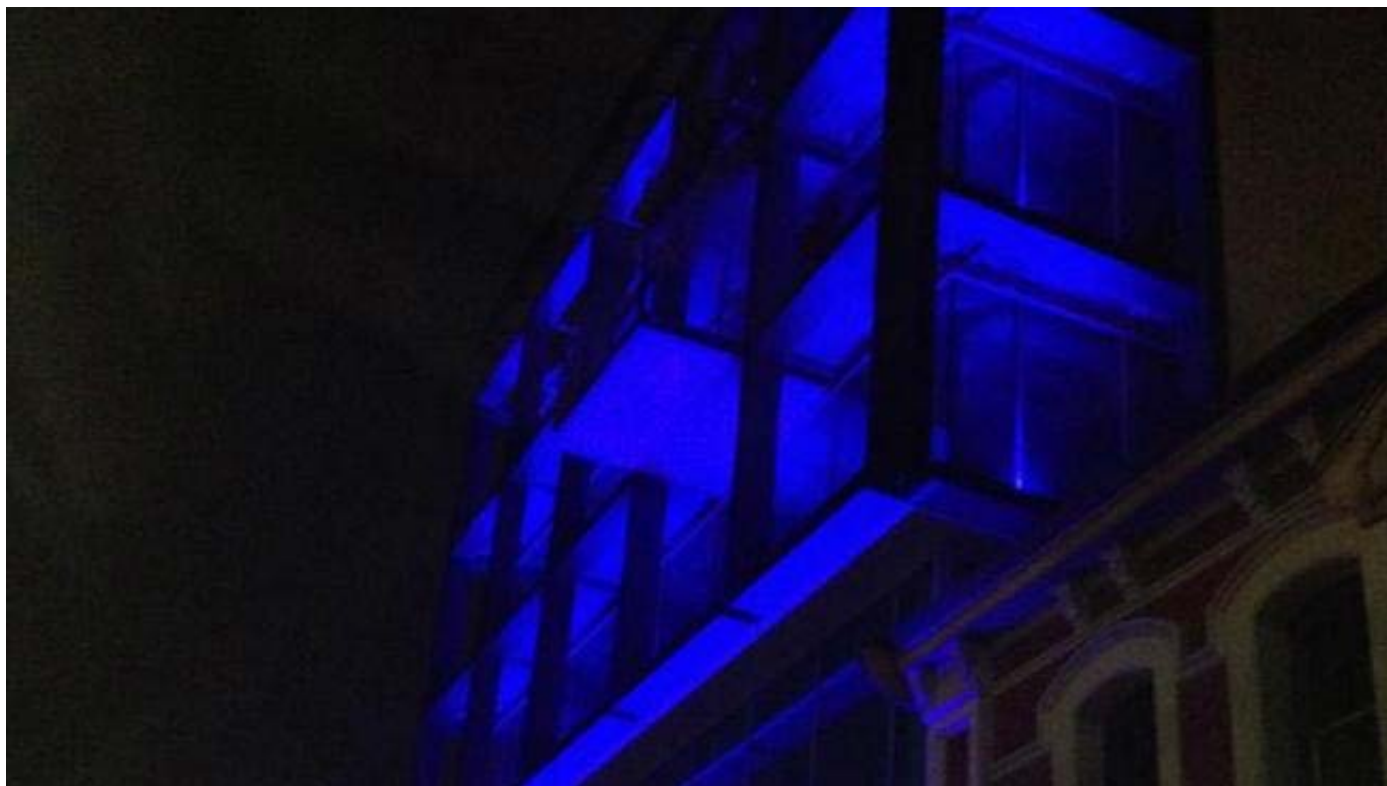


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East End office developed by Maras Group lights up blue at night

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A new six-storey office building on Union St in the East End. Credit: Maras Group

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A NEW East End office building lights up bright blue at night as well as featuring an enormous mural.

The blue LEDs on the six-storey Maras Group building were switched on for the first time last Friday and will light the building every night, managing director Steve Maras said.

"It doesn't cost much to do things which are going to create landmarks," he said.

"It's a building that has two interesting design elements, the biggest mural in Adelaide on its back and a 365-day a year light show on the side."

The lights were "extremely efficient and extremely low cost," he said.

Burger Theory will be the ground floor tenant below five levels of office suites, three of which have been leased.

As reported by *The Advertiser*, the mural by local artist Matt Stuckey covers 135sq m over the upper three levels of the building's eastern facade.

Called *Produce, Progress*, its repeating diamond pattern references decorative elements - reliefs, tiles, window frames and grates - from the buildings of the former Adelaide Fruit and Produce Exchange market.

Mr Maras told the *City Messenger* planning rules should encourage murals wherever possible on new buildings because Adelaide had too many blank, concrete walls.

Murals should be part of a building's design from the start so as to stand the test of time, he said.

Stuckey said painting murals on older buildings as a way of "remedying poor architecture" could be "very satisfying to a muralist", but agreed with Mr Maras it was better they were planned as "integral component(s) of a new development".
