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EDITOR'S NOTE

The end of another year provides the opportunity to reflect back on the year that was. We have done just that in this special Christmas/New Year edition of the Sandgate Guide. We take a look back at some of the highlights of the year that have given us new memories and shaped our community. We've also put together a guide of the festivals that are taking place during December in the 4017 area. With a new year comes new beginnings. We check out some of the businesses getting a head start before 2016 begins. Finally, we would like to thank all our loyal readers - those who have just discovered our Guide, and those who have been supporting us from the beginning. We've had a great year putting the Guide together.

We're taking a well-deserved break and will look forward to bringing the Guide back to you in February 2016. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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CHRISTMAS IN SANDGATE

Sandgate lights up with the 5th annual Christmas in Sandgate on 5th December. Presented by the Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce the movie and Christmas tree is a free community event is at the Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands, Brighton Road, Sandgate.

Generously sponsored by the Brisbane City Council Festival Funding Program and Cr Jared Cassidy, this year's movie, "Paddington" will be showing on the big outdoor screen from 7pm. Rated PG, "Paddington" is about the journey of a polite young bear from Peru who travels to London in search of a new home and a family. The Brown Family invites him to stay, however little do they realise how much mayhem one funny little bear can bring to their everyday family life.

The evening will be celebrated under the big ol' gum tree in the middle of the parkland, which will be beautifully lit and sponsored by Leaver Industries and the Bayside & Northern Suburbs Star Newspaper. The tree will be officially lit at 6.45pm on the night.

Make sure you come early to enjoy the pre-movie festivities from 4pm. Children can bounce on the jumping castle sponsored by Wayne Swan, climb the Rock Wall, have their face painted and of course dance at the disco or play at the Mobile Entertainment Recreation Vehicle (MERV) provided by Sandgate PCYC.

Most importantly, Santa will be making an appearance, assisted by the lovely people from Apex Sandgate. Word from his helpers is he will be there about 4.30pm. And kids, don't forget to bring your Best Dressed Christmas Bear to keep you company and maybe win some prizes donated by Cr Jared Cassidy.

Once again the Sandgate Men's Shed and Bramble Bay Lions Club will be present raising money for the great causes with their yummy food stalls from 4pm, so don't forget to bring a picnic blanket and settle in for a lovely evening under the stars.

Our wonderful local sponsors; Sandgate Guide, Hello World Sandgate, 2nd Ave Real Estate, and Kuhn Corp are also bringing this 2015 event to you. A special shout out to our sponsors - Northside Family Law Centre, The Full Moon Hotel, Ilforno Pizzeria and Sandgate RSL, who so generously come in at the last moment, when called upon, to assist with much needed sponsorship for this event.

The Sandgate & District Chamber of Commerce is proud to be presenting this community event to bring together families to relax before the craziness of the Christmas season.

With our newly elected committee, The Sandgate & District Chamber of Commerce wishes all a Merry and prosperous Christmas, Bayside style. ●●

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EVERLASTING GIFTS OF LIGHT

by Emma King

This year, the Sandgate Uniting Church is putting on a lights demonstration more spectacular than ever seen before!

Running in the 4KQ Christmas Lights Competition, the Sandgate Uniting Church will have their displays alight from Monday 7th December until Christmas Eve.

From December 10, the community is invited to view the creative handmade decorations in the chapel, stroll through the gift stalls, enjoy the entertainment for children and other free entertainment nightly.

There will be live performances by various talented performers such as, the Pine Rivers Brass Band, the "young and energetic" Che-Jazz Dance Centre, the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra and Jafa Choir, and the Sunday Christmas carols, to name just a few.

There will food and beverages available while you spend time exploring the chapel decorations and garden lights.

The stalls will sell sweets and handmade items, so be sure to check them out. All of the handmade decorations and displays tie into the church's 2015 theme.

"Each year we have a different theme," says Rev Anne Hulbert, Minister of the Uniting Church. "This

year's theme is Everlasting Gifts. Many of the decorations are made from recycled items."

