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## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



Ahoy hoy! Firstly welcome to the new students taking on the challenge of study this year and welcome back to those students continuing on with their studies.

This is SANITI's second year operating under the service level agreement with NMIT. Having delivered this successfully last year I am proud to say that we are continuing to operate and more importantly grow in this current climate. We seem to be doing something right and we have you the students to thank for that.

This will be another interesting and challenging year for everyone in the ever changing landscape of education and one that we are looking forward to. This year I encourage you all to make use of what we have on offer here at SANITI from events to advocacy and everything in between.

I hope you have a fantastic year and good luck with the study side of things, try to find a good study/ social life balance. Don't let the beginning of the year defeat you. Remember victory however long and hard the road may be.

I do rate a good natter so if you see me roaming about please feel free to stop me for a chat!

*Cheers, Scott*

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## PROGRAMME REPS

This year's programme reps have been nominated, selected and are in action. They met up for their first training session back in March and had their first meeting in April. Have you got something that you would like your programme rep to bring up at the next meeting? Swing by SANITI or ask your tutor who your rep is, then get in touch, and they can bring up your issue at the next meeting.

## GAY MARRIAGE

Same-sex marriage will become legal in New Zealand on 19 August 2013. A Bill for the legalisation was passed by the New Zealand House of Representatives on 17 April 2013 and received Royal Assent on 19 April 2013. New Zealand will be the first country in Oceania, and the second Commonwealth realm (after Canada), to issue civil marriages for same-sex couples. Now everyone can marry who they love regardless of gender and experience the lifetime of "joy and happiness" that come along with marriage.

## STUDYLINK (OR IS THAT NOVOPAY?!)

Anyone who applied for a Student Loan or Student Allowance this year will well know the hoops you needed to hurdle to receive your weekly income. We've seen them all and it's been ...Crazy! However you are not alone in fact there have been numerous hold ups, lost documents, repeatedly sent contracts, poor communication, i-govt vs studylink log on problems, policy change casualties, 0800 number cut offs and general frustration at the service. As your student voice, these concerns have been taken up by your President and Advocates. Watch our Facebook and VOS magazine for updates and any changes to policy that may affect you and let's hope that next year we have an experience more approaching the surface of a baby's rear end.

## HELP US HELP YOU

SANITI is currently accepting applications for volunteers for the 2013 School year. At SANITI we put on a wide range of awesome events and activities. There are many ways to get involved, so swing by the office and we can fill you in on the details.

## SANITI DOES THE KIWI EXPERIENCE

SANITI in conjunction with NMIT have launched the new and exciting Kiwi Experience programme – allowing International Students to discover the real New Zealand. Born and bred Kiwi Experience Manager, Lucy Funaki, is passionate about her country and enjoys showing it off. Kiwi Experience takes students to the hidden gems within the Nelson-Marlborough Region, at the cheapest and best price possible. All transport provided is free; and the activities are a mix of free and low-cost user pay activities, ensuring that everyone can take part!!!

Activities include visiting one of New Zealand's finest beaches - Rabbit Island with a free Kiwi BBQ lunch and games; touring the unique and exquisite attractions of Golden Bay; white water rafting down the mighty Buller River and visiting the idyllic Kaikoura Coast, to name a few! Experience New Zealand today and get involved....contact Lucy Funaki via email [international.saniti@xtra.co.nz](mailto:international.saniti@xtra.co.nz) or phone the SANITI office on 03 546 2425

Check out some of the photos from our trip to Rabbit Island in April 2013.



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## RECYCLING



There are a variety of recycling bins distributed all around NMIT campus. You will notice them as they stand out due to the brightly coloured lids. Recently there has been a problem at the recycling centre when they are sorting the bins as the cross contamination of glass, paper and plastic and general refuse seems to be a persistent problem. Please take a second to check which bin you are placing your recycling in and ensure that you do not use them as rubbish bins. It only takes a couple pieces of plastic in the Paper bin and they have to throw the whole lot in the tip.

Thanks you for your continued support in keeping our beautiful campus green and sustainable.

## CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTION!



As you may or may not have noticed construction on campus is ongoing. "F Block" is officially no more and is currently being used as a much needed car park. The Aquaculture and Facilities building has just been completed adjacent to the library, you'll notice the NMIT fleet vehicles have also been moved over there as well. The construction on the new Applied Technologies building is under way and we should be seeing some structures being assembled and going up over the winter. You may have noticed the carpentry students are also engaging in a construction project of their own, check out the building site adjacent to the arts building to see the house they are building.

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# GRADUATION 2012 NELSON

NMIT's Nelson Graduation was held at the Trafalgar Centre on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 with 758 students graduating from their respective programmes. Upon completion of the ceremony the graduation parade made its way through town ending on NMIT's Nelson campus where SANITI put on a delicious feed. Graduates, NMIT staff, and extremely proud parents and supporters enjoyed the after function socialising into the early evening. A great time was had by all!



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# GRADUATION 2012 BLENHEIM

NMIT Marlborough Campus Graduation was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at the Marlborough Event Centre with 226 graduating students in attendance. The after function was held onsite with parents, NMIT staff and students enjoying a cocktail party with bubbles and canapés. Best of luck to all the graduates in your future endeavours!



Do you have any ideas for articles?  
Is there something you think we need to write about?  
If it involves NMIT students - tell us!

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# VOS



# ORIENTATION 2013



Orientation 2013 kicked off the year in style, welcoming new and returning students to campus with over 3 weeks of awesome events. Over \$1500 dollars worth of prizes and vouchers were given out by the local business who supported the orientation programme. We had some awesome games and challenges from Sack Races, to Raro Pong, and even a Tug-o-war with a surprise upset victory by the boys from trades. All in all it was an awesome (albeit busy) few weeks.

Big shout out's to the local banks who sponsored the major events and covered the cost of food for the various BBQ's, without them the orientation programme would not be possible. Cheers ANZ, SBS, and ASB we really appreciate your continued support.

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#### **The Shark Club**

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#### **Liquid Bar**

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#### **Little India**

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#### **Loafers Bakery**

273 Hardy St, Nelson • (03) 548 3989  
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#### **Mango Restaurant - Nelson City**

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#### **Mango Restaurant - Richmond**

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10% off a complete pair of glasses. 10% off sunglasses. Eye tests \$60.

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# student executive

## SANITI'S EXECUTIVE'S ROLE INVOLVES THE REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF ALL NMIT STUDENTS

The Student Executive are responsible for upholding SANITI's Constitution, as well as to support and assist the President to build and promote the association.

The Executive defines the vision of the Association and sets its goals. Having set the goals, the role of the Executive is then to ensure the Association has the resources to achieve the goals for the benefit of the student members.

BEC

**What are you studying at NMIT:** Bachelor of applied social sciences - counselling

**Why did you chose it:** I didn't get into T-col so took the certificate as a one year fill in to reapply....then discovered counselling was my calling in life :)

**Favourite part of study:** My placement :)

**Goals for the year:** Pass everything and help facilitate change with my clients' journeys

**Future ambition:** Make a difference in people's lives

**If I had one super power what would it be?** Flying (in the yes I have kick ass retractable wings kind of way)

NICK WILDER

**What are you studying at NMIT:** Batchelor in Applied Sciences in Counselling

**Why did you choose that programme:** Natural choice, due to my background in the social services and really just required an accepted "creditation".

**Favourite part of study:** Working along side others, seeing others succeed.

**Goals for the year:** To be able to incorporate the learning at NMIT, to my everyday life from my elected profession.

**Future Ambition:** Self-Employed Counsellor, either working in Nelson or abroad (Internationally).

**If you had one super power what would it be?** Easy! I'd love to be able to slow-down time, so I could then enjoy more of life's indulgent pleasures e.g. consuming hot liquids in front of my fire while enjoying great conversations with others

TESSA DONALD

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BCom in Management & Marketing

**Why did you choose that programme:** Management because I want to open a business and Marketing because it turned out to be something I didn't know I enjoyed

**Favourite part of study:** Meeting and getting to know people I wouldn't have met otherwise

**Goals for the year:** Complete my Management Degree

**Future Ambition:** Opening my own HR business

**If you had one super power what would it be?** To be able to make rude people polite.

SCOTT MAYER

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BCom, Accounting

**Why did you choose that programme:** By accident. I became treasurer at church, found I liked doing finance stuff, thought maybe I could study this, dipped my toe in the water and did a couple of summer school papers, enjoyed it, and decided to do a BCom.

