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HELLO "HEILALA" - FESTIVAL MOVES TO SOUTH BANK

The Tongan Heilala Festival, which invites us all to experience and celebrate Tongan culture, will make South Bank's Cultural Forecourt its new home this year.

On Saturday 10 November 2007, South Bank's Cultural Forecourt will become a vibrant hub of colour and movement in a celebration of Tongan culture that will include:

- Tongan arts and crafts
- Traditional songs
- Cultural dances and performances by various Polynesian groups
- Open youth talent quest
- Kava Clubs Singing
- Tongan youth drama and action songs

The Festival aims to celebrate the cultural diversity of Brisbane city and provides the perfect opportunity for the wider Australian community to experience the friendly island kingdom of Tonga – its people, culture, and much more.

Come along and bring your families and friends to this free community event.

WHAT: Tongan Heilala Festival 2007 – Celebrating Our People

WHEN: Saturday, 10 November

TIME: 10:00am to 11:00pm

**WHERE: Cultural Forecourt
 The Parklands, South Bank**

Notes for Editors:

The Tongan Heilala Festival is supported by South Bank Corporation, Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, the Ward Community and Parks Development Fund and Councillor for the Ward of East Brisbane, Cr Catherine Bermingham.

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