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And the winner is ...

Premier Dennis Napthine and Minister for Major Events David Hodgett announced the winner of the Flinders St Station design competition last month.

The winning design (pictured right) came from HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron, while the people's choice award went to an entry from Melbourne University.

The winning design is visually spectacular and features a market, art gallery, amphitheatre and plaza, but there's a catch. Find out what it is on page 8.



Major tram stops set for an upgrade

Two of Southbank's most prominent tram stops will be upgraded as part of Public Transport Victoria's (PTV) Route 96 project.

While the plan is still at the consultation stage, major changes have been mooted for Stop 124 - World Trade Centre (city-side of the river) and Stop 125 - Port Junction (Whiteman St).

Both stops have been identified as needing better access for disabled passengers and will become Centre Island Platform Stops.

Under the plan, Stop 124 will stay in its current location and a central island will be incorporated to allow better and safer access.

The changes are designed to cater for more passengers, while maintaining the stop's connectivity to walking and bicycle paths

through Batman Park.

Stop 125's changes are more complicated. It will also be upgraded to a Central Island Platform Stop, but will have a third platform added.

The Melbourne Tramcar Restaurant will have its own track and platform and Route 112 will be separated from Routes 96 and 109. The report also recommends removing Stop 124b, which sees the trams stop on Spencer St, before turning into Whiteman St.

The changes to Stop 125 would happen in three stages.

A spokesperson from PTV told *Southbank*

Local News that the changes were part of the State Government's \$800 million tram upgrade program.

"The project aims to improve the reliability of this busy tram route and provide level access stops along the length of Route 96 to ensure it is accessible to all people at all times," the spokesperson said.

"To meet these objectives, the Route 96 Project Team has developed concept designs which provide priority for trams and focus on moving more people, more efficiently."

The spokesperson also pointed out that these plans were still very much at a consultative

stage and more feedback was encouraged.

"As part of the project, PTV is currently seeking feedback on the proposed concept design for Stop 124 - World Trade Centre and Stop 125 Port Junction tram interchange," the spokesperson explained.

"It is important to note these are only draft proposals. PTV has had a fantastic response to community consultation so far, with more than 600 submissions received."

Public consultation on the project closes on August 31. To view the project and submit your feedback head to the website www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route96project

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Residents must continue to push council evolution

The changing of the guard for the Southbank Residents Group represents a very important stage in Southbank's residential history.

As reported on page 7, both its president and vice-president are standing down at the AGM in October.

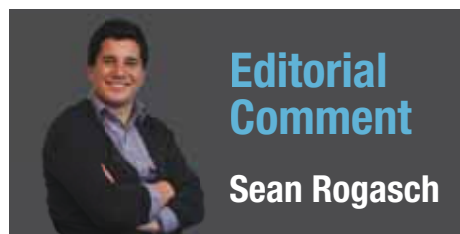
The group has more support and more relevance than ever before.

It is essential for all residents of Southbank that this group continues its important work and equally important that it finds the right people to move forward.

The City of Melbourne (CoM) is in the midst of a transformation itself and residents of Southbank and the rest of the municipality have been the big winners.

Traditionally, the City of Melbourne has had a very small number of residents within its boundaries. With the advent of vertical communities in Southbank, Docklands and the CBD, the council now finds itself with just over 100,000 residents.

While there has been some lag time, where the council needed to get onboard, it is now apparent that CoM is doing its job as an advocate for the residents of the municipality. The previous council came under fire from Southbank residents on this



Editorial Comment

Sean Rogasch

front, particularly in its decision-making surrounding the Queensbridge Tower development.

With a new council line-up and a new proposal for the site, the council now has the opportunity to make good of the positive vibes residents are feeling for it.

The Southbank Residents Group, under outgoing president Michael Smolders, has been tireless in creating these open dialogues to encourage better relationships between council and the State Government.

In the past month the SRG has been given every indication from councillors that they are on its side.

This important work must be continued. If it's not, all the hard work of the last couple of

years by the SRG would have been in vain.

The suburb is at a unique and important juncture.

While the City of Melbourne has always had residents, they had been confined to the northern side of the city, allowing the council to promote the central and southern ends for business and tourism. The council was acting as an advocate for Melbourne and its marketability.

It has begun to, and must continue to, grow into just as strong an advocate for the people living within these parts of Melbourne.

For this to be guaranteed, the residents themselves need to ensure they are putting their issues forward in a coherent matter and the best way to do that is by using SRG as the vehicle.

On a personal level *Southbank Local News* would like to acknowledge and congratulate both Michael Smolders and Barry Janes on their work at the helm of the SRG, and wish them well into the future.

You can read Michael's column on page 15.

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Mates on a mission gala

Mates on a Mission, the charity co-founded by Yarra River Business Association (YRBA) president John Ahern, held its gala fundraiser last month at River's Edge Events at North Wharf.

The event was a huge success, with the relatively new Melbourne arm of the charity attracting 220 guests and raising \$55,000 for the Monash Medical Centre – Medical Therapy Unit.

As reported in last month's Southbank Local News, Mates on a Mission set up a Melbourne arm to help long-time Publican Group contractor Spiro Bombos's son Jared.

Jared suffers from a combination of thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia.

Mr Ahern, along with co-founder Steve Garcia, said they were thrilled with the response to the evening.

"The support from the crowd and the entertainment made it such a successful night. A great night was had by all," Messrs Ahern and Garcia said.

"We will host a charity gala dinner annually and potentially other events throughout the year. We aim to continue to support causes closely connected to The Publican Group family."



Former AFL great Wayne Carey was king of the kids.

Green light for new bike lane

St Kilda Rd will lose another lane of motor traffic to make way for a bike lane for cyclists travelling south, away from the CBD.

The City of Melbourne announced the new bike lane last month, two months after it added a bike lane to north-bound traffic across Princes Bridge.

While a tram stop prevents it from adding the south-bound lane on the bridge, it will run for 300 metres, from Alexander Gardens down to the floral clock.

Councillor Cathy Oke said the council's major concern was the safety of everyone using St Kilda Rd.

"Anyone who has travelled along this stretch of road will know how hectic it can be with large numbers of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and tram commuters all sharing the space," Cr Oke said.

"Cars and cyclists, in particular, travel incredibly close to each other," she added.

"Where road space permits, we are designing our bike lanes to separate cyclists from motorists."

Cr Oke also said the council wanted to encourage more cyclists to ride through the city.

"Just over 13 per cent of vehicles entering the city in the morning peak are bicycles, and this figure will only continue to grow."

The lane will take one lane of motor traffic out of the service lane. There will also be one metre of separation between cars and bicycles, a move to keep cyclists clear of opening car doors.