**Favourite part of study:** Passing.

**Goals for the year:** Graduate, hopefully with good grades.

**Future Ambition:** Qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

**If you had one super power what would it be?** The ability to transport myself anywhere instantly. It would be good for getting out of awkward conversations.



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JOCelyn TAYLOR (JOS)

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BIT currently in my third year :D

**Why did you choose that programme:** I have always enjoyed technology and at the time it clicked into place.

**Favourite part of study:** I really love that feeling when you create something new, building it from the ground up. it all comes together 'it is such a rush' knowing I achieved it.

**Goals for the year:** To Graduate at the end of year. To then celebrate my achievement with a wonderful holiday.

**Future Ambition:** To find employment in the technology sector. Either here or overseas, I'm very open to where the road leads me and my family.

**If you had one super power what would it be?** To extend energy out from my hands and manipulate matter. very cool :D

BEN PENKETH

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BCom (majoring in Marketing) and a Diploma of Applied Fitness

**Why did you choose that programme:** To be healthy, wealthy and wise

**Favourite part of study:** Eating my lunch!

**Goals for the year:** The overarching goal this year is to graduate. So with that being said, my short term goals are to continue networking and try to find a graduate position.

**Future Ambition:** Work for the man, and to enjoy wearing my shirts with the top button buttoned. Failing that, continue my profession as a student.

**If you had one super power what would it be?** One super power? that's a bit unfair isn't it? Probably wouldn't mind being able to travel in time, wait is that even a super power?

MELISSA WITHERS

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BCom with a double major in Accounting and Marketing

**Why did you choose that programme:** It's such a diverse degree that covers so many aspects of business, so you get a really solid grounding through the study. Many workplaces are also becoming incredibly competitive today, and you often need a tertiary qualification to get a good job.

**Favourite part of study:** handing in a finished assignment.

**Goals for the year:** Finish my third year of the BCom, learn some Mandarin and go on holiday to Europe :-)

**Future ambition:** To be happy and successful in whichever career path I finally decide on.

**If you had one super power what would it be?** I definitely wish I could fly. Imagine how easy it would be to get around!



JAMES "MR RUSS" RUSSELL

**What are you studying at NMIT:** BIT

**Why did you choose that programme:** Because there's a part in me that loves all the geeky stuff that the Bachelor offers & It's a qualification :)

**Favourite part of study:** The hands on: get yer fingers dirty coding / designing websites / Creating networks, only for them to break when you turn your back... oh and the tutors are awesome!!

**Goals for the year:** Graduate!

**Future Ambition:** Design / implement / upgrade corporate networks

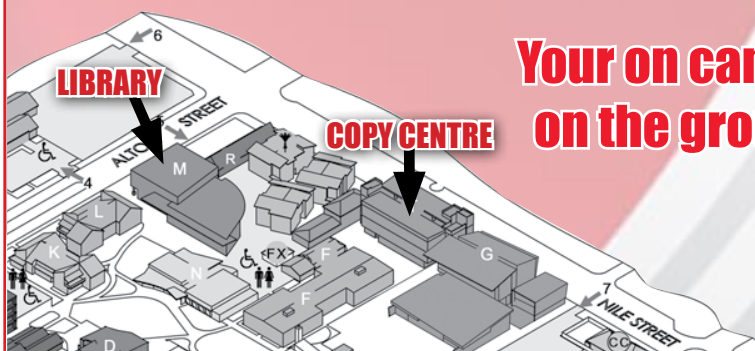
**If you had one super power what would it be?** The ability to make objects fly!!



