

# Nutty idea hits cracking pace

**BEAUT BRITTLE**  
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**JUSTINE** Zulueta, the Newstead-based genius behind the brittle co., has expanded her range to include cashew and almond varieties. There's also, for a limited time only, a macadamia version. Zulueta's incredibly morish original product, a fine peanut brittle in bold red packaging, has proven a hit since it was launched last year. It's taken from a recipe loved through the ages by convent nuns in Zulueta's native Phillipines. Keep an eye out for the brittle co. range at Jan Powers Farmers Markets and selected retailers.

■ **LOOKING** for a big dinner on a little budget? South Bank Institute of TAFE's **COTAH training restaurant** is offering a buffet dinner on Tuesday evenings for \$20. COTAH Training Restaurant is at 66 Ernest St, South Brisbane and is open for lunch noon-2pm Monday-Friday and dinner 6-9pm Tuesday to Friday. Book on 3244 5988.

■ **IF** State of Origin is not your cup of chai, you can escape footy fever and opt for dinner with fine wine and live music instead, at **Vroom Bistro + Bar** in the Valley



**BRANCHING OUT:** The new macadamia brittle. Above: Brisbane tenor Stephanus Potgieter.

on June 3. After appearing around the world, Brisbane-based tenor Stephanus Potgieter will perform at a special dinner. Book on 3 257 4455 or visit [www.vroombistro.com](http://www.vroombistro.com).

■ **THOSE** who hanker for traditional Christmas fare in the climate for which it was

originally intended, or at least something moderately close, **Royal on the Park** will be the place to be from July 6-12. Executive chef Gary Farrell will be doing a Christmas in July buffet for lunch or dinner in the Walnut Restaurant for the week, at \$65 for person. Book on 3221 3411.



**May 27:** **QA Hotel** in the Valley hosts another of its popular wine degustation dinners - five courses matched with various styles from Yalumba Wines, \$85 per person. Book on 3358 2799.

**May 30:** Free pasta and gelato tastings are on offer at **Angelos Fresh Pasta Products**, 22 Doggett St, Valley, from 9.30-11.30am - one of the many food events running as part of Italian Week 2009. Visit [www.italianweek.com.au](http://www.italianweek.com.au).

**May 30:** **Black Pearl Epicure** on Baxter St, Valley, hosts an open day with cooking demos and discounts, from 9am-2pm. Phone 3257 2144.

**June 14:** Cheese lovers will be lining up for the Cheese Tastes event and masterclasses at **Royal on the Park**, part of Brisbanes Cheese Weekend. Visit [www.cheesetastes.com.au](http://www.cheesetastes.com.au).

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