deb Stringer hoped the event raised awareness

of both the Biggest Morning Tea initiative and the Cancer Council itself.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring this unique experience to people around the state as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. It's a new take on a much-loved campaign that Victorians have been supporting for 20 years now," Ms Stringer said.

Melbourne landmark design comp heats up

The competition to redesign the iconic Flinders St Station is coming to a climax, with six finalist shortlisted as part of the second and final stage.

The six chosen finalists have until July to complete their final submission.

The finalists are:

- Ashton Raggatt McDougall;
- John Wardle Architects and Grimshaw;
- Hassell and Herzog and De Meuron;
- NH Architecture;
- Eduardo Velasquez and Manuel Pineda and Santiago Medina; and
- Zaha Hadid Architecture and BVN Architecture

Minister for Major Projects, David Hodgett said the competition had generated great excitement for the redevelopment of the Melbourne landmark.

"With a shortlist representing some of the best local and international architects, the anticipation and excitement about the

competition is really building," Mr Hodgett said.

He also outlined a "People's Choice" award, for the best design as voted on by the public.

"Indeed, we will be providing people with the same material that the jury receives and asking them to rate various aspects of the designs using similar criteria," Mr Hodgett explained.

"We want the People's Choice Award to be more than just a beauty competition where people vote for what they think looks best based on artist's impressions," he added.

"This level of public engagement is the first of its kind. To have a People's Choice vote in an architectural competition is only fitting given the importance of Flinders St Station."

"We want everyone to have their say on the future of the station precinct," Mr Hodgett said.



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State continues support for arts

Southbank's arts precinct was a big winner to come out of the State Government budget last month, with more money allocated to its continual redevelopment.

The budget outlines \$29 million to be spent on supporting the arts sector, much of which will be spend within Southbank.

Projects include \$4 million for the Arts Centre to "ensure it remains at the forefront of performing arts in Australia."

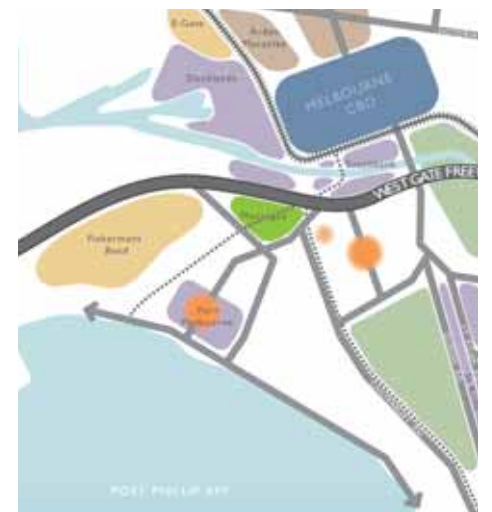
There is also \$8.5 million allocated to the National Gallery of Victoria - \$4.5 million for its summer program and \$4 million to refurbish it and the Ian Potter Centre.

There is also money allotted to the development of a blueprint for the future of the Southbank arts precinct.

The budget report said the money showed the arts were a vital component of Victoria, which the government supported.

"The Victorian arts and cultural sector fosters vibrant communities and helps build a stronger economy with expanded opportunity," the report states.

"The Coalition Government recognises the importance of the arts sector as a major contributor to Victoria's cultural exports, supporting artists and arts enterprises."



Lord Mayor wants to bend boundaries

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle's hopes of incorporating Fishermans Bend into the City of Melbourne's (CoM) boundaries is a step closer, after the council unanimously carried a motion to request the move to the Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy.

The change is far from a certainty, with the City of Port Phillip staunchly against the move. Currently most of Fishermans Bend is within the City of Port Phillip.

The CoM is concerned that two councils with different planning schemes covering the development will lead to poor planning outcomes.

Cr Doyle (who moved the motion to approach the Minister on April 16) said he was particularly concerned about how the restrictions within Port Phillip would impact on the new development and that Melbourne had more experience and expertise in planning matters than any other council.

Do you think the City of Melbourne should expand and take over Fishermans Bend? Let us know on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com.au/southbanklocalnews) or via Twitter (@SOUTHBANK_News).

Southbank business rallies for Starlight

By Sean Car

Local Southbank business, Chill on Ice Lounge and Ski Lodge has recently taken part in a national marketing campaign to support 25 years of the Starlight Children's Foundation and its work transforming the lives of seriously ill children, young people and their families.

Each contributing business created a special offer hosted by website Living Social, and \$2 from each deal sold went towards recognising the importance of the foundation's valuable work.

CEO of the Southbank-based venue, Nicole Smith, was responsible for running the initiative and her response to the outcome couldn't have been more positive.

"We sold 346 deals and raised \$692 for the Starlight Children's Foundation," she said.

"The campaign was a great way for both our business and our customers to show support

for Starlight and celebrate 25 years of their work helping Melbourne families. We're delighted to have had the opportunity to take part and give something back to our community."

Starlight CEO Louise Baxter said support of small businesses and their customers like that of Chill on Ice Lounge would go a long way to helping the foundation continue its work.