The council said the change would not create any "significant" travel delays.

Work on the lane started at the beginning of August and should be finished by mid-September.



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Candid candidates talk Southbank

As many lose faith in our two major political party's leaders, the federal election on September 7 may well be decided on the strength of local candidates. With that in mind, 'Southbank Local News' spoke to the three major party's candidates for the House of Representatives in Melbourne Ports.

Michael Danby (ALP)

Mr Danby said you won't hear him talk too glowingly about former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett, but one thing he will say is that Mr Kennett's job of revitalising Southbank has been great for Melbourne. He pointed to the fantastic mix of commercial, residential and cultural centres in the area.

Mr Danby said the biggest issue facing Southbank in the next five years was managing development and population growth. Mr Danby said he had kept a close eye on the Southbank blueprint for the Arts Precinct and was confident it was being delivered responsibly.

He also said the growing number of families in Southbank put a school, childcare and maternal health facilities high on the agenda in the area.

"The Boyd Centre is a good start – but is already showing signs of strain. Local and State Governments need to identify and co-ordinate the needs for future growth in demand and start to plan now," Mr Danby explained.

Mr Danby said that, if re-elected, he would continue his campaign to implement the metro train tunnel, which includes a new underground station at the Domain interchange. He also said he'd be campaigning strongly to have the grand prix at Albert Park moved elsewhere.

Kevin Ekendahl (Liberal)

Mr Ekendahl is a Southbank resident and said, as such, he was very aware of how great it was to work and live here. He said that, despite Southbank being characterised by tall buildings, there was a great sense of community in the area and that every resident he has spoken to loved living here.

Mr Ekendahl listed schools, crime, facilities for our ageing population and development and traffic as Southbank's major issues. He said Southbank experienced a disproportionate amount of crime.

"Having measures in place that can detect and prevent crime, such as CCTV cameras and better lighting is essential," Mr Ekendahl said.

He also was concerned about health facilities for the ageing population of Southbank, saying: "As more elderly people move into the area and current residents age, social isolation and accessing health facilities becomes an issue."

Mr Ekendahl said that, if elected, he would fight for current schools to have increased capacity to take in more students, as well as urging the State Government to speed up plans for a new school and plan for another.

He also wanted to develop a better relationship with the between State and Federal Governments to make sure locals were listened to on planning issues.

Ann Birrell (Greens)

Ms Birrell said Southbank was a fabulous location, being tucked between the city, the river, parks and cultural centres. She said it had become one of the most livable suburbs in Melbourne, with open airy spaces like the promenade and around Malthouse.

Ms Birrell said inappropriate development, and the traffic congestion and loss of amenity that came along with it, was the biggest issue facing the area. She also said residents faced limited access to community facilities, schools, medical clinics, banks post office and community spaces and infrastructure that brought people together.

She also pointed out that Southbank was already being affected by flash flooding, as a result of climate change and the problem was only going to get worse.

"Locally, we need to upgrade drains, install water capture and storage projects and make Southbank's streetscapes more water sensitive," Ms Birrell explained.

Ms Birrell echoed Mr Danby's thoughts on the metro train tunnel, saying: "The east-west link will not help Southbank, but the metro tunnel will provide more convenient and accessible public transport, which will get more cars off already congested roads."

"With federal funds for these projects in place, Southbank can transition to a much more liveable suburb," she added.

There are three other candidates running in the Melbourne Ports electorate:

Steven Armstrong (Stable Population Party)

Terry Guthridge (Palmer United Australia)

Melissa Star (Australian Sex Party)

The federal election is on September 7. At the time of printing the polling booths close-by included Old Galilee school hall (Cr Montague and Bank St South Melbourne), Port Melbourne Primary School (415 Graham St) and Melbourne Town Hall (90-130 Swanston St).

For a full list of polling booths, check out the AEC website www.aec.gov.au

Ski Lodge shines in winter

Chill on Ice Lounge and Ski Lodge has continued its charity raising efforts for the Starlight Foundation, taking part in a small business campaign to raise more than \$50,000 last month.

As part of a Living Social campaign, the program asked small businesses across Australia to donate part of their profits to Starlight, which raises money for kids with cancer.

It is the second time Chill on Ice Lounge and Ski Lodge has been involved in the program, after it helped to raise funds last year.

Chill On's Nicole Smith said the company was thrilled to again take part in such a special program, and encouraged any other businesses to get behind Starlight.

"We regularly run deals with the Living Social program for Starlight. It all runs really smoothly, and we're happy to give back where we can," Ms Smith said.



Promo with street cred ... for a bank?

Melbourne's hotspot for promotional activity, Southbank Promenade, was at it again last month as ING Direct hosted artist INDO who helped passers-by to create a unique mural.

The makeshift artists took pictures of themselves that were then created as stencils for them to paint onto the mural.

The panels of the mural were donated by ING to its charity partners, who could either keep the artwork or auction it off.

The promotion was part of ING's "Spend your lunch well" and it was nice to see a creative use of the promotional space, even if it was for a bank.



Rotary club changes

The winds of change have swept through Southbank Rotary as it last month announced that Richard Shortt would replace Steven Aquilina as its new president.

Mr Shortt has been in Rotary for more than two years and said he was excited to take on the challenges of the role and indicated to *Southbank Local News* that he had a clear mandate to grow the group's connection to businesses within Southbank.

"Part of my brief is to connect with local businesses. It's something that the Rotary movement does so successfully and we've identified it as something we can do in our own patch even better," Mr Shortt explained.

He said he hoped Rotary could develop relationships with community organisations such as Boyd.

"Over the years, our club has become very focused and, rightly so, on community activities. We want to also go back to Rotary's roots as a professional organisation, getting businesses here to talk to each other," he said.

Mr Shortt also spoke of the unique challenges Southbank Rotary faced, compared with other, suburban-based Rotary groups.

"We're mindful that we've got to keep new people coming through the door as, given our location, people are moving in and out of the area a lot."

"Lots of the suburban clubs are very good at the community stuff, because they're

often run by the same people for many years. If we can start to grow our community involvement, over time, we can grow our club. That growth will give us scope to do more and more," Mr Shortt explained.

Growing Southbank Rotary, as well as nurturing the talents within the group were both high on the agenda for the incoming president.

"Over the last couple of years, we've become a younger group, with a sprinkling of experienced Rotarians. I want to develop a broad leadership group within the club."

A new president is not the only change at Rotary. Its weekly meetings have moved from its home at Crown to the refurbished Blue Train in Southgate.

"We've been at Crown for 14 years, since the club started, so there was an emotional connection there, but ultimately I think that relationship had run its race," Mr Shortt explained.

"We think holding our meetings at Blue Train puts us right in the heart of the action in Southbank."

