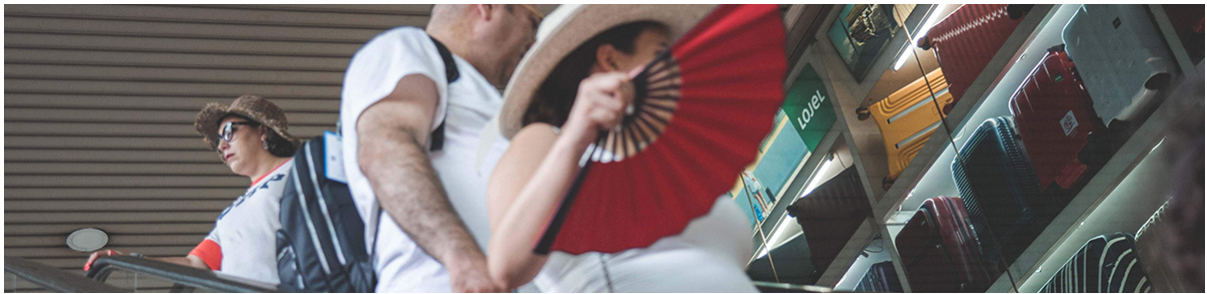




Takeaways

A newsletter by RICE



At the risk of stating the obvious, it's really hot.

Schools are closing and fish are dying across Southeast Asia. We're just not having that great a time. It's expected to get even hotter in May, so we're here to check in on you: How are you coping?

It's easy to sit among the burning rubble like a 'this is fine' meme, but we hope you'll consider our suggestions that might help make things a bit better. Perhaps you could use your aircon more efficiently, hide away from the afternoon heat by clubbing in a 5-10pm party, or simply implement *feng shui*. No matter how daunting, every problem has a solution.

P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, [subscribe](#) to our weekly newsletter today!

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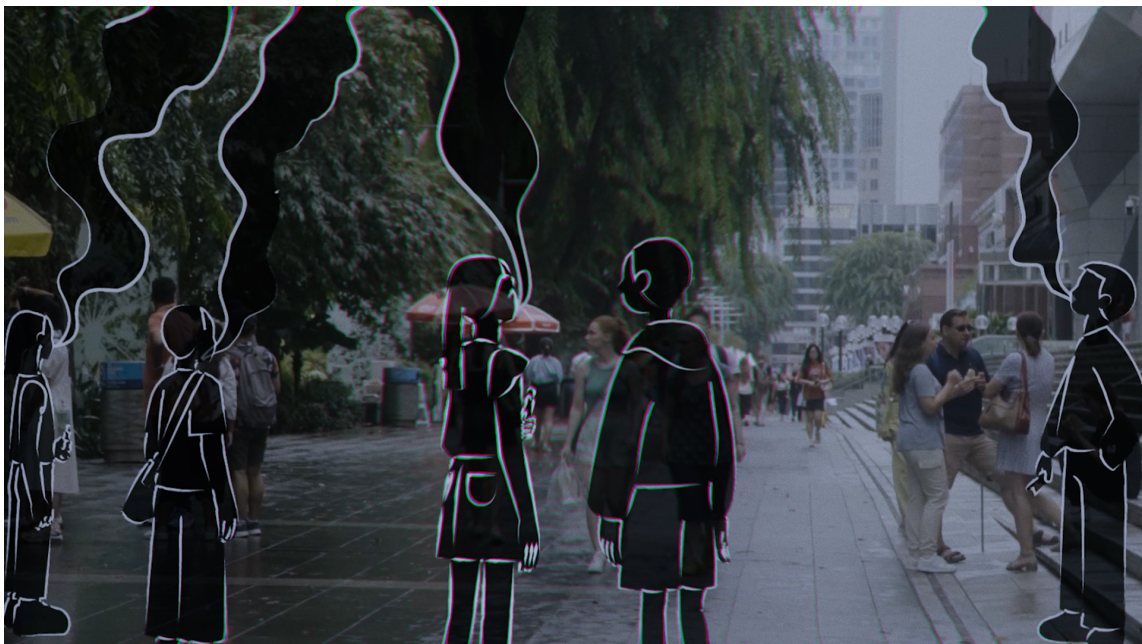
I Not Stupid



Can we really blame kids for struggling with cash, when we hardly use cash ourselves these days? Maybe not, but hey, if they can figure out how much Robux a single dollar is worth, they'll be fine. Right?

**In Increasingly Cashless
Singapore, Primary School Kids
Can't Count Cash**

Iced Lemon Tea, Bubble Tea



Just some of the flavours of choice among Singapore's underage vapers. Despite the ban on vapes, they're so convenient and accessible that even primary school students are vaping.

The Reality of Singapore's Underage Vaping Crisis

So Long and Good Night



Party while it's hot outside, and leave while the night is still young. Not only do you get great music and free AC, you also get to catch the next bus or train home and be in bed by midnight. Winner winner chicken dinner.

In Praise of the Early Evening Bash: Inside a 5-10PM Party

Push a Button



When was the last time you adjusted anything beyond the temperature controls on your aircon remote? Fan speeds, dry mode, cooling mode... turns out the problem regarding our less-than-optimal aircon performance is really just a skill issue.

**All the Ways We're Using Our
Aircons Wrongly, According to
Servicemen**

No Aircon No Cry



It feels like we're reaching a point where installing aircons everywhere is inevitable, but until then we just have to find ways to tahan, like sticking our heads in the fridge.

**The Secrets to Cooling Down,
According to Singaporeans with
No Airconditioners**

Short Grains, or *piping-hot* topics by the spoonful.

- Iconic newsstand along Lorong Liput to close after over 80 years of business. (via *CNA*)
 - Yahoo has laid off its entire team of journalists and social media executives. (via *The Edge*)
 - Australia-based Singaporean vet disciplined for performing explicit acts on patients. (via *Today*)
 - A 5-year-old is the youngest Singaporean to reach Everest Base Camp. (via *The Straits Times*)
 - Avocado 'bell curve god' at NUS fails to find permanent residency. (via *AsiaOne*)
 - Dental procedures across the causeway surged in popularity among Singaporeans. (via *The Straits Times*)
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At this point, those who can live without air conditioners are straight-up warriors.

Growing Up Without Aircon

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Drink till you drop at [Singapore Cocktail Takeover 2024](#).
- All Time Low hits the stage at Fort Canning Park as part of their All Time Low Forever tour. Tickets are [still available](#).
- It's hot enough as it is, but if you're preparing for some outdoor adventures this coming Summer, head over to [The Outdoor Fair](#) to acquire cool new gear.
- Unleash your inner ninja at the [Naruto](#) exhibition, and this is the first time it's ever being held outside of Japan.
- The Projector is screening Peter Bogdanovich's infamous Singapore-shot 1979 film [Saint Jack](#), with a talk by architectural and urban historian Lai Chee Kien on the historical significance of the places featured within.

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