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Buoyed again

The Boyd Community Centre again threw its doors open last month, inviting all locals to partake in its second Buoyed @ Boyd community event.

A good crowd of people filtered through the centre, enjoying a range of activities such as face-painting, bedtime stories and a silent disco.

City of Melbourne councillor Richard Foster said the community response to the Buoyed @ Boyd program had been very encouraging. "We believe 150 people visited Boyd

throughout the evening and participated in a range of family-friendly activities," Cr Foster said.

"It was a great opportunity for Boyd staff to chat with families about the services the City of Melbourne offers and we're really looking forward to the next Buoyed @ Boyd event in June."



Huge crowd of runners for Mothers day classic

The annual Mothers Day Classic fun run again attracted an enormous crowd as competitors finished the four and eight kilometre tracks with a sprint (well some were sprinting) finish up St Kilda Rd. The event raises awareness and money for breast cancer research.

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Council supports Cairo development

The City of Melbourne has officially endorsed the plans for Cairo, the development planned to share 229 City Rd with the Boyd Community Centre.

Cairo, to be built by the Mackie Group, is an 87-metre high apartment building, which includes town houses and affordable housing. It has also been touted as the future home for the Australia Ballet.

The site will be completed when a urban park will replace the old classrooms along side Cairo, adding to the existing Boyd Community Centre and Library, which is already in operation.

The council did have a couple of concerns about Cairo, including the building causing the park to be excessively windy and minimising overlooking from the town houses and the east-facing apartments.

Music for the soul takes over

Jazz fans are in for a treat this month as the Melbourne International Jazz festival hits town.

International headline acts such as Cassandra Wilson, Chucho Valdes and the Afro-Cuban Messengers will join local talents like Joe Camilleri, Sarah McKenzie and Mahalia Barnes. The musicians take to Southbank locations the Arts Centre and Melbourne Recital Centre, as well as plenty of others around Melbourne.

As reported last month, the festival will also include a free march through Southbank, led by American group Rebirth Brass Band over the opening weekend.

There will also be events on at Federation Square and ACMI Jazz on Film will run at the Australian Centre for Moving Image across the festival.

The festival's artistic director Michael Tortoni said Melbourne should be ready for a world-class festival, the envy of many.

"It's a focused celebration of our uniquely gifted musicians, locally, nationally and internationally to get together and play. It's particularly special for Melbourne to host such events, as we happen to have a world class pool of musicians that live here," Mr Tortoni said.

He went on to explain why Southbank was a vital part of the festival, saying: "Southbank is an attractive and vibrant gateway to the cultured entertainment precinct, Melbourne Recital Centre, Hamer Hall, Fed Square, The Forum, The Kelvin Club and Bennetts Lane Jazz Club."

He also said highlights to look out for within Southbank were Cassandra Wilson Band and Chucho Valdes and the Afro Cuban All Stars, who are both playing at Hamer Hall.

For more information on the festival and for tickets, head to the website www.melbournejazz.com



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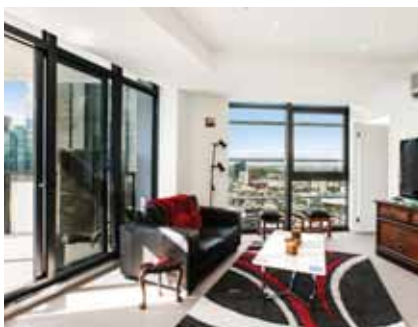


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Lord mayor's commendation sweet for any local business

Do you feel like your business has become a special part of Melbourne, even in just a small way? This could be your chance to make it official, with nominations for the Lord Mayor's commendations open until the end of May.

Suzie Wharton has run her Chocoholics tours from in and around Southbank since 1995. In 2010 she was awarded a Lord Mayor's commendation and said it's fantastic recognition for her humble business, especially because the city held such a special place in her heart.

"I just love Melbourne. Southbank is such a special part of that too, it's a great place to do business." Ms Wharton said.

"Receiving the award was just lovely. As a smaller company, when someone puts your name up in lights like that, it's a really nice feeling, and justification for all the hard work too!"

The Lord Mayor commendation program rewards City of Melbourne businesses for loyalty and longevity.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the awards were an important recognition for the hard work of small business within the city, and highlighted its importance.

"There are over 12,600 small businesses in the City of Melbourne, employing around 75,000." Cr Doyle said.

"Our city's entrepreneurs have adapted and prospered, creating jobs, boosting the economy and playing a vital role in making Melbourne the world's most livable city," he added.

"Melburnian's respect and support the hard work and contribution of small business. These commendations recognise the achievements of small business proprietors."

If you'd like to nominate for a Lord Mayor's Commendation you can do so by visiting the website

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au. Nominations close on May 31, with a ceremony to hand out the awards on October 7.



Flood warning

Perhaps as a follow up to our front page story last month on potential flooding concerns in Southbank, the State Emergency Services (SES) was warning people against the dangers of entering floodwater with a display in Queensbridge square last month.