From 7pm to 9:15pm (10th to 23rd December), there will be live performances by various talented performers, with the Pine Rivers Brass Band, the "young and energetic" Che-Jazz Dance Centre, the Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra and Jafa Choir, and the Sunday Christmas carols, just to name a few. The Sandgate Uniting Church has something for everyone.

The Sandgate Uniting Church seeks to keep each year's Christmas celebrations creative, as well as unique from the year before.

"This year there will be laser lights on the roof and sails, which makes it different from the last year," Rev Anne says.

Hundreds of people attend the church nightly for the Christmas lights, food and entertainment, and we can certainly see why. "The whole congregation works well together," says Rev Anne. "We've been doing this for over 20 years. ●●

Sandgate Uniting Church

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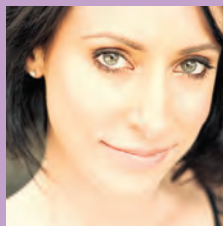
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FESTIVE FEAST BRINGS LOCALS TOGETHER

by Emily Campbell

SANDBAG will host their annual Christmas lunch on December 25th, providing an occasion for locals to come together and celebrate the festive season. If you or your family will be on your own this year, for any reason at all, please feel welcome to come along to this free community event.

The initiative began ten years ago, with generous volunteers from around Sandgate gathering to organise a Christmas day feast for socially isolated people who would generally spend Christmas alone, such as those who are homeless or have no family.

Held at the Sandgate Community Centre, the event usually draws a crowd of around 100 people of all ages, who enjoy a feast and receive a Christmas gift from Santa. On the day, a gourmet Christmas banquet of ham, chicken, vegetables and desserts are served by volunteers, along with a variety of drinks and Christmas cake.

Every year, the dining hall and tables are decorated with spectacular fairy lights, wreaths, tinsel and Christmas trees, which adds to the festive ambience. In addition, local entertainers perform live music and Santa Claus will make an appearance to greet attendees, who all receive a Christmas gift.

Gary Hunt, a support worker at the Sandgate Community Centre, has been involved with SANDBAG for several years and says the event is always a fantastic occasion for locals to socialise. "I get a big kick out of seeing people who normally wouldn't have anywhere to go, come together on Christmas day and celebrate the festivities."

An event like this requires the efforts of volunteers to perform a variety of tasks, such as decorating the center, wrapping gifts, carving ham, working in the kitchen, serving food and assisting with the clean up. Last year, SANDBAG was inundated with volunteers and is hoping for an equally successful Christmas lunch event this year.

Donations of gifts from the community are required to ensure that disadvantaged people receive a Christmas present on the day. SANDBAG is encouraging the local community to get behind this event by donating Christmas gifts to those less fortunate, which can be dropped off at local MP Stirling Hinchcliffe's office. Presents suitable for men are in particular demand this year, so give generously to this wonderful cause.

A meeting will be held for volunteers later this month to allocate jobs and discuss the upcoming event. Anyone who wishes to help out as a volunteer or register to attend this year's Christmas lunch can contact SANDBAG on 3869 3244. ●●

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FESTIVAL REMINDS US OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

by *Susie Laery*

The spirit of Christmas is abundant in the Bracken Ridge community this year as they gear up for their annual Christmas Festival.

For the past eighteen years, Bracken Ridge Baptist Church has been facilitating the festival at the Norris Road School Oval. Underpinned with the philosophy that Christmas is a time to give and to come together as friends, neighbours and community.

Rachel Rees, Office Coordinator from Bracken Ridge Baptist Church believes the highlight of the festival is "no doubt the markets and show on December 13.

"The carols are the most popular event. Around four thousand people will cram into Norris Road

State School Oval with their blankets, chairs and glow sticks for a night of singing and fun," Rachel adds.

The markets and carnival atmosphere begin at 4:30pm with food stalls, rides, music, dance and fireworks, and the Carols Spectacular will start at 7pm.

The show runs for eighty minutes, culminating in a huge fireworks display. The theme is about Christmas and focusing on 'Christ' in Christmas. There is an adult choir along with soloists. Children will be dancing and singing as well as a variety of Christmas Carols for the audience to sing along with. There will also be media dances. This is where a group of teen dancers interact with moving images projected onto the stage.