Southbank Rotary meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm and always welcomes new members or interested onlookers. For more information on the club head to www.southbank.org

Radio show comes off the bench and into South Wharf

South Wharf DFO welcomed the "Off the bench" team as it broadcast its show from the shopping centre's sports precinct. The show, hosted by Craig Hutchison, is broadcast on sport radio station SEN.

Along with "Hutchy" the show includes Liam Pickering or "Pickers" and John Rothfield,

aka "Dr Turf".

This was the second time the show has broadcast from South Wharf, which is part of a sponsorship deal with the centre.

South Wharf's Jessica Harney said it was great to have the show come down and broadcast from the shopping centre.

"The live broadcasts are a great way to create a bit of excitement and atmosphere in the Centre, whilst letting people know about the amazing Sports stores DFO South Wharf has to offer" Ms Harney said.



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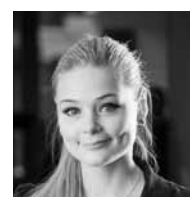
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Litter hotspot partnerships

By Sean Car

The Yarra River is due to benefit from a recent Victorian Government announcement for plans to establish a series of community litter hotspot partnerships.

The Litter Hotspots Project has been established to help clean up the Yarra River and Port Philip Bay.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said the new initiative would encourage community groups and councils to put forward plans on ways to reduce the amount of litter ending up in the bay.

Mr Smith said the plan would allow local communities to form direct partnerships with the State Government in a bid to encourage support for Melbourne's iconic waterways.

"Councils and community groups are encouraged to identify litter hot spots and submit project ideas for local responses to reduce the amount of litter ending up in our waterways," he said.

Mr Smith said the \$7 million plan is about attracting "local solutions", with an initial \$180,000 being allocated to support effective coordination and planning efforts with the community.

"We want local solutions to fix local hot spots. We know that many local residents and volunteers want to be involved as part of the solution in cleaning up our waterways - we want to help them to deliver these positive outcomes."

Local government and community organisations are encouraged to apply. For more information visit www.mwmg.vic.gov.au



Outgoing SRG vice president Barry Janes (left) with president Michael Smolders (right).

Changing of the guard for residents

After a year at the helm Southbank Resident's Group's (SRG) president Michael Smolders and vice-president Barry Janes are stepping down from their roles.

Mr Smolders has had an increase in work commitments, while Mr Janes has moved out of his Southbank apartment.

The pair, both from Freshwater Place, brought great professionalism to the SRG and have achieved much in their 12 months stint.

Mr Smolders said he was particularly proud of what the SRG had achieved in the last 12 months and was sad to leave his post.

"It's been really enjoyable to be part of the SRG," Mr Smolders said. "It's been a very busy year, we've spent a lot of time at council meetings on behalf of the Southbank residents."

He said giving residents a real and valid voice over the year while working with stakeholders on Amendment C171, the metro planning forum and Queensbridge Tower proposal had been really satisfying.

"The metro planning forum really showed

the passion of people living in the capital city zone. It showed people love living here, but also have legitimate concerns that governments at both levels need to start listening to," Mr Smolders said.

"It's been really pleasing to make good relationships with the new council team, both councillors and officers."

Mr Smolders said he was keen to maintain a role at the SRG and wanted to continue to help out where he could.

"It doesn't mean I'm not going to be involved, but the role of president specifically just needs someone who has the time available to them," Mr Smolders explained.

The SRG's annual general meeting will be held during October. For more information head to the website www.southbankresidents.com.au or search for Southbank Residents Group on Facebook.

Green light on North Wharf

Planning Minister Matthew Guy last month approved plans for the \$90 million North Wharf redevelopment.

Just across the river, opposite the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, North Wharf's developer Asset 1 has been granted approval to construct a 13-storey office tower, upgrade part of the wharf and refurbish the existing Seafarers Rest park.

The development also includes plans to partially demolish and redevelop the heritage-listed Goods Shed no. 5, introducing retail, cafes, restaurants and an art gallery.

"This unique area of the city is one of the last Yarra River precincts to be redeveloped and presents a great opportunity to revive Melbourne's western cornerstone," Mr Guy said.

Asset 1 Chief Operating Officer Gavin Boyd said the start of construction was dependent on the commercial market.

An anchor tenant of between 10,000 and 12,000 sqm in is required to kick-start the development.

Work on Seafarers Rest Park and the Goods Shed will be concurrent with construction of the office tower.

Mr Boyd said it was expected to be at least a year before construction started.



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Design comp complete ... but isn't there something missing?

With much fanfare, the State Government announced a winner of the Flinders St Station design competition last month, but there was one rather important detail missing.

The winning design, by HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron, looks spectacular with large white tubes enclosing the stations platforms, but the Government is yet to allocate any funds towards the project.

\$1 million was spent on the competition, but the activation of the design may never actually go ahead.

To further prove the thirst for change at the iconic station, the people's choice award had a huge number of voters.

Almost 19,000 people voted on their favourite design. A design from University of Melbourne won the people's choice award.

The winning HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron design came third in the people's choice award.

Victorian Premier Dennis Napthine said the winning proposal really opened up the station.

"The proposal offers tremendous benefits to

Victorians, connecting the city to the north with the river and Southbank, while, at the same time opening up views and access to the historic administration building," Mr Napthine said.

"The jury has praised the winning design for its respect to heritage of the administration building while creating new and memorable additions to the station, such as the vaulted train hall, the new gallery and riverside amphitheatre," he added.

Minster for Major Projects, David Hodgett, echoed the Premier's thoughts and hinted at the prospect of making the design a reality, without specifically saying the project would be eventually be funded.

"The jury praised the HASSELL, Herzog and De Meuron design for its 'evident sophistication and overall quality' going on to add that it 'could indeed provide a major city-changing outcome with benefits for all Victorians,'" Mr Hodgett said.



The people's choice award winning design, from a group of Melbourne University students.



Sculptures at home in WTC Wharf

The WTC Wharf atrium was overrun with sculpture art this month as Asset 1 unveiled 25 Sculptures.

The display, set up by Mars Gallery, is free for the public to enjoy.

WTC Wharf held an opening for the makeshift gallery during August, which was attended by Asset 1 board members, most of the artists who produced the sculptures and City of Melbourne councillor Ken Ong.

Asset 1 CEO Gavin Boyd (pictured above)

introduced *Southbank Local News* to "Strangers" a piece by Maria Simonelli.

The sculpture display was conceived to help activate the atrium level at WTC Wharf.

The display will be in place until the end of September.

From choir boy to poet

Choir of Hard Knocks singer Simon Mansell launched his second poetry book in Southbank last month, as the Boyd Community Centre utilised its library as a function area for the first time.

