

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Working For Our Community

> A very happy November to you all. Warmer weather is on the way and we're seeing more and more people venturing back to Haymarket and Chinatown with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. We're keen to see even more people visiting the area once the Victorian border opens on 23 November.

> We're excited to be working with the UNSW to find out more about the impact of COVID-19 on our members and the surrounding area. The Chamber will be sending you a short survey, which we'll use your feedback to help us provide more support to you. We appreciate your assistance!

Stay safe, Haymarket Chamber of Commerce

HCC UPDATES

HCC is collaborating with University of NSW students to understand the social and financial impact of COVID-19 on its members and other stakeholders, and to provide better support through constructive action, intervention and collaboration.

President Simon Chan recently hosted a tour of Chinatown and Haymarket with UNSW students, detailing a firsthand understanding of the consequences of COVID-19 on once-thriving businesses. The students were able to learn more about the history of Chinatown, and its changing landscape over the years. A quick questionnaire is being developed by students to be sent to all members soon, and the HCC appreciates if you could help by filling it out.



CHINATOWN NEWS



Haymarket is Sydney's "Most Walkable" neighbourhood

Haymarket is "a walker's paradise" according to Walk Score, who recently awarded the area the most walkable neighbourhood in Sydney. "Daily errands do not require a car in Haymarket Sydney." <u>Read more</u>





Chinatown mentioned in "Coolest Neighbourhoods"

Chinatown gets a brief mention in TimeOut's "World's Coolest Neighbourhoods" piece. "Sydney can be a pretty tribal city, with specific 'hoods defined by their cultural niches: China Town in Haymarket, Little Italy in Leichhardt, the backpacker bubble in Bondi, the gay village on Oxford Street." TimeOut awarded inner-west suburb Marrickville as one of the coolest on the planet. <u>Read more</u> The Garden of Cloud and Stone wins architecture prize

The City of Sydney's public art initiative "The Garden of Cloud and Stone" that stands front and centre in Haymarket has been recognised at the National Landscape and Architecture Awards. Created by artist Lindy Lee, it was recognised as "an elegant, cleverly curated place for the community". The artwork is based on feng shui principles and comprises a series of pieces: Scholar's Rocks, Moongate and Cloud Gate. Read more



Capitol Square Hotel sold

Haymarket's Capitol Square Hotel has been sold to MKH Properties for \$26 million. The 94-room mid-scale hotel at 3 Campbell Street in Haymarket has continued to trade during the COVID-19 pandemic, albeit at low occupancies.



Two Chinatown Asian grocers lauded by Gourmet Traveller

Season's Fruit Market and Thai Kee IGA have been recognised by Gourmet Traveller in their "Hospitality Honours List" for 2020. Seasons brought their business online as the pandemic hit. Thai Kee supplied chef-made meals, courtesy of eateries including Ho Jiak and Chaco Ramen. <u>Read more</u>

MEMBER PROMOS



Pitt Martin Accountants and Tax Advisers is offering a complimentary one-hour consultation session for HCC members who have been affected by the pandemic. Book now



Bodywork Acupuncture and Massage is offering 5% off all treatment and herbal medicines to HCC members. This includes a free initial consultation. <u>More info</u>

WHAT'S ON

Every Friday

Yoga helps kids connect with their bodies, breath and minds. The free 30-minute sessions every Friday at Darling Quarter guides kids, with parents and carers invited to join in.



NEW BUSINESS PROFILE



Bodywork Acupuncture and Massage has been practicing in the Prince Centre, Haymarket for nearly 10 years. The clinic has a team of professional masseurs and acupuncturists that use Chinese, Thai and Western techniques in their holistic treatments. Dr May Guo has more than 27 years' experience as a registered Chinese Medicine practitioner, licensed in acupuncture as well as a licensed Herbal Medicine. Her focus is in classic Chinese medicine, using herbs and essential oils.