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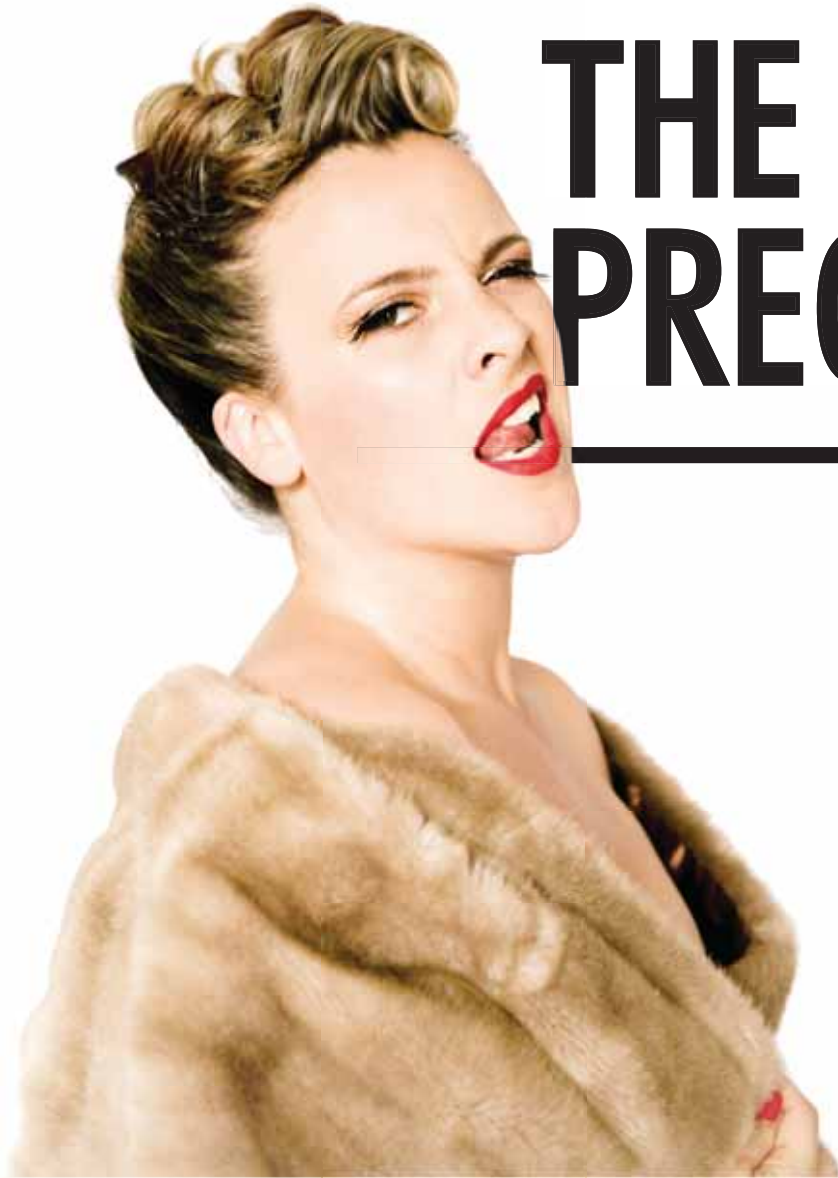
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ALI MCGREGOR RETURNS TO SOUTHBANK

By Sean Car

Gifted with one of the most versatile voices in Australian music, the smooth and sultry Ali McGregor returns to The Salon at the Melbourne Recital Centre to present her new show 'Alchemy' for audiences of Southbank.

With four shows at The Salon kicking off from Wednesday, May 15 through until Saturday, May 18, Ali will bring the unique sounds of her pop merged jazz album to life following a smash hit season at Edinburgh's Fringe Festival.

Accompanied by one of Australia's finest jazz pianists and arrangers in Sam Keevers and his trio, the concept of *Alchemy* draws upon all of McGregor's influences in creating unique jazz inspired hybrids of popular songs by everyone from Foo Fighters and Radiohead to Madonna and Britney Spears.

"When I started singing there were two very big inspirations for me one being the kind of style of the American Songbook, 50s jazz standards, music of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holliday," she says.

"I was also listening and watching *RAGE* every Saturday morning and listening to a lot of pop music like everyone else."

"I guess I just wanted to try and merge these two loves, these two musical loves and see if I could make something happen from that."

Following the response to her previous album *Jazz Cigarette*, which also contains traces of the similar mash-up style narrative to *Alchemy*, McGregor says that the feedback to the live show has been great.

"It's been interesting because the audience is split into two fairly distinct categories," she says.

"You have the people who are kind of my age who know all the songs that I'm singing or most of them and it conjures up memories of their teenage years

and then there's people that don't know any of the songs who just appreciate the songs just from scratch."

Making her first return to the Melbourne Recital Centre since her performance in the American Songbook Series of previous years, McGregor says she can't wait to present *Alchemy* to audiences at The Salon.

"Oh yes, I love The Salon so much," she says. "I think as a Melburnian through and through. I'm so proud that another great music venue is built in that Southbank area and the architecture of it is so beautiful and the space is just glorious."

