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RUNDLE MALL LANEWAY SOLD TO KANGAROO ISLAND IN HISTORIC LAND SWAP DEAL

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Today the City of Adelaide will permanently hand over Lindes Lane in Rundle Mall to be renamed 'Kangaroo Lane' as part of a land swap deal.

After receiving an unsolicited bid for the laneway, Lord Mayor Martin Haese will today transfer the title for Lindes Lane in Rundle Mall to Kangaroo Island Council in return for one hectare of pristine coastline along Emu Bay, north of Kingscote.

Inspired by recent celebrations held during "Mad March", Kangaroo Island Mayor Peter Clements reached out to his City of Adelaide counterpart in order to capitalise on the growing small bar scene.

"Adelaide has a thriving laneway culture which we're unfortunately unable to emulate on Kangaroo Island. This is mainly because we don't have any laneways," said Mayor Clements.

"In order to convince the City of Adelaide to hand over this precious real estate, we had to offer them something pretty special in return."

The offer of uninterrupted coastline along one of the state's most beautiful beaches was enough to see Lord Mayor Martin Haese hand over the lane, which will be renamed 'Kangaroo Lane' as of this morning.

"As a completely landlocked council, this land swap deal is an excellent outcome for the City of Adelaide and I am sure my fellow elected members will get right behind this," said the Lord Mayor.

"The next step is to decide what we'll do with our new stretch of coast line. I'm thinking that it may be a good opportunity to use the coastline as a connection point between Adelaide and the Island for a fast ferry, that way people from the island can come and enjoy tapas at Kangaroo Lane."

As a first order of business, Mayor Clements has instructed Lindes Lane café to stock exclusively Kangaroo Island products.

"Wine, cheese, gin, honey; if it's made on the Island it's being served in the café," said Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Wendy Campana.

"We see this as the perfect opportunity to put our own personal stamp on Rundle Mall.

"Should this initial venture work out, the next move could see us acquiring the Mall's Balls in return for the Remarkable Rocks."

A function will be held in ~~Lindes~~ Kangaroo Lane off Rundle Mall at 10.00 am today to celebrate and sample Kangaroo Island produce. The Lord Mayor and Mayor Clements will be available to media.

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