Mr Mansell said he was thrilled to be launching the book featuring his poem *The Blood of the Rose* as well as a collection of other short poems.

"I'm excited to be here," Mr Mansell said. "It doesn't get easier the second time, it's just nice to know what to expect. Mind you, it's still hard work to put it all together," he added. "Luckily I really enjoy it."

The Choir of Hard Knocks has developed a

relationship with the Boyd since it opened, and regularly holds rehearsals in the venue. It became a natural choice of venue for Mr Mansell.

"The relationship that has been struck up between Boyd and the choir has been a really fulfilling one," he said.

The poetry book was officially launched by Jeff O'Hare, a member of the Brotherhood of St Laurence.





Jim Stynes bridge update

The first section of the Jim Stynes Bridge is likely to be delivered next month.

The \$18 million bridge, named in honour of the late footballer Jim Stynes, will provide a pedestrian and cycling link between Northbank and Docklands.

The bridge, which had been under construction since February, will extend beneath the Charles Grimes Bridge (Wurundjeri Way), with structure works well advanced, according to a City of Melbourne spokesperson.

"The fabrication of the structure is progressing well with the first module expected to be delivered to site by mid-August," the spokesperson said.

"The installation of all 14 modules is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013 with the project estimated for completion by late March 2014."

Soup Kitchen keeps it Real

By Sean Car

Local charity The Big Umbrella say it is not the action of providing a meal that inspires them to feed Melbourne's marginalized communities.

While a hot pancake or bowl of homemade soup might sound satisfying on its own merits, the charity believes a meal, without the added side of respect, isn't a meal at all.

Charity founder Justin Dickinson established the Flinders Street soup kitchen over two years ago on the premise of giving people a meal but more importantly their time of day.

Operating every Wednesday and Thursday, "A ReaL Meal" soup kitchen has since served close to 10,000 hot meals to more than 200 people a night.

Director of "A ReaL Meal" Michael Carlyon said the program was about building a community feel for volunteers and those they support.

"We differentiate ourselves from other food van services," he said. "Spending that length of time, getting to know people, offering the conversation is what it's about for us."

"They have fallen in love with us and we have fallen in love with them, we always look to support them in every way possible."

The Big Umbrella and "A ReaL Meal" originally began in Nepal after Mr Dickinson spent three years volunteering and filming free documentaries for charities in third world countries.



While in Nepal he became exposed to some 6000 to 8000 children calling the streets of Kathmandu their home, which compelled him into action both at home and abroad.

Today, The Big Umbrella supports NGO's and communities in Nepal and Vietnam on projects aimed at fighting hunger, homelessness, slave labour and human trafficking.

Partnerships with the Father Bob Maguire

Foundation and Front Yard City Mission have seen "A ReaL Meal" extend to youth outreach and education programs as well as skills training for the homeless community.

Mr Carlyon said the charity is determined to help eradicate the next generation of homelessness in Melbourne.

For more information on "A ReaL Meal" visit www.thebigumbrella.org

Opening the doors

Southbank locations were among the most popular as Melbourne's iconic buildings opened their doors for the annual Open House Melbourne festivities last month.

The Arts Centre's Hamer Hall, with 3911 visitors over the weekend, was the most popular in Southbank, while the Victoria Police Mounted Branch also recorded high visitation number, welcoming 2575 through its doors.

The Arts Centre's theatre building had 809 visitors, while MTC's Southbank Theatre attracted 420. The Guilfoyle had 268 people visit while the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre had 240.

Open House spokesperson, Robert Larocca, said despite poor weather on July 26 and 27, plenty of Melburnians wanted to see a side of the city they didn't usually have access to.

"Now in our sixth year it's simply remarkable how many people come out in the middle of winter to enjoy the city's best and most fascinating buildings and places," Mr Larocca said



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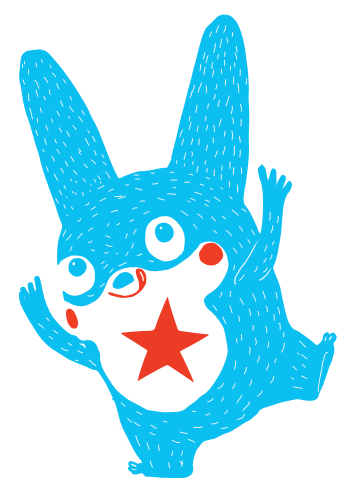
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THE ARTS PRECINCT



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NOT QUITE SPRING, BUT FLOWERS ARE IN BLOOM

The Arts Centre's latest show pleased fans of both dance and mother nature last month, as *Botanica* came to the stage.

The show, which had previously toured America, Europe and Hong Kong, came from dance company Momix and was inspired by nature and the science of plants, particularly flowers.

The visual spectacular has been compared to Cirque du Soleil and it's easy to see why. The costumes were both spectacular and matched perfectly with the choreography.



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SUSAN BULLOCK SOPRANO

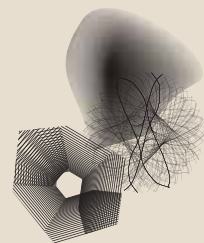
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LOCAL HEROES CONTINUE TO SHINE

The year-long Local Heroes program at Melbourne Recital Centre (MRC) continues in August, with an array of music from all over the globe.



The program will feature music from England, France, America and Italy.

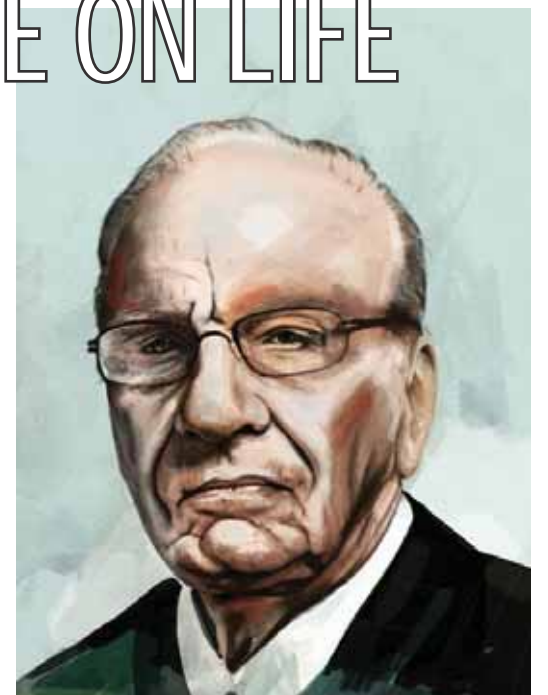
Local Heroes this month includes Greta Bradman, Flinders Quartet and La Compania.

