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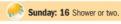
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Saturday: 16 A little rain.



Monday: 17 Shower or two.

SERVO SWOOP

# Mobil to 7-Eleven

### Nadia Salemme

Mobil servos will become 7-Elevens under a multi-million dollar deal to sell off Mobil's retail fuel business.

The petrol giant announced today it had signed an agreement to sell its 295 Aussie Mobil service stations to the convenience store.

The sale is expected to be formalised by the end of the year and the 103 Mobil petrol stations in Melbourne will be rebranded as 7-Elevens within about 12 months.

Mobil spokesman Alan Bailey would not reveal the sale price but said the deal was worth "multi-hundreds of millions of

"We don't talk about the value of transactions like this (but) we're talking multi-hundreds of millions of dollars," Bailey said.

There is work to be done to finalise the arrangements for ac-tually transferring ownership, that will take several months. That will happen well before the

end of this year.
"After the service stations have changed ownership into 7-Eleven they will then be re-branded and that will take some

time longer, well over 12 months, before that's complete." Bailey said the stations would retain the Mobil branding while 7-Eleven was taking over.

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Mobil fuels director Kim
MacMillan said the decision to
sell came after the petrol company reviewed its position in the
fuel market over a "few years".

"Mobil is now a relatively

mobil is now a relatively small participant in that sector (retail petrol) of the market," MacMillan said. Mobil retains its wholesale and industrial fuel businesses.



### Beret good fare will have them baquette for more

So French, so chic. Actor Deborah Morgan will perform with Melbourne French Theatre at the Paris to Provence markets on Saturday at the Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford. Details: www.abbotsfordconvent.com.au.

Picture: NICOLE CLEARY

• TRAIN IN WIRES

## **Tangled up** in delays

Hundreds of passengers faced long delays on the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines today after a train became entangled in the overhead power wires near Springvale station.

The two lines were suspended in both directions with buses

replacing trains. The Frankston line had delays of 15 minutes in both directions until late morning after an equip-ment failure at Carrum station.

• LOCKED CAR

## **Charge over** baby death

A man has been charged with manslaughter after a baby girl was found dead in a locked car

was found dead in a locked car in Rockhampton.

The 38-year-old has been remanded in custody and was expected to face Rockhampton Magistrates Court today.

Emergency services were called to an address in North Rockhampton about 2pm yesterday, after the nine-month-old child was found locked in a car.