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## STUDENT ADVISORS



### **Student Advisors** (from left)

Carole Crawford, Jane Chamberlain, Shelly McCormick, Kim Hippolite, Kerrie Dillon, Alison Horn, Michael Nicholson, Darren Meer.  
(Absent Viliamni Langi)

The Student Advisors are here to help with:

- Adjusting to Student life
- Maori and Pacific Island Liaison
- International Student Advisor
- Accessibility and Disability Advisor
- General health checks and quitting smoking support
- Counselling support
- Information on regional activities
- Appointments with the Learning Advisors

***Any issues or concerns come and see the team here at Student Help desk in M Block.***

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- Log onto the NMIT Facebook page for the latest news and events
- Borrow our sports equipment for FREE
- Check our International mail board
- The Campus Nurse, Alison, works 8.30am-1.00pm daily

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# Pip's Tips

with SANITI Advocate Pip Bowler



## TEN TIPS FOR SURVIVING STUDENT LIFE

**1.** If it's End of Days and by that I mean end of your food cupboard, give one of these two recipes a try; 1- mix in a pot one tin of baked beans, one tin of creamed corn, a clove of garlic chopped finely and a teaspoon of mixed herbs, heat and serve. 2-cook any old cheap pasta, just as it's finished drain off water and mix in a tin of chopped tinned tomatoes and a cup of grated cheese (you can throw in tuna too if you have it)...Gooooood times!

**2.** Don't be the quiet wee mouse in the corner! I know it's harder for some than others but if you are struggling, confused, unhappy in yourself or with anything at NMIT, failing or feeling harassed, ask for help because there are heaps of people who can help YOU – tutors, programme representatives, SANITI Advocates, Learning Support, Student Support etc

**3.** Revel in FREE stuff. As an NMIT student you can get a cheap hairdos, beauty treatments, and trips with the Adventure Tourism students. Free counseling, free WiFi and oh yes a free cuppa at SANITI ☺ In some cases quality cannot be guaranteed but hey you can't argue with those prices!!

**4.** Live in the moment...right NOW! Being a tertiary student is often reflected on as a really special part of people's life. Financially it's a %@\*%er but this is a beautiful campus and you are surrounded by awesome people every day who are working away on the same stuff...take a BIG breath and look around.

**5.** Cheap is good! ( Hhhmmmm I think I've heard that somewhere before) While you're a student pull out your Student ID at the movies and the other stores who offer student discounts (see list in front of your SANITI diary). Go Op Shopping, take a special friend to the RATA Room your student restaurant for a fraction of the price of eating out anywhere else, keep costs down by buying a sack of something bulk each week in your shopping like Week One: Rice; Week Two; Spuds; Week Three: Pasta; Week Four: Flour. Bake and freeze.

**6.** Don't suffer or sweat the small stuff! Being as organized as you can with log on details for NMIT and StudyLink. Keep a folder (or plastic bag even) for papers and log on details. Also manage your due dates, ask for extensions early if you see you are not going to be able to complete in time for genuine reasons (not I played x-box for 48 hours straight!), returning your library books or communicating with library staff will save you ending up with the debt collector on your back. Denial is a wide wide river!

**7.** Get close to your classmates! (but not too close...yes you know what I'm talking about) Share the joy of student poverty by doing stuff together like Clothes Swaps, shared meals, lunches or picnics, study groups, DVD or games nights, or book the SANITI BBQ for a class lunch

**8.** Relish Diversity! NMIT campus is one of the most diverse communities in the Nelson Tasman region and you are in the middle of it. Listen to others stories and experiences, go to events, support minority groups, help out a class mate who looks a bit alone,

**9.** Be Random and Crazy. You'll soon be the professional/tradesperson but not yet. So brighten up the campus and be a bit whacky. Do it now!

**10.** If all else fails come to SANITI for a ☺

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYLINK

with SANITI Advocate Tracy Sawtell



YES... I know that you are all no doubt sick and tired of StudyLink this year, but there is some IMPORTANT information which you need to be aware of regarding the changes that have occurred over the last year or so. We have already seen some students being caught out by these changes so *please* read on...