For more information on the upcoming shows or any of the Local Heroes featured by MRC this year, head to the website www.melbournerecital.com.au

Photo by Pia Johnson

MURDOCH GIVEN A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

As an aspiring media empire, Southbank Local New's interest was sparked by Melbourne Theatre Company's (MTC) latest production, Rupert.



David Williamson's latest foray into theatre is a close look at the life and times of the most powerful media mogul on the planet.

The play centres around the most recent, and perhaps largest of Murdoch's public scandals and ensuing battles, those of the Leveson Inquiry into News Corporation's phone hacking.

It takes a unique look at the man behind the

headlines.

Lee Lewis will direct the show and stars Marg Downey and Simon Gleeson. Guy Edmonds plays the young Rupert, while the older version is played by Sean O'Shea.

Rupert will be on show from August 24 until September 28. For more information head to the MTC's website www.mtc.com.au

EVENTS



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August 21 - August 24

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A program of delicate, deep and profoundly beautiful music for piano and voice. An undercurrent of the poignant and melancholic.

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MONET'S GARDEN CONCERT SERIES

August 17 - August 18

NGV International, 180 St Kilda Rd

Enjoy concerts performed in the gallery spaces by outstanding soloists and ensembles from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, The University of Melbourne, themed to Monet's Garden.

www.ngv.vic.gov.au



HARD RUBBISH

September 12 - October 6

Malthouse Theatre

From the award-winning Men of Steel comes a new show for the whole family. Soon to be replaced by Swedish flat-packs armed with allen keys, a pile of unloved old furniture learns it's destined for the council tip.

www.malthousetheatre.com.au



THE CHERRY ORCHARD

August 10 - September 25

Southbank Theatre, The Summer

Taking the nation's theatres by storm, Helpmann Award-winning director Simon Stone makes his long-awaited MTC debut with this deliciously fresh adaptation of one of Chekhov's most enduring comedies.

www.mtc.com.au

MARIA DE BUENOS AIRES

August 21 - August 24

Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

Once upon a time in the slums of Buenos Aires, there lived a girl named Maria. People say Maria was 'born on a day when God was drunk... with a curse in her voice.'

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VCA OPEN DAY

August 18

Victoria College of the Arts

In this, the University of Melbourne's 160th anniversary year, we welcome you, our prospective students, parents and friends, as we showcase our range of undergraduate and graduate courses on Open Day 2013.

www.vca.unimelb.edu.au

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

August 20 - August 31

Fairfax Studio, Arts Centre Melbourne

Two sets of identical twins are separated at birth when they're rescued from a shipwreck.

www.melbourneartscentre.com.au

PROXIMITY

August 15 - August 18

Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse

Proximity is a tour-de-force work that creates a magical dialogue between live dance and astonishing live video effects.

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MONET'S GARDEN

May 10 - Sept 8

NGV International, 180 St Kilda Rd

Monet was inspired by his direct experiences of nature, culminating in the ravishing depictions of his lily and flower gardens in the rural property at Giverny, northern France, that became his lifelong obsession.

www.ngv.vic.gov.au

STORIES I WANT TO TELL YOU IN PERSON

August 9 - August 25

Malthouse Theatre

For more than a decade, playwright Lally Katz has been one of Australia's foremost fabulists, trekking off to the furthest coasts of the imagination and returning with her findings.

www.malthousetheatre.com.au

PENNY PLAIN

August 8 - August 18

Fairfax theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne

World-renowned master of marionettes, Ronnie Burkett returns to Melbourne with his beautifully dark apocalyptic comedy, Penny Plain.

www.wartscentremelbourne.com.au

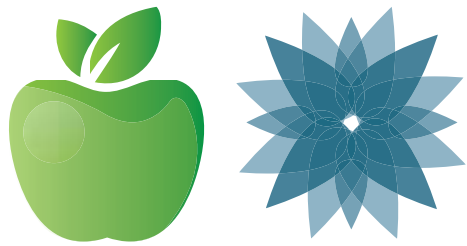
RUPERT

August 24 - September 28

Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse

Australia's best-known playwright returns to MTC as we've never seen him before, using the greatest media scandal of modern times as the launchpad for a maverick theatrical presentation.

www.mtc.com.au



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Touch Football Gala Day coming soon

Touch football is truly a unique sport which is highly dynamic, free flowing and provides participants with a fantastic workout. The game of touch demands teamwork and leadership as the key ingredients for success.

To promote touch football to the wider Melbourne community, Active Melbourne City Sports (AMCS) will be holding its second annual Just Play Touch Football Gala Day on Saturday, August 31, 2014. The gala day provides the opportunity for teams to showcase their talent in the "In it to win it" division or the opportunity to interact with friends and work colleges in the "Just play" social division. Whatever your needs, the Gala Day has you covered.

Registrations are now open for the Just Play Touch Football Gala Day, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/amcs or call AMCS on 9604 8600.

with Peter O'Rourke

from Active Melbourne City Sports



ON THE BOX

with Korey Fernando

I miss 'Game Of Thrones' too

In the business of television, there have always been copycats.

Once there's a winning formula, a sure-fire hit that everybody's talking about, it's naturally only a matter of time before some half-baked imposter shows up on the TV Guide. This may not come as a shock, with all of the singing, cooking, home-renovating goodness that's been littering our screens (and this column) lately, the concept is not an unfamiliar one.

We're used to seeing more of the same but, this time though, it's not some reality show clone where the teaser is some underwhelming "twist" on the already over-exploited and uninteresting format. It's not a crime show of any kind. It's not even a medical show. It's a show about swords and men with beards. And sex.

Vikings is a TV series commissioned by Canada's History Channel. It follows the exploits of real-life historical figure Ragnar Lodbrok, a Viking folklore legend who, up until now, I have never heard of.

Ragnar and his merry band of Vikings

carry out the adventurous and plunder-rife lives that are depicted in the stories you've already heard of. They plunder, steal, murder and rape their way across what is now called Greenland in an attempt to gather fortune and glory.

Vikings attempts to tell the human stories of such people, as they struggle against the elements (and each other) and live deeply ritualistic and traditional lives befitting their renown.

The cast is very good, especially Travis Fimmel as Ragnar Lodbrok, who is a clear standout, and many of the main actors carry a sort of Scandinavian accent, to lend some kind of authenticity to the dialogue, except Gabriel Byrne who plays the township's ruler. Byrne's use of a Victorian English accent, is quite mismatched, and undoes the convincing nature of his performance.

Adding to that, this series is built on the idea it is meant to follow historic events, considering its main character is a real-life historical figure. However, experts are

Run Docklands, Running Group

Are you one of the many runners in Southbank looking to join a running group? Then check out this opportunity from the Hub in Docklands.

