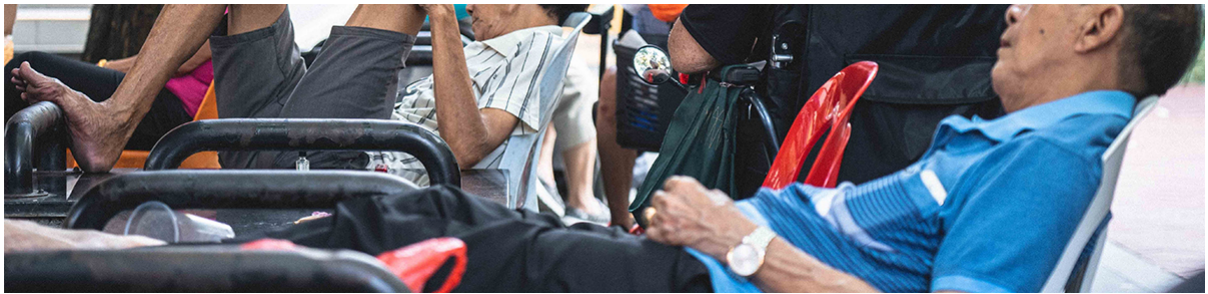




# Takeaways

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## Hump days should be holidays

You can't deny how good a mid-week break can make you feel. Thursday suddenly isn't the worst and draggiest day of the week, and a break provides that little extra push to keep you motivated until the weekend returns. But honestly, we'll take a public holiday on any day of the week, if it means getting away from reality for just a little bit.

Our reality isn't that bad though, compared to the poor folks living in Tengah. Beyond floods and the lack of amenities, residents barely have enough mobile connection to make their woes known. On top of all that, a fighter jet crashed in nearby Tengah Air Base earlier this month.

Still, don't let that distract you from the victims of harsher realities—the victims of drugs—as we mark the inaugural Drug Victims Remembrance Day. If this roving exhibition hasn't reached your neighbourhood yet, it's coming soon.

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*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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# Keep the Spotlight On



Despite Drug Victims Remembrance Day being about, y’know, drug victims, we’re not too sure if the conversation here is really about drug victims, when half of a guest-of-honour’s speech is dedicated to vilifying drug traffickers.

Even the exhibitions on drug victims feel like they’ve fallen short of talking about how to actually help drug victims. Prevention is better than cure, yes, but for drug victims, we need to talk about how to help them too.

**Reflections After Singapore’s  
Inaugural Drug Victims  
Remembrance Day**

## Onions Have Layers



The conversation around drug abuse is multilayered, with nuances and subtext—yet the ones we’ve known involves just 1. Rejecting drugs and 2. Rejecting people who take drugs.

Fortunately, our generation’s better at talking about drug abuse and recognising that simply jailing people won’t solve the problem. Click below to read about a multifaceted approach to tackling this multifaceted problem.

**Our Generation Might Be More  
Open About Drugs, But That  
Doesn’t Mean We’re More Likely  
To Take Them**

## When Delulu is the Only Solulu





Sometimes copiums are the only way to go, and if fixing what's wrong with Tengah starts with galvanised square steel and eco-friendly wood veneers, we'll help ask our aunts for screws.

The sad reality though, is that the ones who need the comfort that memes provide, don't have the reception to see them. Because they're in Tengah.

### 10 Questions With the Tengah Residents Making Memes To Cope With Tengah Life

## The Godfather



No one's been made to sleep with the fishes here, thankfully. Just our writer getting absolutely starstruck meeting his idol.

If you're old enough to have watched Asia Bagus, you'd be familiar with Najip Ali. Any younger, you'd have seen his influence throughout Singapore's entertainment scene, just without knowing that it was him nurturing this scene, behind the scenes.

**Najip Ali, The Hidden Godfather  
Shaping Singapore's Cultural  
Underground**

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

- Passengers who were injured on Flight SQ321 are eligible to receive varying levels of compensation. (via *Straits Times*)
  - Singapore's core inflation in April has remained the same from March. (via *CNA*)
  - Authorities have issued an advisory to Club Rich Singapore, warning that the upcoming performance to be held there by South Korean “monk” DJ NewJeansNim, should not involve any religious elements that may potentially be offensive. (via *CNA*)
  - Benjamin Kheng is set to perform this year's NDP theme song, entitled *Not Alone*. (via *Straits Times*)
  - Actress Scarlett Johansson is demanding OpenAI to reveal how they developed an AI personal assistant voice to sound like her. (via *NPR*)
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Barely hidden beneath the pulsating coloured lights, vapes have found a home in Singapore's nightlife culture, according to partygoers. We know the problem, but not the solution.

### Vaping: An Open Secret in Singapore Nightlife

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## 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:

- See your favourite Pixar characters in the '[Pixar Puffy Happiness](#)' pop-up, featuring colourful installations and Pixar merchandise across various CapitaLand Malls!
- From art jams with graffiti artists to urban sports showcases like skateboarding and BMX, [Artletics 2024](#) brings together arts and sports in emphatic fashion. You can enjoy food and drinks from Frotz, 1664 and Monster Energy at this free event.
- With a variety of workshops, eco-friendly crafts and musical performances, the [Sustainable Kids Market](#) has something for every environmentally conscious adult and child.
- Catch 24 films from 24 countries at the annual [European Film Festival](#) before they're gone:

- *Here, a touching story about how Stefan, a Romanian construction worker who gives out homemade soup, encounters and befriends bryologist Shuxiu. The two bond over, of all things, the city's mosses.*
- *The Cake Dynasty is a satirical comedy that centres on Niels Agger, a baker with a failing cake factory who has attempted suicide several times. Will his wife's new strategy of healthy weight-loss cakes help turn his business around?*
- Visit the [Garden Vibes farmers market](#), Singapore's first-ever farmer's market and wellness festival, to explore over 20 stalls selling fresh produce and international goods.

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