From 1 April 2012, employers have been able to withhold money from your pay even if you are earning under the repayment threshold (currently \$19,084). You will need to obtain a repayment exemption certificate from IRD and give that to your employer to stop this.

If you are earning money and have a student loan and have an exemption certificate, then your tax code is 'M'. If you are earning money and have a student loan and are not eligible for a repayment exemption then your tax code is 'SL'.

From 1 April 2013, the definition of income for assessment of **eligibility for Student Allowance** includes a wider range of income types, which could result in people who have been receiving Student Allowance no longer being eligible to do so. We know of one student who has been cut-off.

From 7 February 2013, **students cannot borrow through the Student Loan Scheme if they have \$500 or more in student loan repayments in default at the time of their application**, with at least some portion of that amount being overdue for a year or more. We know of one student who

has not been able to study this year as they were denied a student loan because of this. If you think that this policy may affect you for future student loans, **be proactive NOW!** Talk to IRD and see whether you can enter into a repayment arrangement or have some of the debt reduced. The key is to get the outstanding debt under \$500 so that your eligibility for student loans is not affected.

From 1 April 2013, the Student Loan repayment rate for all New Zealand based borrowers earning of the repayment threshold is 12 cents in the dollar.

If you have a student loan and go overseas, you will now need to make loan repayments after one year. You will need to apply to IRD before you leave the country to activate the repayment holiday and also provide IRD with the contact details of a person in New Zealand to help IRD find you when you are overseas.

There have been a number of other changes. If you have any questions arising from the above or would like to discuss whether the changes affect your situation, please come in and see us at SANITI.





# Cards with the Aunties

SANITI Staffer Jaycob Q. Brown reflects on spending quality time with his whanau

Before the ascension of all things internet and social-media-related (yes there was a time), when tag and hide n' seek were still considered cool (was that only at my place?), mostly everyone knew how to play cards. I still remember my first introduction to card playing. As a child I was usually in the company of older cousins or Aunties. My favourite was Auntie Millie, who called me 'boy', just like the movie.

Auntie Millie's passions were simple and few; family, cooking, smoking and crushing her sisters and cousins at card games. The obvious relish with which she despatched her opponents probably should have disturbed me; however my ten-year-old brain was only interested in one thing. Victory!

Auntie Millie's first lesson to me was very straightforward. Cheating is very bad. If you get caught that is. Which was about when I realised Auntie Millie's numerous and much celebrated victories may not have been honestly come by. A fact tragically highlighted to me one evening when one of her sisters thought to shake my ten-year-old person down for cards before a game. Cards, Auntie Millie had planned to use later.

This brought into play Auntie Millie's second lesson. When Auntie Millie says run, you should run. Now my Auntie was a large woman, as were her sisters and mostly everyone in my family. Yet when she wanted to, she could move like a gazelle and put on bursts of speed that were astounding. In this particular instance, she managed to side-step a grapple by Auntie Mel, trip Auntie Barb, throw a pillow at Auntie Sal, stoop and pick me up as I ran screaming from the room whilst shouting over her shoulder "See ya suckers!" After a few brisk laps of the house, a mob of angry card players at our backs, dodging jandals, shoes, and on one memorable occasion a bucket of water that's usually how it goes.

Playing cards with my Aunties I learnt a couple of things: a) all of my Aunties cheat at cards, (although Auntie Millie was by far the most accomplished), b) it actually wasn't about the card playing, it was about getting together as a family. Don't get me wrong, winning was also at the top, the Aunties loved nothing better than to bask in the defeat of each other and they did so with unreserved enthusiasm. Card playing was the great equaliser, anyone could play regardless of their skill, if you played badly you could expect to be ridiculed with gusto, which only made you try harder. Here are a couple of the Aunties' favourite card games for the next time you're with your family and friends.



## LAST CARD

A mainstay in my family, its variations and rules changed according to who you played it with. In the interest of familial relations and after an unfortunate eyebrow shaving incident, it was agreed that rules should be set before play commenced.