The festival however, is not just a one-night celebration. "Another aspect to the festival week is 'Acts of Kindness'. This provides an opportunity for us all to get into the Christmas spirit," Rachel says.

"We like to encourage the community to present an 'Act of Kindness' for a neighbour or a complete stranger that is in need. We are super excited about starting the construction of a sensory garden for the Autism Queensland School in Brighton."

There is also a hamper night on December 8, where people from the community are invited to help pack hampers for people in need in the 4017 area.

A number of Seniors Lunches are also coordinated in the second week of December in various venues across the 4017 area. The community is also encouraged to hold Street Parties, as a way to get to know your neighbours at Christmas, when for some, it can be a time of great loneliness.

The Bracken Ridge Baptist Church is passionate about the 4017 community and wants everyone to be inclusive of one another this Christmas. The festival provides an opportunity to share this meaning of Christmas. ●●

Bracken Ridge Christmas Festival
Sunday December 13 from 4.30pm
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DASHING THROUGH SANDGATE

by Emma King

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Guess who's coming to Sandgate? That's right; for seven days in December, Santa and his sleigh will be dashing through Sandgate and surrounding suburbs.

On Saturday 5th December, during the Sandgate Community Christmas Festival, the Sandgate Apex Club will be assisting Santa in his travels while he offers Christmas cheers and lollies to all of the children.

For the children who don't see Santa on the 5th, don't fear! Santa will also be touring the

local neighbourhood on 7th, 8th, 10th, 16th, 17th and 18th December with plenty of treats to go 'round.

Santa will select random streets throughout our local community, so keep your eyes and ears peeled from 6pm! Kids are encouraged to say a big 'G'day' to Santa and take pictures with him on his 'sleigh'.

"For parents, the most enjoyable aspect of the Santa Sleigh is the memory from their childhood," says Rebecca Hall of the Sandgate Apex Club.

"The Sandgate Apex Club have been organising Santa and his sleigh for over 30 years, and parents remember Santa riding around the neighbourhood from when they were young."

The Sandgate Apex Club, who generously organise and fund Santa's trip through our community, are on the lookout for volunteers to assist Santa's journey.

"Volunteers who would like to walk alongside Santa's sleigh are much appreciated," Rebecca says.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or for more information can contact Rebecca Hall on 0432 958 360. Alternatively, you can email sandgateapex@gmail.com. Membership of the Sandgate Apex Club is available for ages 18-55. ●●



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A DECADE OF UNPLUGGED

The Unplugged Cafe, the monthly concert run by SANDBAG, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Friday 4 December.

Since its inception, Unplugged Cafe has seen thousands of patrons enjoy a night of entertainment and hospitality with family and friends.

The event was the brainchild of Susan Black (former SANDBAG staffer) and Zoli Moritz (Music By The Sea coordinator) as an opportunity to bring the community together socially to enjoy local talent.

Assisted by Steve Williams (former head of SANDBAG's social enterprise, SEED), who organised the first group of kitchen volunteers, Unplugged Cafe was up and running, with all proceeds going to help SANDBAG assist local people in need.

Over the years, scores of musicians, comedians and actors have graced the Unplugged stage, supported by a team of volunteers who run the kitchen and bar, sell tickets, set up, clean

up, manage the sound desk, and compère the shows. SANDBAG also partners with local restaurants and eateries to offer quality meals on the night.

Unplugged has a history of long serving workers. Zoli Moritz coordinated Unplugged Cafe right up until the end of 2013. Other locals with long associations include Paula Evans, Karen Williamson, John Bambrick and Po Childs, while Garry Hunt has been keeping the kitchen and bar going since 2010.

Current kitchen volunteers Jacqui Geary, Kamlesh Singh, Naema Abadselam and Chris Butler have also been involved for many years.

In December, Unplugged will feature the artists nominated by patrons as their favourite performers of recent times.

If you want to be part of Unplugged Cafe history, tickets go on sale at the door at the Sandgate Community Centre, 153 Rainbow Street, from 6.45pm on Friday 4 December. Enquiries to Dave Martyn on 0421 319 255. ●●

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A TWIST TO ROCK UNDER THE CLOCK

by *Susie Laery*

It would seem Sandgate can't get enough of its very own homegrown rock band, The Sonics.

