



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**The 'Essence of St Kilda' Photography Prize 08 Exhibition  
St Kilda Village Traders' Group Inc.**

**Find out who has captured the Essence of St Kilda** - The St Kilda Village will host the images that capture the Essence of St Kilda.

Alex Baker, Senior Curator at NGV was among the esteemed creative professionals who had the difficult task of deciding who would share in the \$3500 prize money.

Sharing the responsibility were Linden Gallery Program Director, Jan Duffy, renowned independent curator Andrew Gaynor along with local photographer Suzanne Neal.

'The exhibition will showcase the culmination of an exciting exploration into the psyche of St Kilda residents and visitors alike' says St Kilda Village Traders Group President Doug Bear. 'Its fantastic to see that the heart of St Kilda's artistic undercurrent is alive and well!'

Entrants were required to take their images within the boundaries of the St Kilda Village, capturing their visual essence of St Kilda.

Winners will be announced at the exhibition launch on Wednesday 23 July at 6pm and with first prize valued at \$2000 anticipation will be running rife. Mayor Janet Cribbes will open the exhibition with Andrew Gaynor discussing the arduous task of choosing the Prize winners.

The following businesses will proudly display a number of images each including the Vineyard Restaurant, the Galleon Café, Frank's Place and Claypot's Seafood Bar.

The exhibition will run from Wednesday 23 July – Friday 29 August 2008.

For more information please visit [stkildavillage.org.au](http://stkildavillage.org.au) or contact Precinct Coordinator **Olivia Riddington on #0413 006 395.**

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