Simone and Bill Moragiannis from Honey Dee Loukoumades. (Supplied)

These Greek donuts were good enough for ancient Olympians, so give them a try! (Supplied)

Going nuts over Greek donuts

By Elle Cecil

As a family-owned and operated business, Honey Dee Loukoumades is driven by customer satisfaction and a love for sharing its delicious products all around Victoria.

Run by Bill and Simone Moragiannis, Honey Dee makes and sells Greek donuts – traditional 'loukoumades' – based on a special family recipe.

Bill and Simone have entered Honey Dee in the food and hospitality category at this year's Wyndham Business Awards.

The awards celebrates business entrepreneurs, innovators and hardworking operators and highlight achievements of leading Wyndham businesses across key industry sectors.

Having been trading for seven years, Bill and Simone operate Honey Dee Loukoumades out of their marquee or their food truck, which is a mini bus resembling an iconic Melbourne tram.

Whether they attend markets, events or extend catering services for corporate, private and wedding functions, Simone and Bill love receiving great reviews, while customer feedback keeps them focused and inspired.

With the first official record of loukoumades occurring in 776BC, 'honey tokens' or fried balls of golden dough covered in honey were given to the victors of the original Olympic Games.

"We remain innovative by constantly developing unique and contemporary flavours to suit themed events or festivals," Bill says.

"We are a small business sharing our passion for food to as many people as possible."

Honey Dee's loukoumades are egg-free, dairy-free and have a variety of vegan toppings available.

Homemade salted caramel, strawberry jam, Kinder Bueno, lemon curd and chocolate hazelnut are just a few of the flavours available to choose from at Honey Dee Loukoumades.

Employing local staff, Simone and Bill also love to see their team members grow as not only employees, but people as well. Many of the staff at Honey Dee Loukoumades have struggled with self-confidence and feeling anxious among other things, but Bill and Simone have seen them flourish and become even better versions of themselves.

"We have a staff member that helps us with wholesaling – he has autism and it was rare for him to make eye contact with us," Simone explains.

"He is now very confident and has also helped us at catering events by serving customers."

Honey Dee Loukoumades is located at 47/22 Wallace Avenue, Point Cook.

For more information, email info@honeydee.com.au or visit www.honeydee.com.au.

Wyndham Business Awards entries close on Friday, June 3 for the category awards and Friday, June 17 for the People's Choice Awards.

To enter or nominate a business for an award, visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/businessawards.

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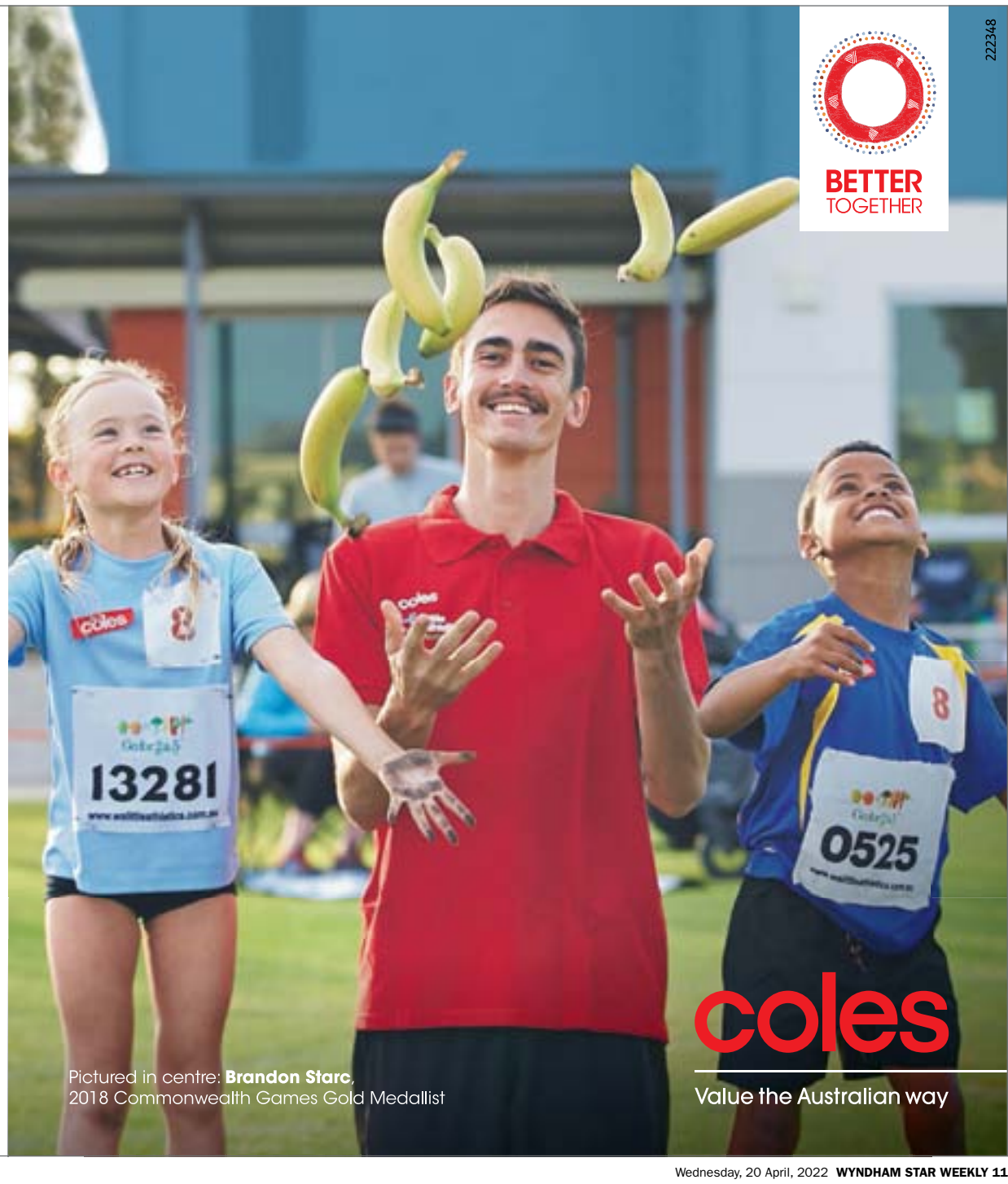

Pictured in centre: **Brandon Starc**, 2018 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist

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