Back for their third concert, the band is eager to showcase what they do best and that's playing their much loved 50's and 60's hits. With crowd pleaser Jim Hansen on vocals, Sandgate Town Hall will come alive once more with rock 'n' rollers taking to the dance floor.

This show however is one with a difference. The Sonics have brought an exciting dimension to their musical repertoire with the introduction of 'Ladies of Rock' presented by the versatile singer Nicky Steele. For band member Garry McDonald, bringing Nicky into the line-up means they can pay special tribute to the many female artists of the era - Dusty Springfield, Connie Francis, and legendary 'girl groups' like the Shirelles and The Ronettes.

Nicky originally trained in classical opera. At the age of sixteen years she performed in a talent quest that lead her to sing in a jazz band, and her musical career grew from there. She has since had a diverse performing history of jazz, pop and funk. She has been singing with the Allan Brown Big Band since 1990 - which plays all genres of music from 1940's jazz to 2010's rock.

Nicky says, "I feel very flattered to be asked to join The Sonics who have had such a long history together, and I am really looking forward to performing on the night. This music makes you smile and tap your feet, you just can't help it."

Nicky will be performing Lesley Gore's 1963 song, 'You Don't Own Me'. This has recently gained prominence by Australian artist 'Grace' who topped the Australian charts with her version of the song.

There will also be a duet with Jim and Nicki - likely to be a Sonny and Cher number, tells Nicki.

Garry says, "Nicki will bring a lot of fun to the stage and with that a lot of glamour too".

Nicki leads a completely different lifestyle by day, as she is a Sergeant in the Queensland Police Service, training officers in firearms, taser and hand-to-hand operational skills. But as she says, "it's a refreshing change to take off the holster and wear some heels!" ●●

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A MUSICAL NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER OPEN TO ALL

by Ellen Moynihan

The upcoming Music Cafe, being held at the Deagon Baptist Church at 7pm on Saturday 5th December, is set to be filled with Christmas themed crooning, coffee, cake and community entertainment.

The event is open to all 'up and coming' performers who want to gain some experience and exposure in a low-pressure environment. The night promises to be a lot of fun, and will comprise of two sets of performances with a tea and coffee break in the middle.

Organiser of the event, Graham Luck has been running the Music Cafe for around two years. He says it attracts people of all ages and performances of all genres.

"Most people do contemporary music, and we often have some Simon and Garfunkel, Johnny Cash, and The Beatles. There's always a good mix," he says.

While the performance is open to anyone, Graham says most of those in attendance are usually locals.

"Most performers are people from the Sandgate area, which is what makes it such a great community event."

Graham is hoping to grow the audience and number of performers into the future. He believes the event is valuable for both those looking to get their music heard and those who simply enjoy a good performance.

"It will be an excellent way for musicians to make local connections and network within the community, but you don't even have to be a musician to come along," he says. "It will be a great evening for anyone who just enjoys music, and meeting other music lovers."

Graham himself will be one of the MCs of the evening, providing some light entertainment between performances.

Entry on the evening will be a gold coin donation and there will be an electric piano and drum set available for performers to use.

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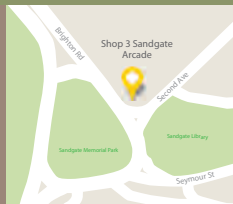
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A FABULOUS FASHION AFFAIR

by Ellen Moynihan

December 12 will mark the opening of the first 'FAB 14 Plus' markets, which are a perfect opportunity to clean out your wardrobe, fill it with something new, and meet others with similar fashion interests in the process.

The idea for the markets sparked from a conversation between market organisers, Juls and Ange, who both work at Brighton Health campus, and it grew from there.

After spotting the need for more ways for ladies to sell their FAB (Fashions Already Bought) sizes 14 and over clothing, Juls and Ange set about making the markets a reality. "We really came up with the idea one day when we were just gossiping about clothes", says Ange.