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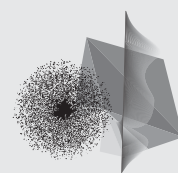
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AMERICAN SONGBOOK SERIES

By Sean Car

Now in its third year, Melbourne Recital Centre once again presents the highly-popular American Songbook Series to audiences of Southbank.



The highly-acclaimed series will feature a selection of six performers all of whom will be providing their own interpretations of the illustrious history of American popular song.

Following up on from her sold-out performances in 2010, Barb Jung returns to kick-start the series with another uplifting program of contemporary American song writing that will feature everything from Bob Dylan to Paul Simon.

Also featuring is the swinging Sinatra inspired Michelle Nicolle Quartet, a debut appearance for iconic actress, author and singer Molly Ringwald, New York

cabaret superstar Lady Rizo, as well as the magnificent contemporary classical and Broadway piano styles of Mary Carewe.

Motown royalty and founding member of the Supremes, Mary Wilson also stars in the highly-renowned "Stormy Weather" production showcasing the life and career of Hollywood's first African-American music goddess, Lena Horne.

The series gets underway on June 14 and runs until July 12.

For more information on the schedule and booking tickets visit melbournerecital.com.au or phone 9699 3333.

CHANCE FOR ARTISTS

The City of Melbourne is giving individual artists the opportunity to shine with its 2014 Arts Grants program officially opening this month.

With applications for grants open until June 17, the council was encouraging new ideas and any artists from any art form to apply.

Councillor Rohan Leppert said the arts remained as important as ever to the City of Melbourne and its creative scene.

"Melbourne's fantastic arts and culture scene isn't an accident - it takes commitment and investment," Cr Leppert said.

"The annual arts program has been an important source of funding for artists and organisations for over 16 years. We welcome new ideas that enliven the city and engage, challenge and excite our residents, workers and visitors," he added.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the work that had been produced from previous grants had been integral to the art community within the city.

"From film and visual art, to dance, literature and music events, I am continually impressed with the calibre of arts grants recipients. I encourage people to get online and find out more about how they can be involved in the 2014 program," Cr Doyle said.

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EVENTS



NEON

May 16 - July 21

The Southbank Theatre

NEON features original works from Daniel Schlusser Ensemble, Fraught Outfit, The Hayloft Project, THE RABBLE and Sisters Grimm.

www.mtc.com.au



ALCHEMY

May 15-18

Melbourne Recital Centre, 31 Sturt Street

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PUSS IN BOOTS - EL GATO CON BOTAS

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BALLET & FASHION

Until May 19

NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road

Ballet & Fashion is a joint project between The Australian Ballet and the NGV that showcases some of the most successful collaborations between fashion designers and dance companies over the past three decades.

www.ngv.vic.gov.au

DIOR AND YAMAMOTO: THE NEW LOOK

March 16 - July 28

NGV International, 180 St Kilda Rd

Dior and Yamamoto: The New Look is a small exhibition that considers two pivotal moments in the history of fashion through designers Christian Dior and Yohji Yamamoto.

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MOZART IN PARIS

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Melbourne Recital Centre, 31 Sturt Street

Mid-week morning concerts with an hour of wonderful music and the chance to catch up with friends over a cup of tea featuring the music of Mozart performed by Orchestra Victoria and musicians and alumni from the Australian National Academy of Music.

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BEA MODDOCK

March 20 - July 21

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Young Andi has big paws to fill

Andi, an 18-week-old staffy kelpie cross, might only have been with the Bendix family for two weeks but it seems she is settling into her new role quite nicely, according to owner Axel.

Axel, along with wife Helen and their two boys Cameron and Matt, revealed that the latest addition to their life from the Rural Rescue in Mildura comes following the loss of their previous dog of 16 years.

However, whilst taking some time to chat with *Southbank Local News* during her first visit to the city, it seems Andi is handling life with her new family rather nicely with Axel revealing that it hadn't taken her long to come out of her shell.

Axel described the young puppy as "very naughty" with the family quickly identifying her tendency to enjoy collecting shoes in her bed.

"She's a bit of a collector," Helen said. "She goes into the cupboard and pushes the sliding door open, takes the shoes and takes them all back to her bed to make piles."

Even though it's early days for Andi the family appears very happy with their new companion and believe she's going to work out really well in her new role.



ON THE BOX

with Korey Fernando

Networks in need of a reality check

When it comes to television, I'm not picky. You can sit me down in front of anything and I'll go into it with an open mind.

I can honestly say I've enjoyed episodes of *The View*, I look forward to and watch the Logies religiously in their entirety every year. Heck, I even devoted an entire column to *Burn Notice* last month!

Yet something despicable has been happening on our screens these past few weeks and even I can't bear to look.

First, the big-wigs at Channel Nine have decided that it'd be a good idea to put the *Celebrity Apprentice* back on television. Unlike the US version, our home-grown cast is lacking the big personalities that can really pull off the format. Instead of watching the ex-bankrupt toupee-enthusiast, Donald Trump, we are left with the mild-mannered Mark Bouris. Bouris isn't half the egoist that Trump is. There's no Bouris Tower to be found here and, to be honest, that's one of the biggest drawcards of the original. Bouris comes off as a savvy businessman with a level head - not the kind of guy who's going to go on a late night chat show and demand the president's birth certificate.