Runners of all levels are welcome to join us for a structured training session. Under the guidance of experienced coach, Rupert van Dongen, participants will improve their speed, endurance and strength.

Sessions will include intervals, hills, fartlek and tempo running. So something a little different than a lunchtime jog around the block! These sessions will be ideal to prepare you for the Melbourne Marathon Festival, City2Sea or whatever your goal may be. Only appropriate running clothes and a water bottle are required.

So come to the Hub and enroll! Achieve your physical goals and unlock your running potential. Rupert will keep you motivated to keep the good vibe going!

Mondays 12noon - 12.45pm, Cost: \$50.00 for 10 sessions. Start date: August 5, 2013.

Call the Hub Docklands on 8622 4822 to book.

The Australian lunch break ... disappearing

Australians are skipping lunch, eating at their desks and catching up on personal admin in ever-increasing numbers, according to research conducted by ING Direct. The disappearing lunch break comes as Australians admit that work and personal demands are eating into their lunch breaks.

Almost one in three of us (28 per cent) are eating at our desk; a similar proportion (33 per cent), are skipping lunch entirely once a week and one in 10 usually work through their lunch break.

The research also found:

The typical Aussie lunch break is between 15-30 minutes;

Some 37 per cent of us spend lunch time catching up on phone calls; 31 per cent do personal admin and 30 per cent go shopping while 24 per cent catch up on social media;

Almost one in three use their lunch break to catch up on work;

Some nine per cent of Australians say their lunch break has become less regular in the past 18 months; and

Some seven per cent use their lunch break to go to the gym.

So why not reclaim your lunch break? You could do this by engaging in some physical activity, personal time or even just relaxation.





The Flinders Street Station redevelopment competition has closed and the winners have been announced. Perhaps you took the time to view the six finalists' work displayed on the station forecourt or online?

We were particularly interested in the competition because any development of the station will have a major impact on the future operation of the river.

Some of the designs were undoubtedly grandiose dreams and it was remarked that a couple of them looked more suitable for Dubai. I think that everyone would agree that the chosen design needs to retain the beauty and integrity of the magnificent 1890s edifice.

A couple of the designs grasped the potential for integrating the station with the river. They incorporate major berthing facilities for river boats, cascading tiers from the station to the water's edge, great integration of Flinders and Elizabeth streets with the river, and even a roof-top garden to help break-up the concrete and asphalt of the inner city. It's encouraging to see one of the station designs recognise this huge potential for multi-modal public transport.

For more than a decade the Yarra River Business Association (YRBA) has been strongly advocating for a major improvement to the shameful pedestrian underpass between Elizabeth St and Northbank, as well as for a suitable use for the beautiful and historic Banana Alley Vaults.

The Premier's design competition for the station precinct eventually embraced both those elements (thanks largely to the intervention of Lord Mayor Robert Doyle) and we are hoping that, at the very least, we'll see major improvement to the amenity of the underpass.

It has required constant lobbying to even get the white tiles of the walkway steam cleaned. Previously the Department of Transport had said that the heritage value of the tiles meant that they couldn't be adequately cleaned. It was only when Transport Minister Terry

Mulder inspected the facility soon after the last state election and declared the subway as a putrid and unsafe entrance to Southbank, that the department acted, and there was a slight improvement to the appearance.

However, before we get too excited, as reported earlier in the paper, the competition is only a competition. No government commitment has been made to upgrading Flinders Street Station, let alone any money.

Remember that it took more than 50 years of design competitions for a Melbourne landmark before Jeff Kennett bit the bullet and commissioned Federation Square. Love it or hate it, Fed Square is an internationally-recognised piece of architecture and, in its short 10 years, it has created a new heart and meeting place for Melburnians.

It cost \$470 million - \$350 million more than estimated - but it has been a huge legacy project, which will be enjoyed by Victorians and visitors for the next century. Amortised over 100 years it will represent very good value.

So, Dr Naphthine, please view the Flinders Street Station project in terms of what it could do to enhance the liveability of Melbourne during the next century.

While on the subject of legacy projects and Federation Square, Fed Square's long-serving CEO, Kate Brennan, steps down from the role next month after eight years.

Our precinct will be the poorer for losing someone with such vision, enthusiasm and commitment to the community. Maybe Kate could head-up a new authority to oversee the visionary redevelopment of Flinders Street Station!

Contact us at exoff@yarrariver.info



International student hospitality and friendship at St John's Southgate

For a number of years now, St John's Southgate Lutheran Church, in conjunction with local Lutheran tertiary students, has been hosting a free "Student Meals" program on Tuesday nights, from 6.30 - 8pm during university semesters.

The program aims to provide hospitality and friendship to international students studying in Melbourne, as well as a chance for international students to practise their English conversation skills in a relaxed, informal environment with local Aussies.

Some of the international students who have attended have commented that Student Meals feels like their family away from home and that the weekly meal is one of the highlights of their week. The meals have a mini-United Nations feel, with people from up to 17 different countries, relaxing, sharing food, and building friendships.

We have welcomed students from countries as diverse as Brazil, the USA, France, China, Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Russia, Singapore, Argentina and others.

Last semester things took on a fun twist with Student Meals organiser, Sonia Gellert, sharing her musical experience and teaching well-known English songs to the international students. This culminated in a bit of a dance party at the end of the semester!

Student Meals program organisers also try to arrange a couple of outings each semester, including such opportunities as trips to the Healesville Sanctuary or to a game of Aussie Rules.

Funding and most of the volunteers for the Student Meals are both provided by Lutheran Students and Friends (LSF), a group of Christian young adults,

including tertiary students and young workers. LSF also organises a Christian worship service for students and young adults on Sunday evenings at 6pm at St John's, and mid-week bible studies in and around the CBD for those who are interested. However, it must be stressed that Student Meals are open to all students, of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, simply offered by LSF as an act of hospitality and service to the community, with no expectation to join in any Christian events.

There are a number of volunteers who share the load of cooking, sharpening their culinary skills by providing a (usually) three-course meal with soup, main course and dessert, always including a vegan/vegetarian option for those who require it.

There are other volunteers who come to help set up tables, eat, talk with internationals and do some of the dishes afterwards.

One of the great joys has been a real sense of community as people have returned a number of times and have got to know one another, building lasting friendships across cultures.

If you'd like more information about Student Meals, or would like to attend, please contact Nathan Hedt on nathan.hedt@lca.org.au



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Letters to the Editor

Unwarranted abuse

Returning home along Queensbridge St on a Thursday at 7pm, I was confronted by the usual 'footpath closed' signs that have plagued our area for endless months.

Luckily I could see that work had ceased and workmen were removing the signs,

saving me a good 10 minutes crossing Queensbridge St multiple times.