"We know that for us, we have clothes we don't use anymore, and there are probably a lot of other ladies in the same position, so why not have a market?" The market has around 25 stalls

already booked out, and is continuing to grow.

Juls and Ange believe there is a real need for a market of this type, "Sizes 14 and over, can often be more expensive in retail stores," says Ange. "This is why it's a great opportunity for people to sell their clothes back for money."

While the market is for clothes size 14 and over, Juls emphasises that the markets will have something for everyone. "There will be an array of jewellery, handbags and accessories in the stalls too, so you might find something great, even if it's not clothing," she says.

It's clear the ladies have put a lot of thought into the accessibility and convenience of the markets for both the shoppers and the stall holders. They decided to have it indoors at the Brighton Health Campus, so it will go ahead come rain or shine, and it is on a large flat area to make it easier to move around. There will be a coffee cart, as well as a change room attached to each stall. They will also provide each stall with a table and tablecloth, a dressing room and a mirror.

Following the first market in December, Ange and Juls plan to hold the markets every two months, so there will be plenty of opportunities to shop the markets, or even pick up a stall.

To get in contact with Juls and Ange, and book a stall, send an email to fab14plus@outlook.com or see their Facebook page at FAB 14 Plus Markets.

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FOODIES TUCK INTO ORGANIC TREATS

by Emma Harley

A sustainable foodie hub is growing in the 4017 postcode, with one venue embracing the popular movement with its annual Boutique Foodie Night.

Set in the heart of Sandgate, Satori Organics Wholefoods and Juices specialises in locally sourced, organic, seasonal produce and freshly pressed fruit juices.

Owner Lindy Goodall says this will be the establishment's third Foodie Night, following the success of previous years.

"They are crazy, busy nights with a lot of happy, buzzing people enjoying amazing flavours and artisans' wares," she says.

"It is a chance for people to enjoy a casual evening, being delighted by the simple things."

Lindy says the evening will bring together community members and a collective group of creative artisans to a beautiful space where they can enjoy fine food and company.

"We love to promote and create an awareness of locally sourced and boutique foods – it is our pleasure to introduce many local producers, who are unlikely to be mainstream, mainly small batch products," Lindy says.

The evening will offer an opportunity to relax with enchanting, whimsical tunes, while sampling the wares on offer.

"There will be cheeses and fermented products with a twist, hampers to spoil your loved ones, lucky door prizes and new products on offer," Lindy says.

"We will have a whimsical flutist, boutique food samples to try before you order and beautiful styling for a magical surprise."

Lindy says the feedback for the event has been very positive.

"Visitors love the atmosphere of the event and also the convenience to pre-order beautiful products for Christmas," she says.

Satori Organics is a favourite for local foodies, showcasing a huge range of raw and organic products including spices, sauces, pâtés, ice cream, desserts and cheese.

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MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL 2016

Let's face it, our tranquil Bayside Location is home to some of the state's premier events, one of which is the celebrated Music By The Sea Festival, to be held on Friday 8th to Sunday 10th of January, 2016.

The annual boutique festival is a perfect fit for its spiritual home, the iconic, 103 year old Sandgate Town Hall, where the sounds of jazz, folk, world and classical music are set to reverberate around its decorative heritage-listed press metal ceilings.

Artists from near and far are currently collaborating to bring their top quality acts to the program, and one would be forgiven for having difficulty in deciding who the headline acts are.

Let's have a quick peek at a sample of what you've got to look forward to:

At 7.30pm on Friday 8th, Flamenco Fire is set to thrill with a heady mix of traditional and

contemporary flamenco music, dance and song.

Dazzling footwork, compelling rhythms and stirring songs evoke the exotic roots of the sensual and mesmerising Flamenco art form.

Featuring Australia's finest performers - Simone Pope (dancer), Andrew Veivers (guitar), Shenton Gregory (violin), and guests direct from Spain - Olayo Jimenez (singer), Francesca Grima (dance) and Andrej Vujicic (percussion) - will transport you to Spain - Ole!

While Saturday's line-up could be considered the best in the festival's history, Canadian roots balladeer Scott Cook deserves an honourable mention.

