



The Socially Responsible Design Studio

# NEWSLETTER

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT INCREASINGLY OUR WORK IS BIG PICTURE & STRATEGIC?

That clients come to us for mentoring and vision setting around branding, expanding, pitching, franchising and leveraging greater benefit from their built environment assets?

We're very good at helping CEO's, founders, managers and boards put aside emotion and impulse, to instead make informed and objective forward thinking decisions. We assist them with gathering the research they need in order to identify: latent capacity, potential ways to improve efficiency and productivity and to reduce risks, opportunities for improved positioning in the market, whether they have the right systems in place for physical expansion and what stars need to align, ways to engage their stakeholders and collaboratively set needs and opportunity based visions.

Recent examples of our work in these areas include strategy and concept for the land and built assets of **Toongabbie Sports Club**, research and leasing advisory to **Energize Health Club**, mentoring and advisory to restaurants; **Shift Eatery**, **The Green Lion**, **Parliament on King** and to the not for profit employment service **Fitted for Work**.

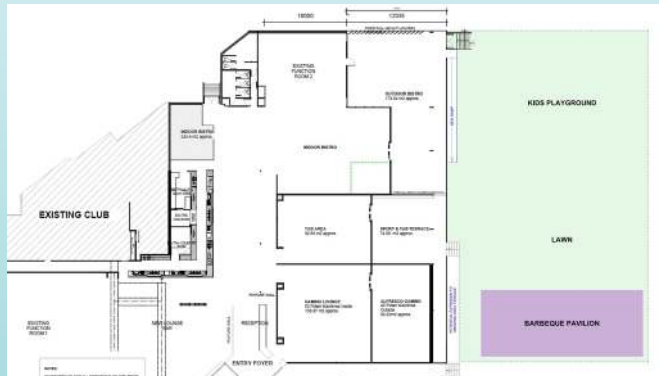


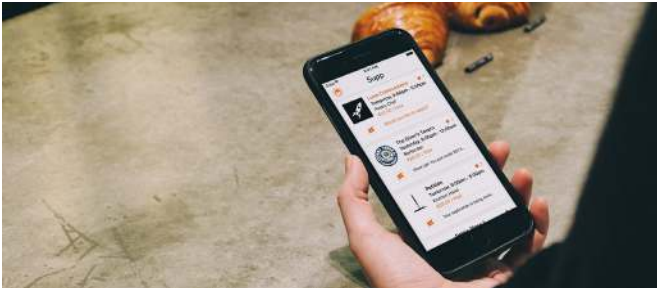
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## WHAT'S NEW IN FOOD & HOSPITALITY

With many restaurants struggling to find people to cover shifts, **Melbourne-based app “Supp” not only makes it easy to find quality staff at short notice, but also makes wage compliance simple.**

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**The Boathouse Patonga Hotel has launched its boutique apartment accommodation.** We're impressed by the interior design of this new development.

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**Sydney's Gardener's Lodge Cafe serves plant-based interpretations of southern-Italian cuisine.**

Located in the beautiful Victorian gothic sandstone building Gardener's Lodge, the cafe serves delicious lasagne, calzones and more.

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## WHAT'S NEW IN RETAIL AND SERVICES

**American fashion retailer Forever 21 has hired restructuring advisors in the hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.** The retailer has recently been closing stores, including their flagship store in Chicago.

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**Last year toy store brand Toys “R” Us closed all of its American locations and liquidated.** They have recently reemerged as Tru Kids Inc. and plan to open approximately six stores over the course of this year.

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## WHAT'S NEW IN WORKPLACE

**Will we have to build the design of facilities for office pets into our future office design briefs?** As the corporate landscape changes, pets are more likely to be visiting Australian offices.

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## FEEL GOOD STORY OF THE MONTH

Youth mental health facility Orygen and OYH Parkville has won the **Best Mental Health Design** at the **2019 European Healthcare Design Awards** ceremony in London. This sculptural and nature inspired design caught our eye.

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## FTD RECENT RETAIL PROJECTS FOR BAKU

Swimwear brand Baku is one of our ongoing clients, with stores Australia-wide. Check out these photos of the various cost effective fitouts we've designed for this client across the country recently.



This July is an opportunity to celebrate what makes **B Corps** so special, and to show why better business, for a better world, matters.

[Watch the B Corp community video](#)

## WHAT WE'RE READING THIS MONTH

The Humans, Matt Haig



## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON & WHO WITH

- A Golf Club Building Master Plan in Regional NSW
- Large Office/Medical Services Interior Design Projects in Sydney and Tuggerah
- A New Food Retail Store and Brand in Sydney
- A New Asian Grocery Store and Brand in Sydney
- An Office/Warehouse Relocation in Sydney
- New Flooring & Homewares Retail Stores in Melbourne and Brisbane

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