Unfortunately, one of the men clearing the signs decided that he would lecture me on the nature of "footpath closed" and launched into a ridiculous rant, despite the fact that gates were open and work had obviously ceased - otherwise, why were they packing up the signs?

This unnecessary, condescending and plainly rude behaviour is something many of us in Southbank have to deal with on a daily basis.

The fact I had to experience a completely unprofessional workman hurling abuse at me on Queensbridge St for walking on my own footpath is unacceptable.

I am utterly sick and tired not just by the contempt displayed by individual workers on this project but by the project as a whole.

Southbank residents are being held hostage by a development which threatens to tie up our footpaths for years.

Would this be allowed in any other suburb?

It's unfortunate, but clearly developers have more rights in Southbank than residents, despite the fact they rely on us to fill their towers.

Geraldine

Send your letters to
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What *With* Women *Abby* Want *Crawford*

August? It's August. How did that happen!?

The months have just been flying by. It felt like only weeks ago that it was the "new year" and we had grand plans and fabulous goals for the coming months.

February passed in a heatwave. Easter was a blur, not so much of chocolate and fun times but more of just, well, rushing. I think I drew breath in April ... May was gone in record speed and June focused on EOFY which arrived quicker than my organisational skills could cope with.

Thank god I completely missed Dry July.

So here we are in August, the final month of winter (although looking out my window, it feels like the start of winter, not the end!). I do not have the elegant and magnificently toned physique of a ballerina (top of the goal list on New Years Eve), but I'm still thinking there's time before bikini season.

Stop laughing. I might have missed Dry July (to be honest, it was never on the goal list), but I have had at least one AFD this year. And my plans to have my accounts and book keeping in a fabulously organised system, well, let's just say my accountant is a little greyer as a direct result of my "good intentions".

But I will tell you what I have done. I have got out there and given life a red-hot go. I have been open to finding love and, whilst that hasn't happened, (like, not even close!) I am still happy and loving life on my own with my beautiful son.

I have passionately nurtured my business and it is slowly building. It's nothing I can retire on just yet (only pay bills that are red!), but I'm investing my time, my money and my heart into growing it and it's progressing. I have been nominated for a business award for my efforts - it doesn't matter to me if I don't get past the first round of judging. To have my baby business (just two years old) recognised is wonderful.

I have been involved in the community,

as a member of the Health Committee at our hospital and have presented our developments to the NSW Government Health Forum. I do this as a volunteer. I give my time to the hospital and all the community centres we present to, assisting them in understanding the services and options available to them, and assisting us in recognising the needs of our community.

This gives me an enormous amount of happiness knowing that I am contributing to the community we are living in.

And I have found time, just three days, to take my son and his three mates to Port Macquarie to go whale watching. That's not a long holiday, but it is an experience we will never forget.

Flying across the water at 75 kmh in an inflatable boat searching for humpbacks - well the boys really believed they were Captain Jack Sparrow (*Pirates of the Caribbean* for those of you who haven't been subjected to the entire movie series!). As for sitting in a small rubber inflatable in the middle of the ocean with five humpback

whales breaching only 10 metres from us, well that's something Andrew (judging by the look of the boat drivers face) and I won't forget either.

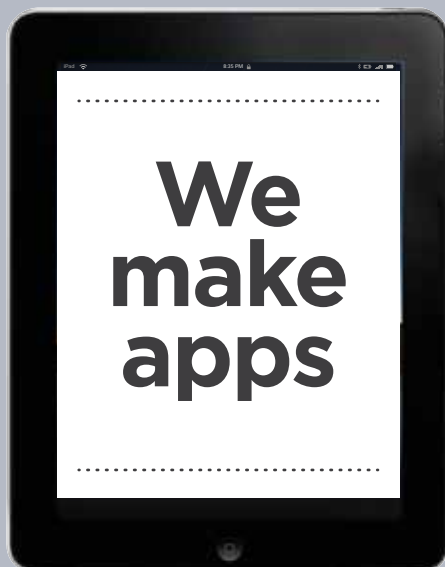
I have realised that even though the months are flying by, we are all actually doing and achieving amazing things, things that are important, things that we will always remember.

So, every now and then, take a little break and think about what you have done, rather than what you haven't, and life just feels wonderful.

Don't worry if the house is in a bit of chaos, or the "to do" list takes a detour, just make sure you're giving it a red-hot go. Do the things that matter to you, that you truly believe in, and Love the Life you Live.

Till next month

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Dodds St

Travelling south through Southbank Village is Dodds St, which was named after Henry Dodds.

Dodds migrated to Victoria from Scotland in 1852 as a 20-year-old. He came for the promise of riches and for many years dug for gold at Forrest Creek, while running a store in Ballarat.

When he moved back to Melbourne he joined Robison Bros and Co. to create Robison Bros and Dodds, a long-standing foundry on the southern bank of the Yarra River.

In 1888 the partnership was amalgamated with the Albion foundry (the chairman of the new firm was Alfred Deakin).

Dodds moved from business into public service, becoming a councillor in 1892 and Mayor of Emerald Hill in 1884 for two years. During his twilight years, he also became vice-president of the newly-formed South Melbourne Football Club.



It's certainly been an incredibly busy year for the SRG representing and advocating for better outcomes for our suburb.

A year in summary

Just some of the things we've been actively working on over the last 12 months:

- Arranged and chaired the Metropolitan Planning Strategy community forum for the capital city zone - over 100 residents from Docklands, Southbank and the CBD attended this important planning forum;
- Working with local body corporates and lobbying Council and State Government on the Australia 108 planning proposal;
- Lobbying and meeting with the Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy, on the importance of tower separation in Southbank;
- Working with Council on revising important planning clauses in the Southbank Structure Plan before its final submission to the Minister;
- Taking a look at planning best practices in Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong government planning offices and incorporating best practice into local

planning submissions;

- Attending the Council Road Safety Forum to discuss safety improvements across the capital city;
- Meeting and building positive relationships with the newly elected Council;
- Attending and presenting at multiple Council meetings on various planning issues impacting Southbank;
- Working with the umbrella resident group, Planning Backlash, on advocating for changes to planning schemes;
- Providing a submission against the VCAT levy increases;
- Representing Southbank at the formation of the Melbourne Men's Shed committee; and
- Many radio, newspaper and TV interview appearances advocating for positive changes to planning schemes in Southbank.

Wow! What a rollercoaster ride it's been.

And throughout it all we've been incredibly grateful for your support of our efforts.

AGM and new President/Vice President

In the next issue of the *Southbank Local News* we will announce our Annual General Meeting date. It's an opportunity to hear in more detail about the activities we've undertaken over the course of the last year and also a time to look forward to the year ahead.