Scott Cook's songs are stories that weave folk, roots, blues, country, and soul influences over finger-style guitar and claw-hammer banjo arrangements.

His 2013 album One More Time Around was nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award,



8-10 JAN 2016



by Donna Phillips

and its opening track Pass It Along won the Folk and Acoustic category in the 2013 UK Song-writing Contest.

UK magazine Maverick Country named him "one of Canada's most inspiring and imaginative storytellers."

Lovers of world music will relish Maru Tarang's (Australia/Indian) Indian flavours, soulful expressions, deep, original and fiery improvisations born of a meeting of musicians deep in the deserts of Rajasthan.

Sunday is full of promise with the crème-de-la-crème of the classical music world performing from 11am.

Extraordinary Australian pianist Simon Tedeschi will play his recently recorded Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, receiving splendid reviews, "pure brilliance - masterful - a powerhouse performance of intense corporeality." Sydney Morning Herald.

Award winning composer Elena Kats-Chernin (piano) will also present works from her new piano album that includes Dance of the Paper Umbrellas and Wild Swans, published by Boosey & Hawes.

Having studied in Moscow, Sydney and Hanover, she has created works across nearly every genre, from rags to operas, works for robotic instruments to a full-scale choral symphony.

Ms Kats-Chernin will not only perform at the festival, she will also live in the area while composing the 'Sandgate Piano Sonata' - commissioned by Music By The Sea.

Tickets available online at:
www.musicbythesea.com ●●

MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

JANUARY 8 - 10

Audience members every year are excited by the rich and diverse nature of music presented during the festival and often comment that they are always introduced to something new in music.

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Friday 8th

7.30pm

Flamenco Fire (Australia/Spain) - Simone Pope, Andrew Veivers, Shenton Gregory, Olayo Jimenez, Francesca Grima, Andrej Vujicic

Blake Hadley (Sandgate District State High Winner of the Music By The Sea Performer of the Year Award for 2015)

Saturday 9th

11am - 12pm

Kavisha Mazzella and Matthew Arnold

1pm - 2pm

Scott Cook (Canada)

3pm - 4pm

The Poozies (UK) - Sally Barker, Mary Macmaster, Mairearad Green, Eilidh Shaw

5pm - 6pm

Maru Tarang (India/Australia) - Jeff Lang, Asin Langa, Bobby Singh, Bhungar Manganiyar

8pm

Circle of Rhythm - Greg Sheehan, Ben Walsh, Bobby Singh

Sunday 10th

11am - 12pm

Zoe Black (violin) and Joe Chindamo (piano)

1pm - 2pm

Simon Tedeschi - Piano Recital

3pm - 4pm

Kupka's Piano (trio) Macarthur Clough, Adam Cadell, Alex Raineri

5pm - 6pm

Elena Kats-Chernin (piano)

8pm - 9pm

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'Eeeek!' Spooky looking Charlie McKeering, Jacqui McKeering and Kim Washington (left) were spotted at the Halloween party at The Cut and Colour Room in Sandgate.



School's out! St.Paddy's Year 11 boys Finn (my boy), Isaac, Callum and mates have finished classes and were out on the streets of Sandgate for a weekend of fun before the start of exam week.



Tres chic! Karen McNamara, Rebekah Jones and Victoria Laird were sharing a twilight champagne at Something About Audrey's evening soiree in Sandgate.



Beat that! Oliver Ford works out to the beat on DJ night at Snap Fitness Sandgate.



Cool dude, Sandy Porter stopped work for a moment to pose for a pic at Satori Sunday markets in Sandgate.

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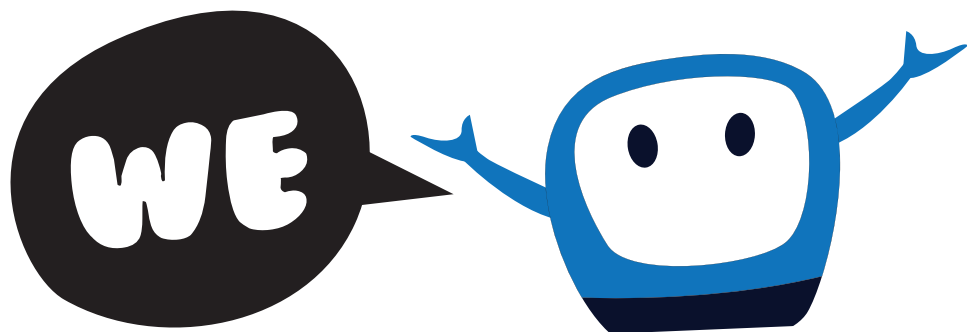
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WELCOME HOME MR HENDERSON