<u>Website</u>

Shop QG4, Prince Centre, 8 Quay Street, Haymarket Tel: 9281 9576, 0432 725 041

BUSINESS TIPS

Mandatory QR codes for all hospitality venues

From 23 November, all hospitality venues will be required to implement a QR code check-in system. This can be using an thirdparty system, or the Service NSW QR code. A QR code is just like a barcode, with information that can be read by a smart phone camera. They are convenient for businesses and customers, and provide a hygienic, contactless way of signing in to a venue. There are significant penalties for businesses and organisations that fail to comply with Public Health Orders. If a breach of the COVID-19 Orders is found, a Penalty Infringement Notice may be issued for non-compliance. This on-the-spot fine is \$1,000 for individuals or \$5,000 for a business. More information

2020 Budget

The federal government handed down its 2020 budget last month, delivering the following benefits for businesses:

- The JobMaker Hiring Credit will partially subsidise the wages of young employees who are hired. Bosses will be able to claim \$200 each week for every employee hired aged between 16 and 29, and \$100 each week for every employee aged between 30 and 35.
- Businesses that make new investments will be able to write off the entire cost in one year, rather than having the asset depreciate over several years.
- Extension of the JobKeeper payment support for a further six months until 28 March 2021.
- Extension of the JobSeeker coronavirus supplement until 31 December 2020 at a rate of \$250 per fortnight

<u>Read more</u>

Free webinar series for digital skills

The City of Sydney's "Reboot" program aims to increase digital skills for business owners. Free webinars feature speakers from some of Australia's fastest growing companies including Koala, Canva and TEDxSydney. Sign up

Businesses to trade until 10pm: submissions requested

The City of Sydney is calling for submissions for residents and business owners to have their say on new planning controls that would allow existing shops and businesses to trade from 7am to 10pm, without additional approval. Submissions close 5pm, 18 November.

<u>Have your say</u>

Service NSW Business Profile

Make it easier and more efficient to transact with the NSW

Government, with all of your business details, applications and application progress in one place. You can add your business profile to an existing MyServiceNSW profile. Learn more

Free COVID safe materials

Remember as life slowly returns to normal for businesses and consumers, business owners must remember to comply with new standards of etiquette in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NSW government has provided free signs, stickers and posters to display at establishments. <u>Download now</u>

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MONTHLY RECIPE



Umi Sushi's Summer Octopus salad

Ingredients

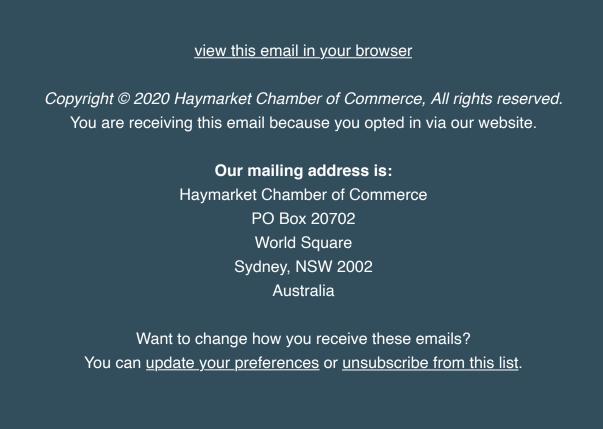
50g mixed green salad 1/2 pc cucumber (cut into triangle size) 10g wakame (soaked in water) 4 pc octopus leg (cleaned and sliced in halves) Red radish (6-8 thin slices) 2 pc asparagus (cut in half) 1/2 tsp yuzu chili 1/4 tsp chili powder Aojiso dressing 2 tsp olive oil

Method

Blanch the pre cut and cleaned octopus legs in boiling water for
seconds, put in ice water to cool and strain

2. Put the green mixed salad, wakame and octopus legs into a salad bowl and mix well with yuzu chili, aojiso dressing and olive oil

3. Remove the mixed salad from the salad bowl onto a cold white or glass plate, then garnish with red radish and sprinkle the chili powder on top per personal taste preference.



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