

SOUTHERN INNOVATIONS WAGGA HOSTS MURRUMBIDGEE MASTERCHEF



Aspiring master chefs from the Riverina were invited by radio station 93.1 StarFM to call in with their signature dish for a chance to compete in the Murrumbidgee Master Chef competition. Radio announcers Potsy and Leighton were inundated with a fantastic array of dishes ranging from interesting to sublime. Three chefs were selected to compete in a cook-off hosted by Southern Innovations at our Wagga Wagga store. Local celebrity chefs judged the two best dishes and the winners were then subjected to a mystery box challenge.

Dan Kotzur emerged a clear winner and was crowned the Murrumbidgee Masterchef. Southern Innovations congratulated Dan and in recognition of his achievement presented him with a voucher of \$5,000 worth of Smeg appliances.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF:

LUKE THOMSON -- DESIGNER

If Luke Thomson had followed his first love, we may have seen him batting for the Australian Cricket team or perhaps running out on to the field for his beloved Magpies AFL team. He grew up on a property just outside a little country town called Beckom (last census count was 170) in the Riverina region of NSW and although passionate about sport he also possessed a flair for design.

Luke said that being brought up on a farm, it was the norm for people to assume that the next generation would continue down that path. But his supportive parents encouraged him to fulfil his dreams and aspirations in other endeavours.

In 2000, after completing high school, Luke decided his future lay in design so he moved to Canberra to pursue a course at CIT. His interest grew steadily so that after completing design studies at CIT he decided to undertake a Bachelor degree in Interior Architecture at The University of Canberra.

According to Luke, his interest in design stemmed from the fact that "it has so much influence and control over our lives. It was exciting to realise that not only would my experience in

developing ideas make the way we live more efficient and easier but would inspire me to further refine my ideas."

After graduating, Luke was fortunate to gain a position at Southern Innovations. This proved to be a wonderful opportunity for him to develop his career as recently he has been assigned the task of developing a design service within the organisation.

The design service enables customers who are looking for bathroom and kitchen design ideas to get professional help from a qualified person at a modest price. Luke couldn't be happier and can't wait to develop the service and to spread the Southern Innovations image.

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NEW MITCHELL STORE NEARS COMPLETION

Southern Plumbing's new store at Mitchell is well on the way to completion.

The shell of the store, which runs between Flemington Road and Darling Street in Mitchell, is complete and fit-out work is taking place inside. If the work continues to run to plan, the new store will be open on Monday 1st November.

The building will occupy more than 3,300 square metres of space and house another of Southern Innovations' outstanding showrooms (facing Flemington Road) and a modern Southern Plumbing Plus trade centre (facing Darling Street). There'll also be a large warehouse area, and office space on the upper floor, and a huge carpark accessible from Darling Street.

Southern Plumbing's Managing Director, Warwick Beutler, said the Mitchell store development was long overdue.

"Our old store at Grimwade Street has been bursting at the seams for a number of years. The new one will not only give us additional space, but it will enable us to better service our customers and provide our staff with much better quality accommodation," he said.

"All things being equal, we'll set up the new store in the second half of October, and make the changeover from the old one on November 1. Our builders, Manteena, have done a fantastic job with the construction, and are confident we can achieve the November start date."

Customers will experience a similar feel to the company's headquarters in Fyshwick. The showroom will feature a large array of exclusive products from the likes of Villeroy & Boch, Rogerseller, Grohe and Marquis, while the trade centre will have large displays of environmental, irrigation and plumbing products.



The new trade display area of the Mitchell store. The trade counter will be in front of the windows.



A view from what will be the carpark of the new Mitchell store showing the entry to the warehouse on the right and to the Southern Plumbing Plus trade area on the left.



Scaffolding erected to install the glass on the Southern Innovations showroom in Flemington Road Mitchell.

FOOTY TIPPING LADDER

1. Daniel Beales
2. Myles Beutler
3. Karen Gillberg
4. Ian Burnell
5. Jim Roworth
6. James Durham
7. Ranai Cullen
8. Dave Eschbach
9. Mick Seaman
10. Iain Kemp

NEW WHITELEY ACCESSORIES

A new range of bathroom accessories, exclusive to Southern Plumbing Plus and Southern Innovations, has arrived in store. Named **Whiteley**, the range is an economical addition to the Gallery collection of tapware and sanitaryware. It's made from solid brass and has superior fixings to most accessory ranges.

There's also a **Whiteley handshower and rail** with a retail price of **\$129**.

All the new Whiteley products are now available at **all stores**.