The same can be said for the contestants. There's nothing more captivating than watching Lou Ferrigno (TV's *The Hulk*) sitting on the phone to a catering company, trying to do the necessary mental maths to organise finger food. Watching Dawn Fraser run around in a tracksuit just doesn't compare.

While *The Apprentice Australia* didn't need a second season, it comes off like an episode of *Game of Thrones* when compared with *Celebrity Splash*. Having plummeted (sorry) in the ratings in both the US and the UK and even featuring a death in the Chinese incarnation, the Australia version is just as bleak. The premise: a bunch of mainly D-listers jump into a pool. There's really not much more to say about it than that.

Hosts Larry Emdur and Kylie Gillies put on brave smiles and add some class to the proceedings that feature people you don't want to see in bathing costumes ... in bathing costumes. You can't help but feel for Australian TV-veteran Denise Drysdale - she deserves a better vehicle to showcase her talent. Someone start a petition.

Celebrity Splash answers the question: "What is Thunder from *Gladiator* up to these days?" and not much else. With the ratings already taking a sharp nosedive (couldn't help it) after the initial episodes, even Channel 7 have subsided their impassioned spruiking of this truly horrible program. Avoid it at all costs.

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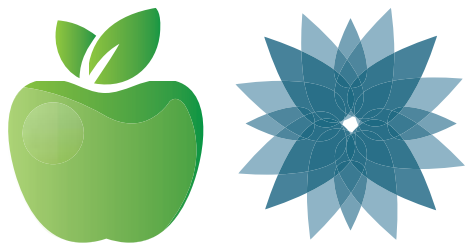
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Beat the lack of heat

You wake up and look outside the window and notice it is cold, wet and, worst of all, it's dark! With daylight saving now finished and winter rapidly approaching, the majority of people will find that their motivation for exercise will always start to waver. As the weather starts to become colder, here is why it becomes even more important to engage in physical activity.

Heat is the byproduct of metabolic reactions such as exercise, with nearly 75 per cent of energy created released as heat. From numerous studies, it is well established that your body temperature will rise during exercise. As a result, your body will try to counteract this increase in heat production by undergoing vasodilation, where your blood flow is redirected to the skin. This will result in an overall warming sensation of the body.

This warming sensation continues after exercise until you eventually reach your temperature equilibrium. As a result, you will feel warmer after exercise making it easier to cope with whatever winter throws at you. Remember next time you are thinking of skipping exercise "bad weather always looks worse through a window." - Tom Lehrer

with Peter
O'Rourke

from Active Melbourne City Sports

Corporate core strength

In Melbourne, we are seeing an increase in the amount of hours worked and the amount of hours spent at the desk in a state of inactivity. As a result, many corporate workers are feeling the brunt of these trends in their lower backs. The lower back region is an extremely important part of the human anatomy, which if not properly looked after can cause numerous lingering health issues.

Purely on an anatomical standpoint, the lower back is significant as it provides strength, support and flexibility as well as allowing for a range of movements. Most notably, the lower back houses part of the spinal cord, which is responsible for housing the millions of nerve fibres that allow for movement in the lower limbs.

Therefore pain and stiffness in this vital area can lead to decreased productivity at work and an increase in the number of sick days taken. Australia is one country that has recognised the importance of lower back health and is actively promoting the benefits that exercise and physical activity has on this area.

Now that we have greater understanding of the lower back, we can look at some practical methods of reducing the instance of pain and injury in this area. By strengthening your core muscles, you reduce the force being loaded through the lower back muscles, you improve your overall posture and also increase your flexibility. With great benefits on offer, what are you waiting for? Contact AMCS on mcs@ymca.org.au to organise core-specific personal training for your office.

Wheel Women Ride Bikes ...in Melbourne!

A regular ride group starting at designated start points in Docklands, Federation Square and Kensington (Bellair St coffee shops). No lycra is necessary and coffee and cake is the desired destination. It's a social ride at a casual and non-elite pace.

Wheel Women Ride Bikes Programs are a beginner/ intermediate course, excellent for those wanting some focused learning and to develop some serious ride skills.

To get involved, meet at the big dinosaur opposite the Icehouse in Docklands on Saturdays. This amazing concept started on May 4 and is conducted between 9.30am-11. For more information or to register please contact info@wheelwomen.com.au

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Melbourne Men's Shed

Great news on the Melbourne Men's Shed.

The recently-elected committee adopted a rules and governance model and has been successful in attracting its first paid members. With both of these critical steps accomplished, the Melbourne Men's Shed is currently going through the process of incorporating itself with Consumer Affairs Victoria.

In regard to a possible site, the former mobility centre at Federation Square has been identified as the primary multi-purpose facility of choice. Its central location within the City of Melbourne will assist in attracting additional members from surrounding suburbs and will hopefully act as an incubator for further sheds across the municipality.

