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\$35.2M facelift for Her Majesty's

Just announced the \$35.2 million redevelopment and expansion of Her Majesty's Theatre in Grote Street, will see an upgrade of facilities for artists and patrons and increase the capacity from the current 970 to around 1,500 seats.

Work will include an additional balcony of seating, improved orchestral pit and technical facilities, a back of house upgrade as well as a new foyer and patron facilities such as bars and toilets. The State Government is providing \$32 million and the Adelaide Festival Centre will raise the remaining \$3.2 million through other sources and fundraising efforts.

Douglas Gautier, CEO and Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival Centre says: "The redevelopment and expansion of Her Majesty's Theatre is great news for the performing arts community and for Adelaide audiences. It is also great news for the city.

"Over recent years, a number of blockbuster musicals and other theatrical, comedy and music products have been bypassing Adelaide. We know the audience demand exists for these shows but there is nowhere for them to play because the 2,000 seat Festival Theatre is Adelaide's only large scale commercially viable theatre in South Australia and it is full to capacity.

"An expanded HMT will transform the performing arts landscape in Adelaide. Shows like, the Lion King, Mary Poppins, Les Miserables and Once, will now have a venue."

The redevelopment will create 213 construction jobs plus on-going employment for artists, production staff, front of house staff, programmers, publicity and marketing staff. There will also be substantial tourism benefits as the revitalised theatre will increase the vibrancy of our entertainment precinct.



Grote Business Precinct

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2016 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th August

5.45pm for 6pm



Venue: Quest on Franklin, 74 Franklin St, Adelaide

Guest Speakers:

DOUGLAS GAUTIER, CEO, Adelaide Festival Centre on plans to upgrade Her Majesty's Theatre,

GARY NEAVE, Project Manager, Uniting Communities who will update us on the affordable housing development at the corner of Pitt and Franklin Streets.

Drinks and nibbles provided. \$10 for non-members. New members welcome.

RSVP for catering purposes to coordinator@groteprecinct.com.au or leave a text message for Yvonne on 0413 381 728.



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Membership enquiries are welcome. Contact Precinct Coordinator Yvonne Merendi on 0413 381 728



President's Message

This has been an exciting year and our association has been involved with a wide number of organisations, individuals and activities.

The committee has continued to focus on issues for the betterment of our traders and other stakeholders, this included assisting Members with various concerns regarding Council matters.

Over the year we have held a number of successful networking functions that were very well attended. Venues included Quest on Franklin, Hilton Adelaide, The Joinery and Vision on Morphett.

Across this busy year we have:

- Formed stronger relationships with Chinatown and Adelaide Central Market
- Increased social media presence with Grote Business Precinct and Market Quarter. (like us on facebook!)
- Secured funding from Bendigo Bank for a community project for the homeless
- Been involved in future planning sessions for the Market Quarter District with major stakeholders of the area
- Continued to offer special members discounts and promotional offers
- Represented businesses interests at the Lord Mayor's Forums

We are also working with:

- Other City Precinct Associations on a number of collaborative projects
- Adelaide City Council to become Adelaide's first carbon neutral precinct
- Gouger Street Traders Association on new marketing initiatives for www.marketquarter.com.au
- National Trust SA on guided and self-guided precinct tours of discovery.

Participation in Grote Business Precinct activities opens a world of contacts, new relationships, professional advice and support.

If you've not yet done so, I encourage you to join and get involved.

David Buenfeld



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Project to feed the Homeless gains Bendigo Bank's support

Grote Business Precinct is delighted to announce that a project to feed the homeless, planned in partnership with the Rotary Club of Adelaide West, has been granted \$5,000 seed funding by Bendigo Bank.

The project involves the installation of a mobile fridge to feed the growing number of homeless in Adelaide.

Restaurant owners throughout our Precinct will be able to place packaged, surplus meals in the vending style fridge for homeless people to access at no charge.

If the trial project is as successful as the concept has been overseas, additional fridges will be made available in other locations around the CBD.

Project manager Simon Mills, from the Rotary Club of Adelaide West, said that the concept originated in Southern India, then spread to Germany and America, where it is run with great success.

"We all realise how much food is wasted by society," explained Simon. "Our (Rotary's) market donation collections allow us to deliver fresh, uncooked food in refrigerated transport to local shelters every Saturday, but we haven't been able to get cooked food to the streets for the growing number who are unable to gain access to those shelters.

