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WANTED:**Committee Members**

If you want to see the Precinct maintain its unique character and can spare 90 minutes, once a month, 10 times a year, and have a passion to be involved with a community project maybe you would like to consider becoming a committee member. We need residents and traders of any persuasion to assist the Chairperson and coordinator with committee duties and the various Association projects. Please consider – further information 0411 180 780 (Tony).

Xmas so long ago

It seems only yesterday that the Association finished the year on the balcony of the Havelock. Residents and business owners had a chance to mix and access the many Councilors that attended. This and the AGM are, due to financial constraints, the only two official events held for members during the year. The committee considers them important for social interaction as well as a chance to promote the Precinct and gain new members.

Tour Down Under

Unfortunately, the tour was moved back to the East End circuit and only brushed the border of the Precinct. Previous attempts to have it return to the leafy streets of the South East corner using the street as the finishing post have failed as was the case after the first stage of the first tour. Last year gave us hope of its return despite it encompassing much of the East End. Maybe the financial gains made in Rundle Street or the better exposure of Adelaide from the television cameras from the helicopters hovering above the circuit are the reasons for it returning to the East End but maybe the organisers could consider sharing the event around?

Clipsal 'After Race Party'

The format for the party on Saturday, March 21st, will be the same as last year. This proved to be the most organised and controlled of the five I have been involved with. The same controlled access will exist, namely, that anyone under age will not be admitted unless with parents in dining areas or with security personnel if passing through the party area. Any persons either out of control or drunk will not be admitted. Drinks will not be permitted to be taken out of the area.

The street will be blocked from Halifax St. to Bond St. from Saturday, 12.00am and reopened by early Sunday morning. Music will start at 5.30pm and cease at 11.30pm. Crowds will start to be dispersed from midnight onwards.

If there are any concerns please write to:

Hutt Street Precinct Association at
P.O.Box 7038, Hutt Street, Adelaide.



Hutt Street Precinct Business Directory

You may have already received a letter inviting you to list your businesses details on the HSPA Business Directory.

The directory will assist businesses to share information amongst each other, be listed on the HSPA website and encourage local trade.

If you have not yet completed your application, would like more information, or have any questions please contact Piper on 8227 0933 or at p.bell@youthjet.com.au

Coordinator Appointed

As of February, Piper Bell has been appointed Coordinator for the Association. This appointment is initially to the AGM in July with the possible continuation until January 2010.

Piper has experience coordinating complex community projects in Local Community Partnerships in the South. Piper will assist with the production of the newsletter and help to restore our website. Piper will be working from the offices of Youth Jet. (151 Hutt St.) on Fridays. Contact with Piper can be made on Fridays on 8227 0933 or at other times on p.bell@youthjet.com.au or by letter to the HSPA address. Welcome Piper and all the best in your position.



New HSPA Coordinator, Piper Bell (centre) at the YouthJET Career LaunchPAD on Hutt St.

New Moves

- Youth Jet at 151 Hutt St. had their official opening by Kate Ellis, Hon Member for Adelaide and Federal Minister for Youth and Sport on the 18th of February. YouthJET assist young people to find work.
- Dragon Court is having a make-over by the new owners and should be open in March.
- Indarra restaurant is being converted into a Nepalese restaurant. The original owners found it difficult to continue business due to illness and uncompromising arrangements of tenancy.
- Much to anxiety of the local employees and street visitors, Nano's have left Hutt St. and moved into the city.
- Maria's and Blink are moving addresses in March. (Shop fitters are having a ball in the street this year.)
- New owners at Executive flowers and Biga.
- We wait for the two developments – cnr Bond St. and Angas St. and the finish of the Southcott first stage development.
- Lala's goes under the hammer in March.
- We wonder what is happening to both the TPI Centre and the Hutt St./ South Tce. corner.

And this is the only the start of 2009.

Streetscape

The Association conducts a Precinct street audit twice a year – summer and winter, observing the state and placement of planters, lights, rubbish bins, butt outs and furniture.

The state of the streets is enhanced by Council and the “Gang Green” who sweep and clean Hutt St every Friday morning. Traders and residents are encouraged to keep the planters in good order by watering the plants. It is unfortunate that the planters are used as ash trays or rubbish bins and often vandalised with removal of plants. The Council lends support to this problem with regular replacement of plants and soil.

With renovations occurring at “Latte on Hutt” their planters with ficus bushes have been shifted to a new resident in the street – Youth Jet at 151 Hutt St. Likewise other planters not being used are moved to others areas. The Precinct is fortunate to have the “lions share” of ACC planter allocation but if they are not cared for there is a threat of their removal.