Modification works will be required at the proposed site, but the concept of a men's shed has received in-principle support from Federation Square, which is a great first step. Immediate set up requirements such as dust extraction, parking concessions, adjustable benches for disabled, blind and low vision members (which the shed will also cater for) are currently being assessed. Additionally, there is a key focus on recycling as much of the inner workings of the existing site infrastructure to help minimise initial financial outlay.

Programming and membership strategies are being developed, as are the logistics of space sharing within the facility. There a couple of final milestones that need to be finalised with the City of Melbourne and Federation Square before the site gets the final tick of approval and go-ahead.

We now encourage all men who are interested in being members of the

Melbourne Men's Shed and who also wish to use the facility, to make contact with David Loughton, membership secretary at mmsmembershsecretary@gmail.com. David will be in touch with details on membership, tour of the site and an opening barbecue event.

The launch of the Melbourne Men's Shed will be a very successful outcome that will assist Melbourne's application to the World Health Organisation to be recognised as an aged-friendly city.

Planning Matters

As mentioned in the last issue, later this month capital city zone resident group representatives will be meeting with Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy, to discuss key issues and concerns relating to planning within the City of Melbourne.

In the next issue we'll provide a summary of discussion and agreed actions with the minister. So continue to watch this space for an update.

Finally – and as always - you can become a member of the Southbank Residents Group by visiting www.southbankresidents.com.au

And don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@3006ResiGroup) and "like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SouthbankResidentsGroup) You'll be kept abreast of upcoming resident group information meetings, and can also find out what's on in and near Southbank.



Train travellers may have noticed that the Yarra River Precinct has featured inside a large number of Metro carriages this autumn.

The colourful marketing campaign aimed to highlight to Melburnians that our part of the river is alive with events this time of the year. Whether you're a young family or an octogenarian, there's always something to engage you on the riverbanks, and it's often free.

Events are a huge economic generator for precinct businesses, which is more than obvious when you wander through the food courts of Southgate or Crown on event days. However, the higher-end dining establishments also do well and, after their meal, the diners often wander the retail shops. The connectivity between events and business was well proven during the refurbishment of the NGV a few years ago, when patronage to nearby businesses dropped by about 30 per cent during the two year closure.

To enhance the public's knowledge of events happening in the precinct, the business association has added a real-time event calendar to the official Yarra River website: www.yarrariver.info The immediate day's events are highlighted on the homepage, and viewers can then delve into the calendar to see what's happening in the days, weeks and months ahead. It's also a great resource for local residents to learn what's happening on their doorstep.

Planning

Southbank residents are well aware of the need to keep on top of planning department

machinations at Spring St. The business association is now on high alert as a result of a proposal for a mega tower at 555 Collins Street, which could throw shadows across the river to City Road.

Since the late 1980s, the city council has recognised the potential for our narrow river and its public areas to be overwhelmed by inappropriate development. The council has a carefully-calculated formula for building height, so that it does not shadow the river, and its has provided reassurance to us, even as the skyline changed rapidly before our eyes over the past 20 years.

That is now threatened by the encroachment of state planning into what was traditionally the realm of local government to look after its constituency and, in particular, the look and feel of the city. Council cops a lot of criticism, but it must be commended for the way it has stylishly transformed this city, yet managed to retain and enhance the historic fabric of the streetscape.

Along with many others, the Yarra River Business Association will fight Minister Guy on any further attempt to subvert local control over planning, especially where it affects the amenity of the river and the economic wellbeing of its business community.

To contact the business association, please email the executive officer at bracher@tpg.com.au

Buoyed @ Boyd

Our next community get together.....An evening of fun and entertainment, recreation and mini exhibitions at Southbank's vibrant community hub, Boyd.

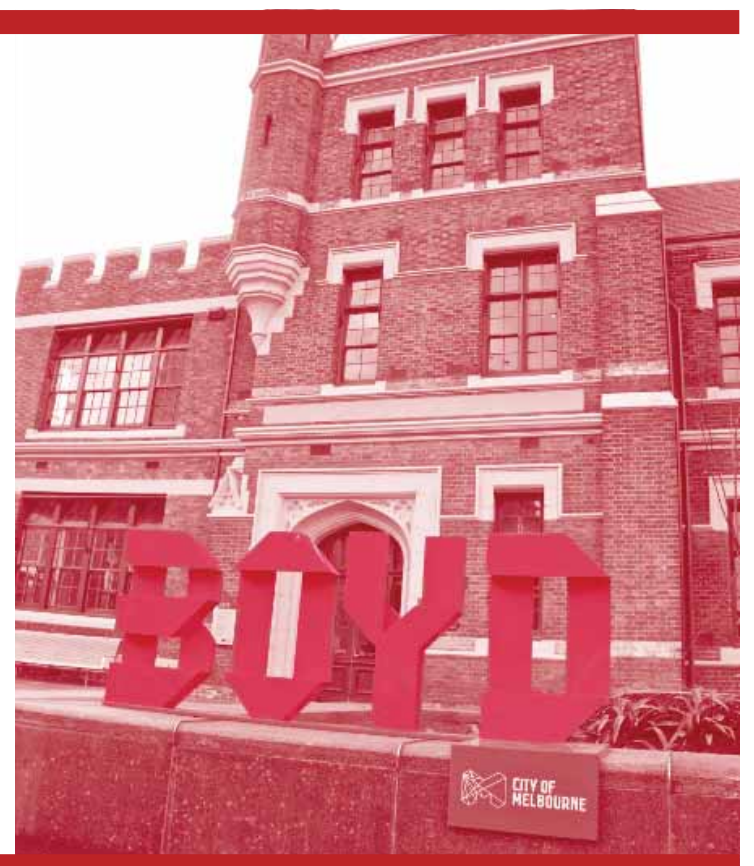
Thursday 6 June
5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

