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DRINK FOR those sceptical about the true worth of the myriad **wine** glasses produced for specific varietals and styles, Austrian manufacturer Riedel may have finally jumped the shark. The Coca-Cola + Riedel Glass, inspired by the original iconic Coke contour, will “deliver the optimal Coca-Cola experience in both taste and sound”, Riedel claims. The Riedel **brand** is known for exploring the way the flavour of **wine** is affected by the shape of the glass from which it is consumed. At \$39.95 for a single glass or \$49.95 for two, you’d want to be seriously into your Coke.

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TRAVELA CELEBRATION of Aboriginal culture, community, music and arts, the Mahbilil Festival, will take place around Lake Jabiru at Kakadu on Saturday, September 6. Expect family-friendly activities, workshops, demonstrations and a showcase of indigenous food by day; at night, the line-up covers illuminated installations on the lake and a program of performances, including Maori, Balinese, Congolese and modern ballet with a local flavour. Kakadu Tourism has a range of accommodation, from \$289 a room a night or campground digs from \$46. kakadutourism.com.

SUSAN KUROSAWA

HEALTH COUNTRY life is not idyllic in every way. According to a data analysis by the National Heart Foundation, people living outside capital cities are at 26 per cent greater risk of cardiovascular disease. Tasmania is the most affected state, the southern highlands-Shoalhaven area in NSW the most affected region, and the biggest gap in the prevalence of CVD between the city and the bush is in Western Australia. “People living in regional areas have a greater risk of heart disease because they are more likely to be physically inactive, daily smokers and overweight or obese, than those living in major cities,” says Heart Foundation chief Mary Barry.

SEAN PARNELL

FOOD IS chef Sean Donovan selling his excellent gastropub the Station in Melbourne’s Footscray? Is he selling it to the same person (Michael Dixon) who bought his South Melbourne gastropub the Wayside this year? “Look,” says Donovan, pictured, “we’ve had a number of offers over the years for the Station, which is fair enough, it’s an excellent **business**. And yes, there is an offer on the table at the moment but we haven’t even put the **business** on the market. This pub is my life. Given our experience at the Wayside where we actually put the **business** on the market and it took months to sell, well this is entirely different. We are galaxies away from a **sale** at this point.” So it’s not no. But it’s not exactly yes either. Dixon confirmed he is in discussions with Donovan.

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GADGETS FORGET magic carpets, jump packs, and Back to the Future-style hoverboards. The project that’s set to get off the ground is the hoverbike — a quadcopter drone that you can ride like a horse. British start-up Malloy Aeronautics, which is constructing a prototype, has taken to crowd-funding site kickstarter.com to raise money by selling models of the working hoverbike around one-third the size.

They can even carry payloads. The model can fly at up to 72km/h with a range of 1.6km, and costs upward of \$1625. So far the **company** has raised \$41,000 of the \$54,000 needed.

CHRIS GRIFFITH

CARS SELLING high-margin, expensive vehicles into new markets such as **China**, where customers are prepared to pay more for premium cars than in the West, has sent Jaguar Land Rover into overdrive with profits coming in at a staggering £10 **million** (\$18m) a day. The British-based, Indian-owned **company** was not making a penny profit in 2008 when the Tata **group** bought it from Ford for £1.15 **billion**. "We have hit a purple patch," a spokesman says this week. It has been a busy two years of launches and relaunches. Sales to **China**, mainly of the most expensive Range Rovers and Jaguars, leapt 61 per cent year on year, with the **China** region accounting for 28.5 per cent of all sales, compared with 21.5 per cent a year ago. The price of a Range Rover Sport in **China** is typically more than double that in Britain.

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