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STATE GOVERNMENT ARTS FUNDING PAYING (CELEBRITY CHEF AND MENTOR OF LISA HAVILAH) KYLIE KWONG $440,000 TO BE A FOOD AMBASSADOR FOR POWERHOUSE CONVENTION CENTRE.

Celebrity chef Kylie Kwong has been handed a controversial new ambassador role worth almost half a million dollars by the Powerhouse Museum, just a month after it confirmed her tenure was over. The appointment has sparked anger within the arts sector as the beleaguered museum is under for overspending and grappling with an executive procurement investigation that has been referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

But appears STILL no money in the government coffers heritage department for programs and projects in Parramatta that actually promote and protect our existing culture ?

Some Comments:

Anne-Marie Van de Ven

Decade-long state-funded 'patronage' (aka cronyism?) under both LNP and Labor's watch - while existing professional museum public service employees could just look on and do their best.

Jennifer Sanders

The Powerhouse Museum is being destroyed - not only its physical presence in Ultimo - but, as egregiously, decades of museum professionalism and scholarship dismantled. All so Havilah's mates can be paid the big bucks while contributing absolutely nothing to the role of the Powerhouse Museum. No curators of engineering, transport etc but a kitchen full of cooks to talk about their cooking.....When will Minister Graham wake up to his responsibilities as Minister for the Arts?

Astrid O'Neill

Anything but a museum. It was only ever an attempt to have some alternative 'museum' venue so they could sell the museum site at Ultimo off to developers. They never intended it to be a serious museum. It's meant now to provide rental venue space for the private sector.