Everyone was dealt five cards; the players followed the suit (spades, diamonds etc) playing cards until they were out, upon reducing your hand to the last card you must declare "last card". Failing to do so meant you could not go out on your next turn and you faced constant ridicule. The trick cards to be played of any suit were; 5 - person next to you picks up 5 cards and 2 pickup 2, Ace change suit, 10 miss a go and Jack, change direction. The object in the game was to hoard your 2 and 5 until you could unload on the unwary, and to protect yourself from aforementioned action as they could be stacked.

## DONKEY

A relatively easy game, my Auntie Julie's table suffered greatly from this. Normal hands are about 5 people, we played 14. All players receive five cards, in the centre there are teaspoons, 1 less the amount of players e.g. 14 players 13 teaspoons. When the dealer shouts "pass", you take one card from your hand and pass to the left, conversely picking up your new card from the right. The aim is to get all the same suit. Once you had this you grabbed a spoon shouting "Donkey!" the loser missed out on the spoon. As you can imagine this could be achieved in various and amusing ways.

My personal favourite was to shout donkey claiming my spoon and sweeping the rest onto the floor. Chaos followed. Another fav is to pick up from your right before passing to your left, thus giving you a greater selection whilst frustrating the person on the left. If you were dealing, you can call pass at whatever speed you thought appropriate. Imagine the possibilities.

Anyone who says these two games are kid's games obviously hasn't seen us play cards. You know if you have to do warm ups and stretches beforehand things are gonna be interesting.

## MARLBOROUGH EVENTS

- **Wed 22 May: Free Lunch**  
**Blenheim campus**
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# TICKETSLAPPA



SANITI's own ugged booted, pretty-in-pink princess casts a glance at the new Tom Cruise movie *Oblivion*.



Things are changing, the weathers getting colder out. I can legitimately wear faux fur and my leopard print grape coloured ugg boots. Being the small town girl that I am, it's always a challenge to find an appreciative, sober and frankly conscience audience for what I call fashion statements. Anyway, the question is what to do tonight. Nothing on the box so looks like it's the movies where I can punish I mean enlighten innocent on lookers! Ha!

At this time of year (school holidays) it can be a bit of a mission to find a movie not over flowing with kids. Looking outside at the rainy sky, fur might not be the best choice or my ugg boots. Never thought I'd say that out loud. I do however have a pair of pumps I drunk purchased from a drag queen costume website, that need an outing!

State Cinema Nelson is my local, with quite a few choices I must say. The searing pain in my calves from the drag heels tells me I need to make a choice quickly. I'm torn between what I think is a romantic, zombie comedy **Warm Bodies** (yes really) and **Oblivion** starring Tom Cruise.

I do love sci-fi but Tom Cruise is a bit me me. *Warm Bodies* does look like a laugh. One coin toss later I'm sitting in my seat waiting for *Oblivion* starring Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, showing for two hours and five minutes.

In the year 2077, Jack Harper (Tom Cruise) is a drone repair man stationed on Earth. Sixty years before humanity waged a war with an alien life form known as Scavs. That war destroyed the moon and almost destroyed earth. Both Jack and his partner Victoria (Andrea Riseborough) live in tower 49 above the ruins of New York City. They work to secure earth's remaining resources using the drones which are then shipped to the Tet (the floating mega city which orbits the earth that all of humanity has fled to). Jack and Victoria are near the end of their tour of duty, which



once completed will see them retired to the Tet. However Jack has been having flash backs of a woman who is not Victoria.

Everything changes one day when on patrol he rescues a woman from a downed space craft, the woman he's been dreaming about.

Not to take the mickey Tom, but I could have written this myself! The plot was as obvious as the golden glitter drag queen pumps I'm wearing. While there was odd surprise (bring in the clones) it was by far, fairly predictable. And Mr Cruise seems to be channelling the same character he used in *Mission Impossible I*.

However the CG (computer generated) stuff, costume design, cinematography and general feel of the movie was great. The desolation of earth 2077 is very well done. I also like Morgan Freeman, pretty much in everything. In particular when he played

God, It wasn't actually that big a stretch.