"By encouraging restaurants and other food outlets to place their excess stock in a supplied community



Pictured during presentations a recent stakeholders information session are from left, Project Manager Simon Mills, Precinct Representative and Rotarian Bill Marles, and Bendigo Bank Adelaide Branch Manager Martin Ding.

fridge, we will be using a very simple idea to fill what is a very basic need for many," said Simon.

The concept has been well received by organisations such as Adelaide City Council, Uniting Communities, the Hutt Street Centre and SAPOL.

Organisers are now focusing on identifying a suitable location for the test fridge and are inviting local food outlets to get involved.

To express your interest in the project contact Adelaide West Rotarian and Grote Business Precinct Coordinator Yvonne Merendi on 0413 381 728 or by email at coordinator@groteprecinct.com.au



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Awww! So cute.



Guide Dogs SA.NT recently welcomed this adorable litter of puppies at its Puppy Development Centre on Morphett Street. They've got some growing to do and a lot of training ahead of them, but right now Texas, Tempo, Tinsel, Titan, Teddy and Tilly are happy spending time with their Mum, Jinx.



Uniting Communities now carbon neutral!

Leading non-profit Uniting Communities has become the first South Australian based organisation and the first registered Australian charity to receive certification under the Federal Government's Carbon Neutral Program.

The certification comes after a five-year commitment within the organisation to significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

CO₂ emissions have been reduced by 34% overall, leading to savings of more than \$1 million for the organisation – money that will be reinvested into services and programs.

"Becoming carbon neutral makes sense for our organisation," says Chief Executive, Simon Schrapel. "We have a strong moral compass and research tells us that climate change will most affect people in our client base – the elderly, socially disadvantaged and people on lower incomes."

"It's a tremendous example of a locally based company taking leadership and 'walking the talk' to reduce emissions and transit to a low-carbon economy."

Uniting Communities implemented a range of initiatives, including converting to petrol-electric hybrid vehicles; engaging suppliers who can provide



Pictured cutting a celebratory 'Carbon Neutral' cake are from left, Uniting Communities Chief Executive Simon Schrapel, Senator Simon Birmingham, SA Minister for Climate Change Ian Hunter and Uniting Communities Chairperson Dr Sue King.

100% carbon neutral products, such as carbon neutral copy paper through Fuji Xerox and stationery from Lyreco International; energy-efficient building upgrades to two residential aged care facilities and the city-based head office; and encouraging staff to commit to lowering emissions by switching off lights and computers when not in use, and by actively reducing waste going to landfill.



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State's first electric powered car share is here

To become the world's first carbon neutral city Adelaide will need to quickly embrace different ways of powering our homes and offices and moving around.

Launched on 27th April by SA Minister for Climate Change Ian Hunter MP and Adelaide Lord Mayor Martin Haese, the 'Joinery Green Energy Demonstration Project' makes the experience of driving a hybrid car powered by the sun available to anyone.

The car share network is operated by GoGet, which aims to enable its members to live without a car of their own. This is achieved by making a fleet of vehicles available at reasonable rates by the hour or by the day.

The new Mitsubishi Outland PHEV (plug-hybrid electric vehicle) that is based at The Joinery on Franklin Street is the first such vehicle in the GoGet fleet.

Thanks to funding through Sustainable City Incentives Scheme*, The Joinery has installed a bank of 50 solar panels and related infrastructure to feed an electric car charger that in turn fuels the hybrid car.

Once GoGet members have booked the car online, they then use their personal swipe card to access the vehicle. At the end of their booking they return



Pictured testing the hybrid electric share car are Lord Mayor Martin Haese (left) and Craig Wilkins, CEO of Consertavation Council SA.

the car to the parking spot from which they first collected it.

By splitting the fixed costs of car ownership across many drivers, GoGet is an easy and cost-effective alternative to private car ownership.

The Joinery is one of 10 GoGet car locations around Adelaide. Membership is free and you can join GoGet online or at the Joinery.

* The Sustainable City Incentives Scheme is a joint project of the State Government and Adelaide City Council. It is available to all building owners and tenants including businesses, residents, schools, community and sporting organisations within the City of Adelaide. Check out Council's website for more details.



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