

# Valley's horizon broadens

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**FORTITUDE** Valley has a smokin' new sister suburb.

The party precinct has secured a tie with its likeness in Amsterdam – but the partnership is unlikely to extinguish one notable difference between the pair.

Law-abiding locals will find only caffeine-induced highs in Valley cafes, Central ward councillor David Hinchliffe said.

The grass is greener in the Netherlands capital, where punters can legally buy cannabis in coffee shops.

"Every now and then the sweet aroma of marijuana may drift around various corners of the Valley but apart from that, no, it hasn't been dealt with on a lawful basis," he said.

"Amsterdam is definitely a lot more loose in its regulations . . . I don't think Brisbane, Queensland or Australia is about to go there anywhere in the near future."

Cr Hinchliffe sparked the "informal" sistership with Amsterdam Centrum councillor Yellie Alkema as she holidayed in Brisbane. He said Amsterdam Centrum shared the Valley's "hip, youth-oriented" culture and hoped the partnership would lure more Dutch backpackers to Brisbane.



**GONE GLOBAL:**  
Cr David Hinchliffe in the Valley.  
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## You can still help the city's hungry

IT is the last days to donate food to Quest Newspapers' Foodbank Queensland campaign.

The award-winning campaign, run in conjunction with Retail First shopping centres, finishes on Tuesday, August 31.

The target of 15 tonnes has almost been reached – just half a tonne more is needed.

Foodbank Queensland general manager Ken McMillan said he was sceptical the target could be reached when the campaign started.

"How good is it that we are going to reach it?" he said.

"This has been a wonderful effort in tough times. Everyone needs to be congratulated for their generosity, particularly the public."

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