And talking about the AGM, it's with regret that Barry and I both announce we'll be standing down from our roles at the SRG. Increasing working commitments are now making it difficult to do the SRG roles justice, so we are looking for passionate residents of Southbank who are interested in taking over the reins. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in becoming the next President or Vice President of the SRG, please send me an email at srgi2000@gmail.com and I'll get in touch to discuss the roles in further detail.

Membership

In order to hold a position with the SRG, or to vote in President/Vice President elections, you must be a registered member. Individual memberships are only \$10 p.a. and membership for owners corporations are either \$350 p.a. or \$550 p.a., depending on the number of apartments in the building. To become a member or to renew, simply visit www.southbankresidents.com.au/membership

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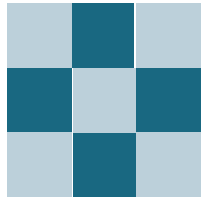
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SOUTHBANK SUDOKU



A variation of Sudoku, with the letters SOUTHBANK replacing the numbers.

The rules are the same as regular Sudoku, each line of the must contain the letters 'SOUTHBANK' as must each 9-square box.

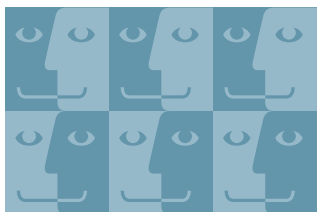
This Sudoku is extra difficult!

Good Luck!

Last month's Sudoku solution

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FACES OF SOUTHBANK



SHEAO YU BEAO, 67
Musician

Sheao has been gracing the people of Southbank with the sounds of his ancient Chinese erhu instrument for eight years now and says he simply loves the area for its multiculturalism and its unique vibrancy. He says Southbank provides the perfect location to spread his beloved Chinese culture and that he enjoys playing for everyone.



TAZZ SINGH, 23
Melbourne River Cruises

It's the centrality and the atmosphere that makes Southbank what it is according to Tazz. As a crewmember on the Melbourne River Cruises, he says he loves coming to work everyday because it is a beautiful place to be a part of. The vast range of clubs, bars and restaurants also make it a place he enjoys coming to outside of work hours.



PAWAN SAWANT, 27
Melbourne River Cruises

Southbank is a very "happening" place according to Pawan. There is something in the area for everyone, which makes it a great place to work everyday. He says the mix of bars, restaurants, public transport, arts precinct, Eureka Tower and the scenery of the boats and river make it the most "entertaining" part of Melbourne.



MICHAEL WESER, 54
Tourist

As a resident of Perth, Michael says the tourist-friendly side of Southbank makes it a "vibrant" place that he can't get enough of as a visitor. The cafes and restaurants are a terrific draw card on a nice day and he says it is central to just about everything.



JOHN BECROFT, 72
Williamstown Bay and River Cruises

John has been working in Southbank for 12 years and says it is full of interesting local, interstate and overseas people. As a resident of Williamstown, he says being located alongside Flinders St Station makes it easy to get to everyday and loves working beside the beautiful Yarra River.



GREY MILTON, 26
Musician

Southbank is the "most beautiful" area that he has performed in. He says that the beautiful scenery helps create a great vibe and that the people are generally always happy and friendly.

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The original Roop Rani parlour, in Collins St, opened 13 years ago and has been owned by Rohini Ram for 10 years. Last September Rohini decided to expand the empire, opening a new salon on the podium level of Southgate.

"We were offered this space by Dexus, to provide our unique service," Ms Ram explained.

"It's a totally different clientele here compared to our Collins St store. We still get plenty of corporate workers, but the number of tourists and visitors that come in is great."

"We also get great community support here in Southbank, especially from the hotels in the area, but also word of mouth from our current client base. I like to think that's because the service is so good!" Ms Ram explained.



The Southgate Roop Rani is managed by Prasheeta Kuvei. Ms Kuvei said she loved the vibe that existed here in Southbank, which made coming to work a real joy.

"I love the atmosphere down here. Not just when events are on, but during holiday times, on New Years Eve and even just a normal Saturday night. I've brought my kids down here for entertainment and they love it!" Ms Kuvei said.

Ms Kuvei said the Southgate Roop Rani had found a great balance between the high-end beauty treatments it's always offered and everyday treatments.

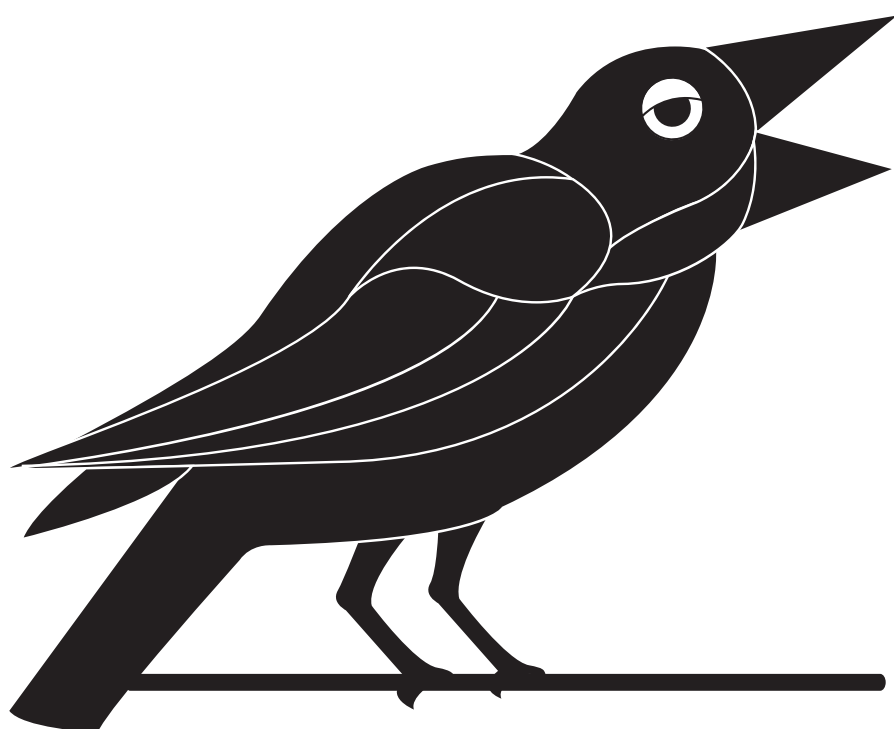
"We have got the facials and the pampering treatments, but we also do waxing, threading and haircuts - the day-to-day stuff," Ms Kuvei said.

"We also offer great package deals when

clients want to bundle all their treatments together."

Ms Kuvei also emphasised the focus on organic products Roop Rani has.

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