Those things aside a good movie should be about more than its special effects, I could even forgive the repetitive character acting if the storyline wasn't predictable. Nice try Tom, but try again; this time spend more money on writers. Well at least my shoes got an outing.

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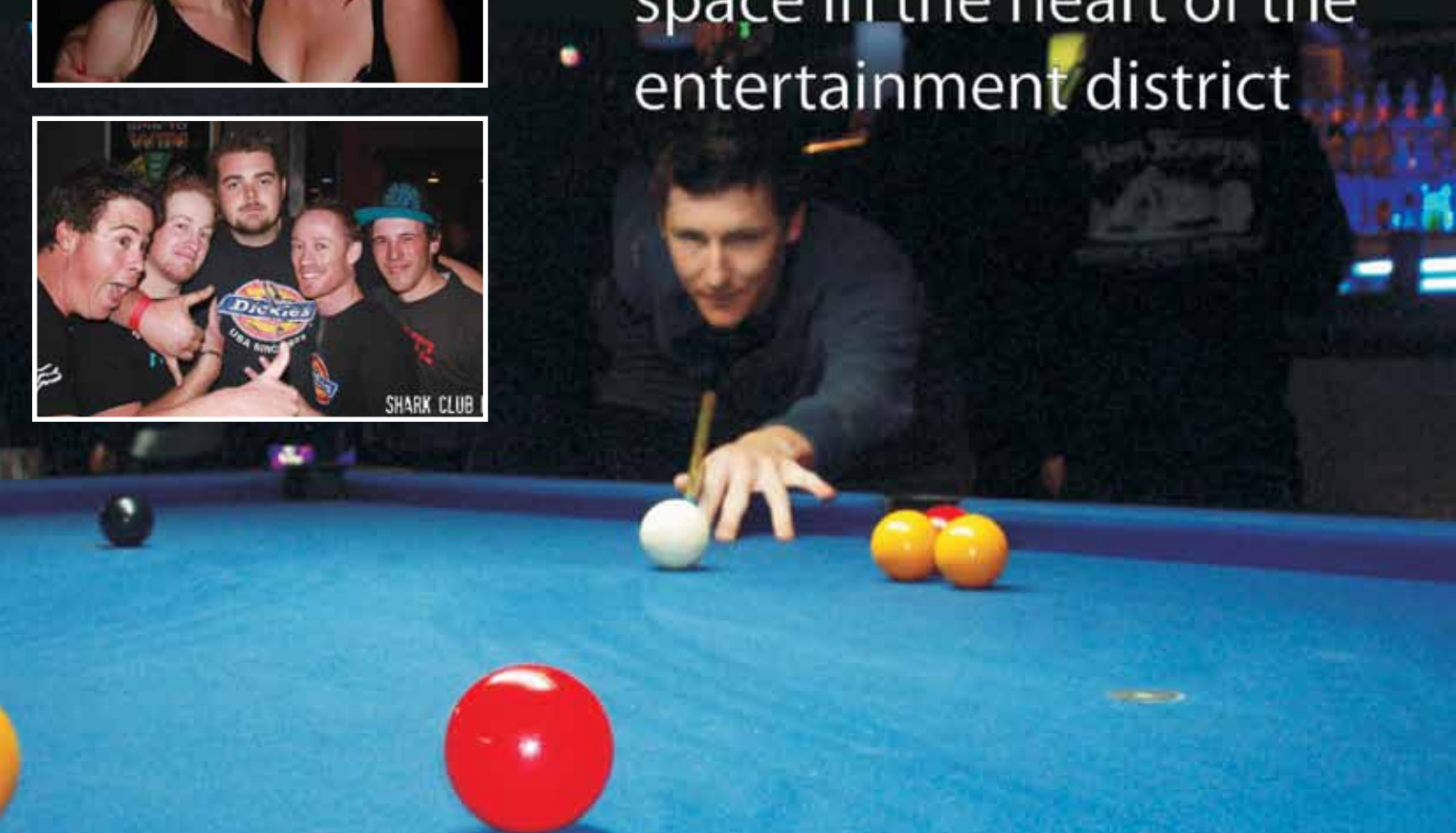


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