There will be balloons and a Bollywood workshop, free massages, health checks and henna, Tai Chi and good old fashioned skipping.

Kids....wear your warmest PJs and bring your teddy to story time, fun activities and face painting in the Playroom. Acclaimed piano accordion player Rosita Hendry will play a Gypsy Brazilian mash up, KereKere cafe will be open alongside the Beat Box Kitchen serving the best burgers in town!

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I LOVE THE NIGHT LIFE

A yard for boatbuilders and party-goers alike

South Wharf is slowly but surely becoming an entertainment destination, the envy of anywhere in Melbourne.

With numerous restaurants, bars and shopping facilities along with the tranquil setting as the Yarra River meanders by, there's little wonder its becoming more and more popular, as the masses in Melbourne begin to discover it.

At the gateway between South Wharf and the rest of the world is The Boat Builders Yard. Perfectly positioned on the corner of the river, Boat Builders Yard has a comfortable and cosy inside area, including open fire and massive bar. Where it really shines is its outdoor areas. Broken into sections, you could easily forget about the other patrons at the bar and think you were at a private party for friends only.

Obviously the outdoors area perfect for summer, but with rooftop column heaters there is no problems utilizing them during the colder months as well. On a cooler April evening, not one person at our party needed a jacket.

With a great looking bar menu, the Boat Builders Yard does a commendable job transitioning from day time café and restaurant to night time hot spot. And our party ensured the drinks kept flowing long into the evening.

The Boat Builders Yard really is a nice spot to spend an evening and, if not for the glorious city views (which our guests were more than happy to share via instagram), you could

easily forget how close to the city and how accessible South Wharf really is.

Next time your looking for a night out, you could do worse.



**ST JOHNS
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Everyone loves a celebration, not least the people of St Johns Southgate.

That's because we think there is so much to celebrate here in the heart of the great community of Southbank in the midst of the wonderful city of Melbourne.

St Johns' congregation has been in this location for generations - in fact it was our 150th birthday recently - and on this very

spot for 20 years. But it is not just our history that we think is worth celebrating, it's also our role in both the day-to-day and spiritual life of Southbank.

First and foremost, St Johns is a place of worship but there is so much else that happens here for young and old. It is a centre for the wider community. Tertiary students gather here, great music and musicians can be heard in concert, it's a wedding venue, a place for retired people to gather for a chat and to hear about the lives of interesting people. There are even rooms to hire.

The people of St Johns think all of that is worth making a fuss about and they think the people of Southbank may do, too.

So, with this in mind, St Johns is having a Celebration Sunday on June 2, the first of what may become an annual event. The main focus will be a special combined service at 10am, with music, of course, and contributions from our youth and children.

The idea is to celebrate our blessings so there will be a touch of a harvest festival about the event, too, with people bringing the symbols and fruits of their everyday lives and their

interests, from tools of work to the output of labours of love. As a result the church will be decked out with all manner of things.

More often than not in a place like St Johns, nourishment for the soul is accompanied by great food. This is one of those occasions. Celebration Sunday will be capped off with a celebratory lunch.

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FACES OF SOUTHBANK



STEPHANIE MAY, 19
Student

It's the diversity of people, activities and infrastructure that draws Stephanie into visiting Southbank regularly. Stephanie told *Southbank Local News* that she loved the curved beam and the tribute to indigenous Australians that one finds when walking over the Southbank footbridge.



BIANCA STEWART, 22
Manager, Starbucks

Bianca said she loved the convenience of working in the Southbank area for its range of dining and shopping. Having the fortune of working in the surrounds of the Yarra and being able to meet different people from the city everyday made it an incredibly appealing place to be apart of.



JOICE WIJAYANTI, 28
Barista, Starbucks

It's the beautiful and accepting nature of the area that allows one to be whoever they want to be that makes Southbank great, according to Joice. "It's a friendly and relaxing environment to be in outside of work," she said.



ANGELIQUE FORSWORTH, 25
Bartender - Ponyfish Island Bar

Angelique has been travelling from West Brunswick for just over a year to work on this unique location on the Yarra River at Southbank. She says she simply likes being on the river as it makes her feel like a pirate, which perhaps helps to summarize the fun side of this area.



