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# Tower terror

## Telstra ignores community's pleas

**BY ELEANOR LIMPRECHT**

A PLAN to install six Telstra mobile phone antennas on top of Norton Plaza has outraged the community due to fears that radiation from the devices could cause health problems.

Telstra has received more than 400 petition signatures opposing the antennas, and 62 objection letters, but is likely to go ahead.

Council permission to install the antenna towers is not required

as they are classed 'low impact'. However Telstra is required to consult with the community.

Balmain Rd resident Paul Vieira, whose home is 50 metres from the proposed antenna site, said if they were erected his family would consider moving away.

"Decades ago everybody thought smoking was fine, but now we know it's killing us. How do we know it won't be the same with these?" Mr Vieira said.

He urged Telstra to put the facilities in an area not surrounded by homes and schools, especially since the health risks are unknown.

"I have a four-year-old child - I'm not worried about myself, I'm worried about my child. These towers could cause cancer, reduced fertility and slowed development in children," Mr Vieira said.

The Federal Government needs to strengthen legislation to keep

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## Jodie is a blooming good florist

*Taking time to smell the flowers has paid off for Jodie McGregor - the Annandale florist was recently named Sydney Florist of the Year by the Sydney Flower Market. Jodie prefers to create bouquets with exotic blooms and old fashioned flowers such as perfumed roses. "The secret to a really good bunch of flowers is something unique that will give it the wow factor," she says. Full story page 7.*



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## CARLTON DRAUGHT

# Florist has a winning style

BY JUSTIN WHEALING

THERE is no higher accolade than to be recognised as the best in your field. Jodie McGregor of Jodie McGregor Flowers in Johnston St, Annandale has been recognised as the Bradman of florists with her gong as the Sydney florist of the year.

The award is organised by the Flemington Sydney flower market. Jodie's store was selected from 120 entries.

In judging the winner, the Sydney flower market sends mystery shoppers to florists from all over Sydney. Stores are then ranked in terms of knowledge, service and presentation.

"It was our complete surprise when we were announced as the winner," Jodie says. "This award is a tribute to all of our staff and the high level of service we provide."

Jodie has been working in the flower industry for 15 years and opened her store in Annandale five years ago.

Despite being surrounded by flowers for such a long time, Jodie says she's still swayed by the power of the bloom.

"Different styles and fashions change all the time," Jodie says. "The industry is a lot different compared to when I started."

Jodie says the biggest change she has witnessed in her time in the industry is the greater knowledge male clients now have

about flowers.

"Guys are a lot more fussy and demanding about the flowers they want," Jodie says.

For someone who is adept at providing advice for those seeking flowers, the perfect bunch for Jodie would incorporate the old and new.

"I really like exotic flowers and old fashioned flowers such as perfumed roses," Jodie says. "But the secret to a really good bunch of flowers is that 'wow' factor, that includes something a little unique."

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## Give a Mothers' Day gift mum will never forget

HAVE you got the best mum in the world? Then show her that you love her this Mother's Day, Sunday May 9. Write to *The Village Voice* and tell us why she is the best mum in Leichhardt, Glebe or Annandale and you could win her stacks of gorgeous prizes. To enter, write a letter or a draw a picture of your mum and tell us why she is so special. The competition is open to all ages.

Entries close Friday 26 March, so hurry. Send to Village Voice Best Mum Competition, PO Box 738, Rozelle, 2039 or email editor@villagevoice.com.au. The winner will be announced in the May edition of *The Village Voice*.