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Food business



SETTLING IN: Cafe Komodo co-owners Melanie and David Miller say Prospect Rd has real potential. Picture: Keryn Stevens H0345571

Three restaurateurs after one shopfront

PROSPECT Rd is shaping up as one of Adelaide's premier dining strips, with four new restaurants and cafes opening in five months, and more on the way.

Devour Dessert Bar, Cikolatte and Basil & Lemongrass Thai Cafe have all opened along the strip in the past four months.

Arriba Grill – a Mexican burrito cafe – is opening later this month.

Dining and coffee hubs already make up more than one quarter of businesses along Prospect Rd.

But Prospect Council has reported an increase in inquiries from people wanting to start more cafes and restaurants on the road, since work on its \$3.5 redevelopment started in January.

The upgrade will include indented car parking and wider paved footpaths, allowing more space for outdoor dining.

Prospect's business and economic development director Steve Harrison said he knew of three restaurateurs who were vying for the lease of the same shop front, but would not reveal the location.

"We now have an eclectic mixture of food and dining experiences," Mr Harrison said.

"We have the nice new Turkish

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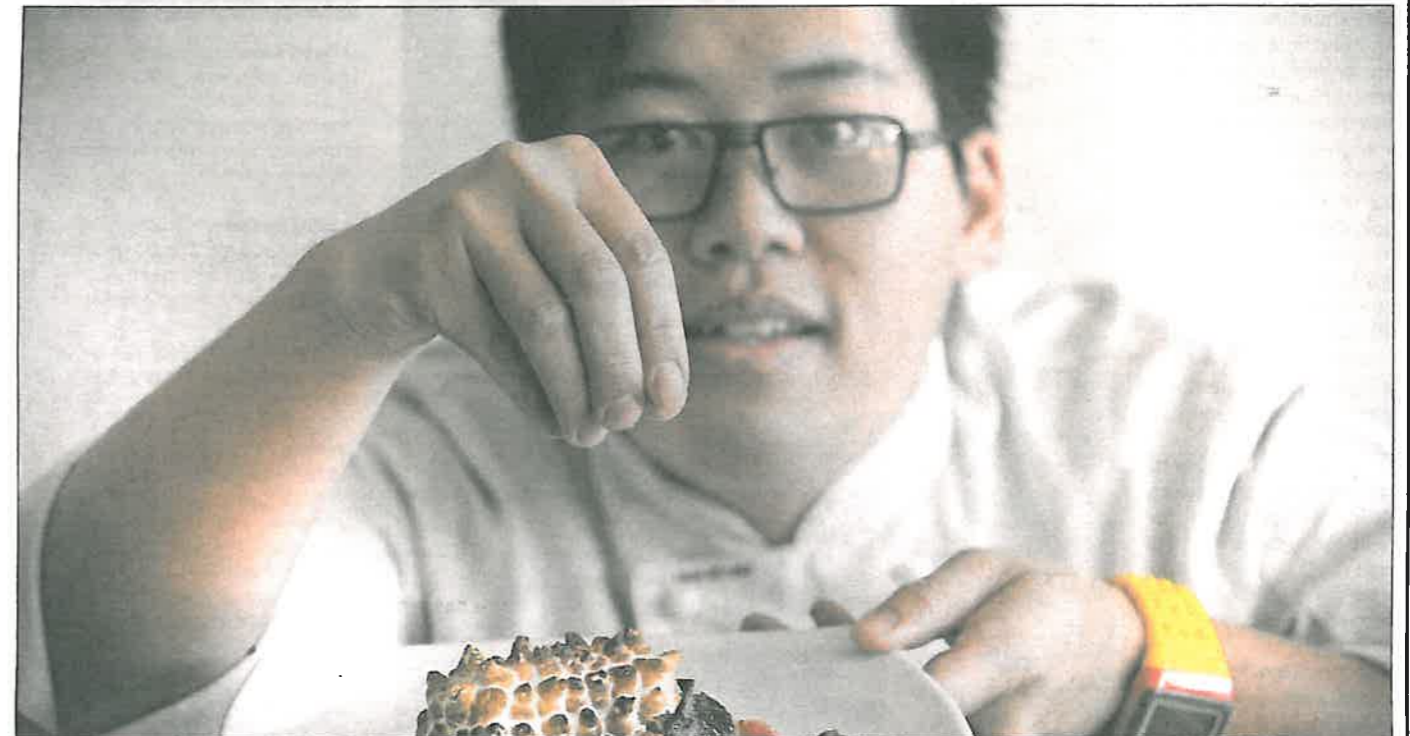
restaurant Cikolatte, the Indian restaurant Shankers is doing really well and Cafe Komodo is a roaring success and it's hidden down an alleyway.

"We are getting a good mix of food places and it is bringing locals back to Prospect."

Cafe Komodo co-owner Melanie Miller, who took over the business 18 months ago, said Prospect Rd had the potential to become a prominent dining and dining strip.

"It is still early days but once the street has had its facelift, I certainly hope it heads that way," Mrs Miller said. "It has a really good mix of different styles of cafes, but it would be good to see a whole lot more come so we can become like The Parade."

took a stroll down Prospect Rd and discovered the is flourishing



SPRINKLE, SPRINKLE: Quang Nguyen runs one of the new breed of eateries in the Prospect area, a dessert bar. Picture: Luke Hemer H0345607

SWEET ADDITION I

SWEET teeth have a new reason to visit Prospect Rd – Quang Nguyen's new dessert bar Devour.

"I came to Prospect Rd because it was fairly close to the city and there was nothing like this around here," Mr Nguyen said.

"It is one of those streets that are starting to develop into some-

thing busier." Mr Nguyen said the dessert and coffee bar had received a good response from patrons.

But he was hopeful new businesses like his own could help make Prospect Rd more vibrant.

"It does die up a bit because there is not much to do around here at night besides cafes and restaurants," Mr Nguyen said.

"But I definitely see growth, with lots of interesting things happening and lots of little cafes and hidden gems around.

"We just want to liven the street up a bit more."

The Devour owner hoped Prospect Council would ease up on parking restrictions to allow more diverse businesses on to the strip.

Plans for a tapas and wine bar were likely to be scrapped because it did not provide sufficient parking, the *City North Messenger* reported last week.

"A wine bar would be an awesome addition to the late night scene," Mr Nguyen said.

"It would make the street livelier and would be a reason to come down to Prospect Rd, rather than just drive past it."



CAFFE CENA: This cafe has been serving up classic Italian dishes in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for more than six years.



CIKOLATTE: The Turkish restaurant came to Prospect Rd three months ago and highlights include its flavoursome coffee.



CIBO ESPRESSO: Nestled next to the Vine Street Plaza, this popular coffee hub brings a little bit of Italy to Prospect Rd.



BABANUSA: Proudly claiming to be Australia's only Sudanese restaurant, Prospect Rd has been home to Babanusa since 1995.



SHANKER'S RESTAURANT: Shanker's fine dining restaurant prides itself on its southern Indian cuisine and a quality wine list.



CAFE KOMODO: It is a haven of retro, comfy cool and laid back tunes, specialising in healthy, hearty food and has an all day breakfast menu.



BASIL & LEMONGRASS: From North Adelaide, found a new home on Prospect Rd four months ago offering tasty Thai dishes.



MOMIJI SUSHI: Momiji is celebrating two years on Prospect Rd and serves up fresh and tasty sushi for breakfast, lunch and dinner.