

Inside The Raincoat: November 2009

Vernon Street - "The FBR is a little bit of Byron Bay in Hobsons Bay" (quote from one of the judges)

At the recent Hobsons Bay Excellence in Business Awards, two businesses from Vernon Street won in their categories. Hobsons Bay Pet Care won the emerging business of the year and Westgate Health Co Op won in the not for profit section. In fact at the awards ceremony that night, traders from Vernon Street occupied half of one table. In all, three businesses of the seventeen that operate in Vernon Street were nominated for an award. For a quiet suburban shopping strip, this seems like a healthy percentage to me. And it begs the question. Is the shopping strip making a come back and is Vernon Street leading the way? Some people must think there are possibilities to explore in the back blocks of the inner west. This year two new shops have opened up in Vernon St. and as I write this, one more is in the process of evolving into two. Providing services and employment for locals. The council have not only acknowledged this trend through the Excellence in Business Awards nominations, but additionally through a new funding initiative targeting strips just like Vernon Street. Most of the traders in Vernon Street work hard at growing their businesses and generally co-operate with each other in promoting the precinct. I am personally extremely proud of what we have achieved here at the "Raincoat" and grateful for the support we have received from the local community. Being part of the reinvigoration of the Vernon Street strip proves that all the hard work has been worth it. Although we didn't win the Restaurant and Café category Kaz and I love our business and we wouldn't want it to be anywhere else than exactly where it is, Vernon Street the economic and cultural hub of Hobsons Bay.

Kazzy's corner

New summer goodies

Opening hours - as from Nov the 1st we will be open from 9am (everyone is taking bets that it doesn't happen on my shift). **Mixed grill** - again as from the 1st Sunday nights will be \$12 mixed grill night, there will chicken, steaks, burgers, veggie burgers, all served with our yummy potato & garden salads, it's just like a barbie but better. **Xmas Parties** - it's time to book your staff xmas party, need I say more. **My new car** - what can I say she is just beautiful, shiney, silver and slick her name is Agnus Astra and she goes fast ! Aynone who needs a new car needs Damian Mascarli of Doncaster Holden, what can I say he is soooo not a car salesman, he is a gentleman so good at his job you don't even know your being sold too! Oh and girls he's cute too! so call him 88481330.

JOY TO THE WORLD.

I'm certain I just wrote this, although it's possible that it was a year ago. Christmas is coming and I mean fast. If you were thinking of having a party for your family, or a break up for work or a community group why not have here at the FBR. Out in the garden, in the dinning room or if you prefer at your place. We can cater here or there and even provide staff if necessary.



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FRIDAY NIGHTS IN NOVEMBER

6th: Greg O'Leary Trio
Fun & Games

13th: Cross & Dunbabin
Great Jazz.

20th: Richard Cameron's
Country Band.

27th: Margot Leighton
Quartet.

The music is free, played
from the heart and often
original, so come and
support live music.

Music starts at 8:30.