Who's for the Sydney to Hobart?

The following is an extract from the diary of our intrepid Precinct adventurer – Dr Gary Stranks.

PALE ALE RAGER – 2008 ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART RACE REPORT.

The weather forecasting models for the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race 2008 were all consistent for 10 days prior to the race. We were in for 2 whole days of windy northerlies to take us fast towards Hobart.

Most of the yachties were very excited by these forecasts.

Pale Ale Rager had a testing delivery trip from Adelaide to Sydney which started on Wednesday December 10 and took 8 days. The 7 guys on the delivery, which included 5 of the race crew, encountered 50 knot head winds and a short sharp sea for the first 3 days to Portland. These conditions punished the boat and bruised the crew and meant we had completed our first ‘Sydney Hobart’ for the year by the time we reached Portland! After a 24 hour pit stop we embarked on our second ‘Sydney Hobart’ from Portland to Sydney. This was sailed in less difficult winds, but again mostly on the nose of the boat, which made the trip slow going. We arrived in Sydney just 2 hours before our booked Corporate Day for Coopers Brewery. This day is a feature for the crew and the guests and has become quite a tradition for Rager.

In the week between arriving in Sydney and the Boxing Day start there is much work to be done. The boat has to be changed over from delivery mode and put into race mode. Sails are changed over and others are bricked up for trucking to Hobart. Halyards are replaced, splices re-done and the boat set up for hard downwind racing. This meant new spinnaker sheets with high heat load casings to handle the long hours ripped around and through the winches.

Upcoming Events

APRIL

Business/ financial planning seminar relating to the economic downturn. Hutt St. Library.

JUNE

Public speaking – Toastmaster Club. private tuition and follow up by appointment over two nights.

Interest persons should write to HSPA. PO.Box 7038, Hutt St. Adelaide 5000.

JULY

Winter get together combined with the AGM.

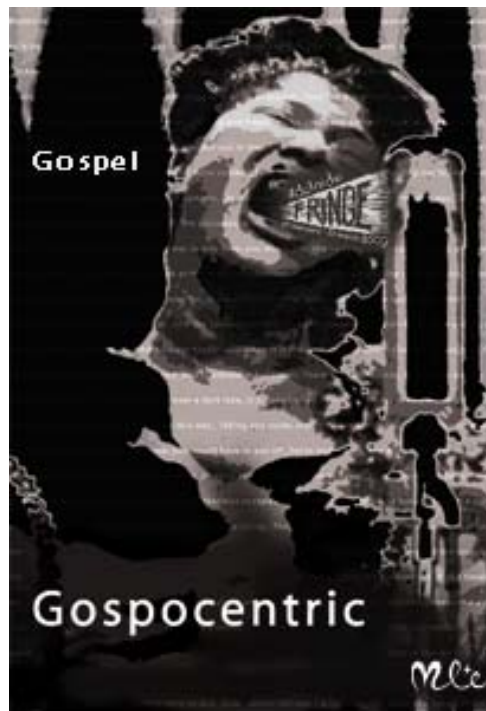
Fringe in the Precinct

The Association is supporting a Fringe event in the hope that people will come and enjoy our hospitality and village atmosphere. Gospocentric will be heard echoing down the streets from St John's Halifax Street church on Wednesday, 11th, Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th of March with two sessions each night , one at 6pm and the other at 8pm.

Gospocentric is an extravaganza of rhythm, harmony and soul from 15 lead singers back by school choirs (in excess of 60 members) singing to the beat of piano, drums, base and the churches organ!!

The excellent acoustics of the church will be tested. For an hour you will be taken on the journey of gospel music from its time in the deep south to the present day idiom.

Tickets can be bought from Fringe Tix (\$17.00 adult / \$12.00 for under 12 plus booking fee of \$1.90) or at the door.



Adelaide Women's Soccer Club Rooms

It seems like an eternity for approval to be granted for the restoration of this facility in Hutt Rd. The proposed building has two change areas, a common area and an area overlooking the fields. Funding has been gained from Federal and State Governments together with Council and insurance funds. Despite the unified support of Councilors on the DPA the development was stalled at the 11th hour. Surely after all the traumas of having their building broken into, set on fire and subsequent buildings graffitied they deserve a break. The fields they lease are kept in excellent order with watering from their bore and expert care by a member of their committee. It is a pity when, with all this effort to get to the stage of starting to build, the approval process falters.

Stop Press

The tennis club building of old on Hutt Rd. has been demolished now opening up the parklands, and the Precincts leased area in Park 17, to travelers entering that part of the city. What does the future hold for this entrance into Hutt St?