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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).

Report from the Chairperson

A busy part of the year is now over with the Tour on our boundary, the Fringe Festival in the Precinct and the Clipsal after race party in the street. Plans are being made to apply to Council for the establishment of an Indigenous Garden in Park 17, to hold a seminar on "Business in the Global Downturn" and to hold an information evening on public speaking – the later two by members of the Association.

The present financial position of the Association is strong. This will allow the next committee the benefit of planning future projects and activities that will benefit the Precincts visitors, traders and residents. With this in mind, the present committee is having 08/09 finances audited in June and then calling the AGM in early July.

If you are passionate about retaining the character and ambience of the Precinct then please consider nominating for the committee. Both traders and residents are required to keep a balanced perspective in planning future activities. For further information please contact myself on 0411 180 780.

Anthony Williamson
Chairperson

Clipsal 500 After Race Party

This year the organisation through the General Havelock Hotel was exemplary with increased participation from the Clipsal 500 organisation and local traders. In all some 3,000 people would have drunk, ate, danced and socialised in the street. The system developed allows dining in the Precinct for families without entering into the licensed area and access to shops and a thoroughfare from Halifax to Angas St. Starting at 4.30pm with last drinks at 11.00pm, the streets were clear of barricades and fencing by 2.00am.



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

Sydney to Hobart Race Continues

Our traditional Christmas Day picnic under the shady trees in Rushcutters Park was attended not only by our crew and families but Rager's extended crew of Christmas orphans from other boats including Flirt and Ichi Ban. By late on Christmas day the last of the race crew had arrived or been selected. We had a total of 14 crew for this race: 8 locals and 6 imports. Although we have professional yachtsmen on Rager they are not paid.

Boxing Day saw a very relaxed Pale Ale Rager crew. We all knew we were in for a great ride and we were all very excited about getting into it. Our local virgins for the race Mike 'O'Reilly' and Jacko Heritage were made to feel welcome and at ease by the old hands.

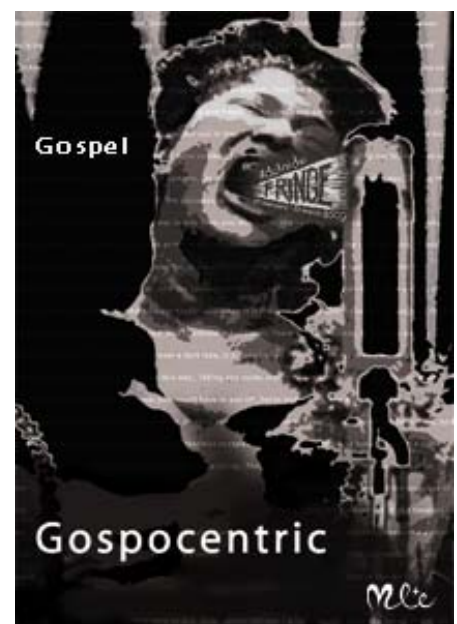
A pre-race sail to spot the turning markers and check the spectator fleet restriction cones proved very valuable. There was a big kink in the race track at South Head. This was a spot to avoid.

With about 15 minutes to start time we ventured into the 'start box' to get our time and motion going and to start to rub shoulders with the big boats on our line. With 2.5 minutes to go we were still heading away from the line and locked out by other boats. We did a quick spin about 5 metres from the spectator cones and headed back towards the start line at full speed, anxious to get in there. Our path was blocked by 3 rows of boats luffed or going very slowly already on the line. Nervous moments for the crew who all know that silence is their best asset at this time. No noise. >

Flirt bears away, clearly right on the line. Chris Dare does not want to be called back to restart this race! A 7 metre gap opens; Rager slides in at about 80% race pace and slingshots through the lee of the boats above her. They are still trying to get up some pace. An excellent start achieved.

Gospocentric

The Fringe Festival 2009 has ended and with the relief of the successful Hutt Street Precinct Association event held at St John's Halifax Street Church. The planned six sessions turned into another eight following public demand. Of the eight sessions, six had standing ovations and a four star review in the Advertiser. In all the 15 gospel singers, six piece band accompanied by the churches organ provided the front to school choirs numbering up to 60 voices. All of this and audiences of up to 200 each session were packed into the church to experience the arrangement and direction of Charmaine Jones. The enthusiasm was overpowering and the standard such that the group is now going to be formally organized and look to further presentations in the near future.



Coordinator's Report

The Hutt Street Precinct Business Directory is beginning to take shape with more local business people registering their company or association.

This month I have enjoyed meeting more Hutt Street businesses and community members through the development of the Directory. The Association hopes the Directory will enhance local trade and encourage businesses to share information amongst each other to create a stronger and more productive community.

Director of YouthJET, Michael Yeo, can see the benefits for his organisation. He explains, "YouthJET links education and industry in a variety of programs that assist young people with their career planning. For example we are currently running a mentoring programme and are looking for local business people who are willing to share their expertise with young people. Membership on the Business Directory and indeed with the Hutt Street Precinct Association ensures we are linked with the local community." >



Seen here: some of the YouthJET team, gathered out front of their office located at 151 Hutt Street.

Next month I look forward to the continued growth of the Directory as well as work on the much anticipated Indigenous Garden planned for Park 17.

To register your business for the Directory, please contact:

Piper Bell on 8227 0933 on Fridays or at p.bell@youthjet.com.au

To find out more about becoming a mentor, please contact:

Jane Bartlett at YouthJET on 8227 0933 or at j.bartlett@youthjet.com.au

*Piper Bell
Coordinator*

Indigenous Garden in Park 17

Fruitless attempts have been made for a number of months by residents and the Hutt Street Precinct Association to investigate the possibility of community gardens in the Precinct. The original idea this being in Park 17 met with stiff opposition but more so the requirements by the EPA to ensure food grown would be safe for eating. The original idea was to engage the Hutt Street Centre and then residents to participate in this activity utilising the existing brick building. Recently the brick building has been removed leaving an expanse area of land off Hutt Rd. Discussions are under way with a number of stakeholders regarding the establishment of an Indigenous garden of trees and bushes that may handle the extreme conditions in the parklands better than the existing flora. Submissions have yet to be made to Council as work continues with interested parties regarding planning, funding and gaining support.

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.

New Soccer Clubhouse on Hutt Road

As has been mentioned before, the Hutt Street Precinct Association has been supporting the replacement of the Adelaide Women's Soccer Association clubrooms for over a year. We have an understanding with the Association administration that if and when residents or traders were in want of an oval for sport our request would be considered favourably.

The long haul to get to this stage was due to a number of frustrating factors it was however the voting and financial support of the city council that eventually won the day.

At the eleventh hour, the approval was withheld by a non-council vote which was reversed when changes were made. Building has began and we look forward to a permanent structure where Atco sheds have stood for over a year.

Xmas in the City

Planning has already started with the results of last year's effort which centered on the Precincts. This year there is a trend to attract people to a city central event and for the Precincts to benefit from the "spin off". However, Precincts are still being encouraged to submit their requirements regarding decorations and infrastructure additions. We are hoping for an increase in our reindeer population and further restoration of our median strip lighting.

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