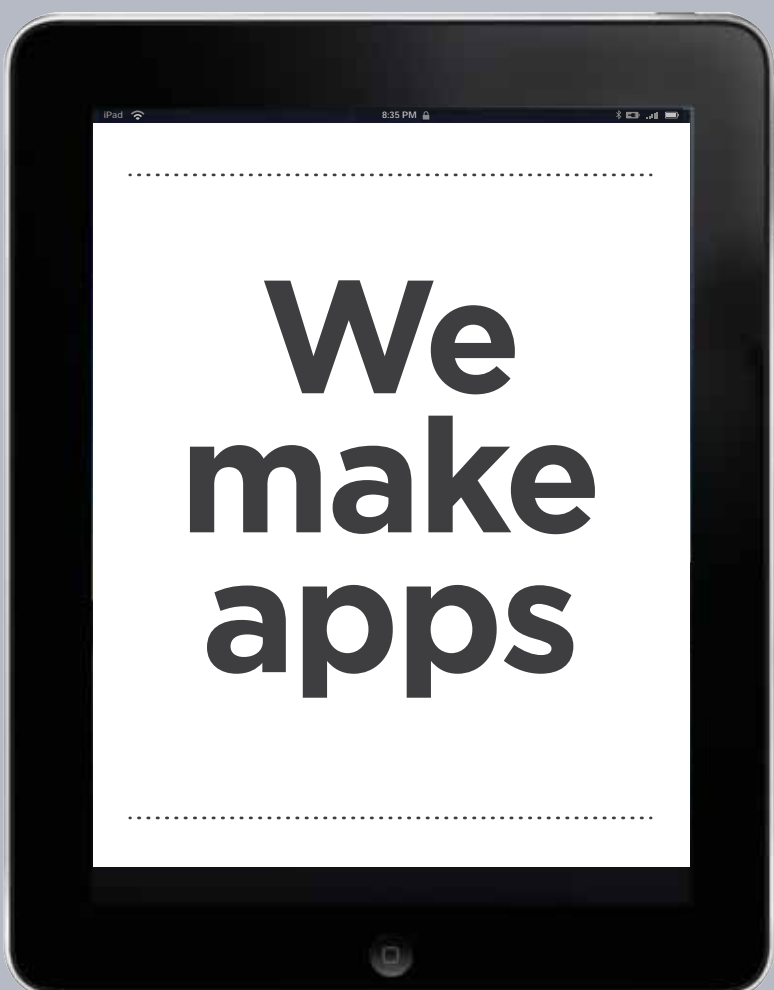
STEVEN MICHALAS, 45
Head operator, Yarra River Cruises

Being a long-time worker in the heart of Southbank besides the Yarra River, Steven describes Southbank as an amazing area. It's the river, the fresh air, the beauty and the people that provide a good feeling for anyone working there, he said.



DYLAN FULLER, 21
Balloon artist

Possessing a unique talent in balloon artistry, American Dylan said working on the banks of the Yarra provided him with a great opportunity to meet a lot of tourists and people from all walks of life including from his own country. Dylan described it as a really nice place to work.



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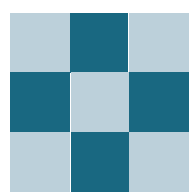
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SOUTHBANK SUDOKU

Kavanagh Street

It may say something about Southbank Local News employees, but we were thrilled to discover Kavanagh Street is actually named after a Publican, Henry James Kavanagh.

Mr Kavanagh owned The Family Hotel, which, when opened in 1877, was a ten-roomed brick building with a bar.

The hotel was in Moray Street, before he up and moved to a bigger and better hotel at 70 Nelson Road. This pub went on to become the Star and then the Garter Hotel.

Perhaps sick of talking politics to his regulars, Kavanagh became a councillor in 1880 until 1883.

Kavanagh passed away in 1896, at the age of 52.

There is also Kavanagh terrace named in his honour, which is located next to the second pub at 72 Nelson Road

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A variation of Sudoku, with the letters SOUTH BANK replacing the numbers.

The rules are the same as regular Sudoku, each line of the must contain the letters 'SOUTH BANK' as must each 9-square box. This Sudoku is extra difficult!

Good Luck!

Last month's Sudoku solution

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Unfortunately in cities like Melbourne there is a strong demand for housing in certain areas, which outstrip the supply. Opportunists see this and fill a need in the market. Often it is poor students, mostly from overseas who end up in this situation. The issue continues because they are desperate for accommodation, may be they are used to sharing spaces, or they simply don't know how to deal with the situation in a foreign country.

There are a number of risks associated with overcrowding such as fire and health. While these issues can be raised with local councils and the fire services, gaining entry to undertake fire safety or health inspections can be difficult, can take time and ultimately the problem may just move somewhere else.

At present there are no laws limiting the number of people who can occupy an apartment. One solution put forward by a NSW parliamentarian would be applied where no "more persons over the age of 18 years [are] to reside on the lot than the number obtained by multiplying by 2 the number of rooms in the lot that were constructed for the purpose of bedrooms or sleeping areas."

A breach of this provision would enable the matter to be dealt with through the mediation and tribunal system.

NSW is currently looking at this issue in its law review after which we may encourage the Victorian Government to also explore potential changes to the legislation.

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