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Students Petronilla Grace, Abi Parameswaran and Harry Perkins. (Inset) 'Swanny' and students.

Swanny supports student sleepers.



Aussie rock legend John Swan – aka Swanny – was on hand to support students sleeping out to raise funds for Adelaide's Community Outreach Dental Clinic. Around 60 students from the University of Adelaide dentistry course took part in this year's event which raised \$4,000 for the Clinic based at Common Ground Light Square. Students camped out at the WestCare Centre as temperatures fell to just six degrees overnight. The Dental Clinic will hold another fundraiser later in the year. The dinner auction at St Mark's College will be hosted by Keith Conlon on Friday, October 16. [For more information, phone Marie Steffens on 0467812966.](#)

Paul Canoville talks with the team.



When Chelsea soccer star Paul Canoville took to the ground for his first Premier league match, he thought it would be a dream come true. However, his burgeoning career soon took a nightmare turn. "I remember scoring a goal and hearing that some fans wouldn't have it because a black player scored," he recounted. "It didn't

count, so they said we had lost not drawn." This was among the experiences Canoville shared with Adelaide's Street Soccer Team when he visited recently as part of his Motivate4Change program. The team, comprising several Common Ground residents, listened to Canoville speak for about 20 minutes about his life – including battles with drugs,

English footy star drives powerful message.

cancer and the death of his infant son. Canoville's uplifting tales of triumph over adversity struck a real chord with the group – as did his tips for top on-field play. "I had to control my anger so many times so outsiders couldn't see," he said. "It was so hard. You've just got to remember you can do anything."

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Artist, Joel Moore in front of the Common Ground Mellor Street building mural.

Internationally acclaimed painter Joel Moore and Common Ground have taken art to a new level in the CBD. Joel – aka Vans the Omega – has applied his talents to the front of the new Common Ground Mellor Street development creating the largest scale solo mural in

the city. Joel said the geometry behind the painting fed off the angles of the building giving it architectural form and balance. "I've called the work Hemispheres," he explained. "It's about the masculine and feminine side of the brain, balancing the two and the harmony that comes from that."

"It features a mother and son – which both embodies this message and portrays the unique work Common Ground is doing as an inner city housing provider which can now help single parents and children." Joel said the job had personal significance for him too. "I get my hair cut at The Basin

which supports Common Ground and my dad has done some work with OzHarvest – another Common Ground partner – so I already had an understanding of the important work this organisation does," he said. "I really felt like I was meant to do this. It was meant to be."

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A mild autumn morning provided the perfect setting for South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill to meet and greet residents and officially open Common Ground Mellor Street. The Premier joined around 80 guests under the Santos marquee in Light Square to unveil a plaque which will soon adorn the new building. Several residents were also kind enough to open their apartments to guests. The event was emceed by Common Ground tenant Latoya Rule. Matt Doman, Santos' Public Affairs Manager, Eastern Australia and Board member Craig Holden, also spoke. Common Ground Mellor Street is now fully tenanted, providing housing for around 70 people – men, women and children.



Maria Palumbo, Premier Weatherill, Julie Mitchell and Monsignor David Cappo. (Inset) Premier Weatherill with Common Ground staff and residents at the new Mellor Street Apartments.



Living Art.

Lawrence Hunter is one of a number of talented artists living at Common Ground. Specialising in Landscape Impressionism, Lawrence – a third generation artist – has been creatively painting for 15 years.



Two works of art by talented Adelaide artist, Lawrence Hunter.

In recent times, he has dedicated his life to producing a wide range of paintings from iconic Adelaide street scenes and capturing the colour and beauty of the natural environment. Lawrence draws inspiration from travelling Australia, studying the seasons and "the complexity of life". Formally a commercial painter, Lawrence hopes to study fine art at university next year. He has shown his work at a number of exhibitions. Lawrence has a number of paintings for sale. If you are looking for a quality piece of artwork or would like to have Lawrence paint your favourite scene email: ljhunter71@hotmail.com



Frank Mantovan and Lucy Visconti.

Sitting pretty.

As Lucy Visconti and Frank Mantovan from Estilo Commercial look out the window of their city showroom, they feel proud – and rightly so. They can see furniture from within their range being put to good use. Earlier this year, Common Ground Adelaide received a donation of 20 chairs for tenants from Estilo Commercial, located on Waymouth Street directly next to Common Ground's Light Square office. The seating was a mix of former showroom samples including bar stools, various dining and multipurpose chairs. Lucy said

she was pleased to be able to "help people in need." "It's really great because when I look out the window of our showroom, I can quite literally see the chairs being used," she said. Estilo Commercial was established in 2003. Estilo specialises in supplying workplace and hospitality furniture for South Australian projects. Recently it has supplied to Adelaide Oval; Bendigo and Adelaide Bank as well as various bars and restaurants within the CBD. For sales or inquiries, phone 81 18 6222 or visit www.estilocommercial.com.au



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A little bit of luxury from abroad.

In another generous gesture from a local business, El Cabello on King William Road has added a touch of luxury to the lives of Common Ground residents. Born from a love of travel and the simplicity of village life, El Cabello sells a contemporary

collection of chic tribal and bohemian furniture and lifestyle products. El Cabello provided packages of body products for women to Common Ground totalling more than \$3000. Goods included body wash, lip balms, soaps and scrubs. Owner

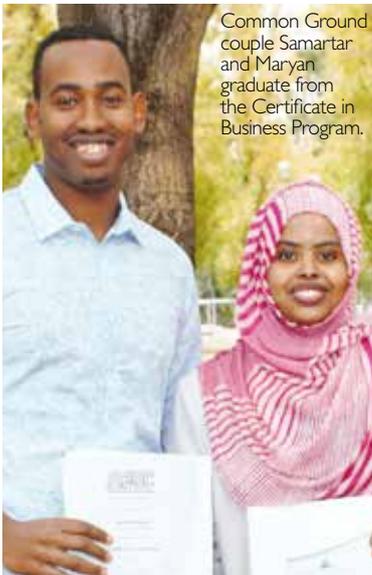
Jane Holden said all products in El Cabello's range were carefully sourced or hand-crafted from all over the world "from Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Portugal to Peru". Visit in shop at 119B King William Road, Unley or online www.elcabello.com.au

When Common Ground received a State Government community grant to conduct writing workshops for residents with the help of SA Writers Centre, it was expected to be a healing exercise and a chance to help tenants hone their writing skills.

A few months - and a book later - it has proven nothing short of a triumph and a testament to the talent, courage and achievements of South Australians living at Common Ground. Perfect – An Anthology of Poetry and Prose is now being published and will be launched in August. More information will be available in the next edition of *Grounded*.



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Common Ground couple Samantar and Maryan graduate from the Certificate in Business Program.

On course to work.

Horticulture is providing the grounding for a new career for four Common Ground Port Augusta tenants. The Augusta Terrace-based group is undertaking Certificate Two in the course in partnership with Civil Train through the Skills for All program. The students gain experience and accreditation in using chainsaws, laying pavers, installing dripper systems, using hand and power tools and working safely at heights. Common Ground's Boston Street site will be used for practical training. Meanwhile, North East Vocational College and Common Ground have also teamed up again this year to run Certificate Two and Three in Business courses at Common Ground in Adelaide. A total of 12 people including nine CGA tenants recently completed their certificates. "We have enjoyed the business course, learning so much from this experience," graduate Maryan Ali said. "We had a great teacher, Doris, and support from Natasha. It was a wonderful opportunity".

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