by Emma Harley

A bromance between five mates is raising the bar in Sandgate, with the opening of the suburb's newest venue, Mr Henderson.

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Tucked inconspicuously between the Sandgate Post Office and Classic Images Beauty Salon on Brighton Terrace, the bar is a hidden gem on the suburb's main thoroughfare.

Owner Jason Davis says the idea stemmed from a conversation on his back deck eight months ago.

"Four friends and I were sitting around talking about starting together a bar that we ourselves would like to hang out in," he says.

"We looked around at different places, even as far afield as Nundah and Clayfield, but we gravitated back to home base, found this premises and it all

fell into place".

Fellow owner and next door neighbour Marco Agostini, who owns Il Forno Pizzeria on 3rd Avenue, and Jason banded together the troops to turn the idea into a reality.

"We needed someone who could build so we roped in one of our friends who can build anything from scratch, and another of our friends is an accountant and a Czechoslovakian brewer, which seemed to fit perfectly," Jason says.

"I am in marketing so I handle that and Phil works for Nightlife Entertainment, who organise music systems for bars, so we thought: 'Hang on it's the dream team.'"

"We did most of the work ourselves, pulled in every favour we've ever had and then some, all in about 14 weeks."

Jason says the bar embraces a slice of Sandgate history, from the furnishings, design and even the name.

"The name comes from the old boot maker Bob Henderson, who operated in Sandgate from about the 1920s to the 1970s," he says.

"We have a picture of Bob at the top of the stairs standing in this spot, with a dirt road out the front and nothing else around.

"We have tried to preserve the old boot making, handmade feel; the original brick wall in the front is featured, as well as the galvanised iron, leather, steel and original handmade wooden tool boxes."

Jason says there is more in store for Mr Henderson, with gourmet food trucks, community collaborations and future events, including a potential laneway festival.

"Sandgate's awesome and we want to make it so you don't have to go to the Valley to go to a bar," Jason says.

"We want to work with other bars and restaurants and get more happening in the area." ●●



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Sandgate Whisky Club Launch
Cardigan Bar 7pm

FRIDAY 4



Byron Short
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Street Cafe
Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 5



Christmas In Sandgate
Einbunpin Lagoon 4pm

Rock Under The Clock
Sandgate Town Hall 6:30pm

Mamachair @ Cardigan Bar
Cardigan Bar 7pm

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Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Gravity Duo
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SUNDAY 6

Mr Jon
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm

Folk Off!
Cardigan Bar 3pm

FRIDAY 11

Annie & Bern
Cardigan Bar 7pm

FRIDAY 11

Oktent
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Zookeepers
Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 12

Celtic Sessions
Cardigan Bar 3pm

Lovecraft
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Facin The Crowd
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

Hayley Wilson
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

SUNDAY 13

Shayne Crump
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

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Graham Moes at Cardigan Bar

Cardigan Bar 7pm

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Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

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SUNDAY 20

Jaff Camilleri

Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

SUNDAY 20

Steve Hargreaves

Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm

Cardigan Bar - Christmas Party

Cardigan Bar 2pm

SATURDAY 26

Brett Whitmore

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SUNDAY 27

Jared Alexander

Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

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NEW YEAR'S EVE



NYE Party - Ticketed Event
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Full Moon Hotel 8pm



NYE CHI CHI
Sandgate RSL 8pm



by Bronwyn Clur

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December can be a slow month in the garden with family commitments and the hot weather. But if you are looking to get stuck into your garden during the holidays, here are some tips:

Pest Control

As it gets hotter and wetter, it's an idea to keep an eye on any potential pest problems. By acting fast and nipping any pest issues in the bud now, you'll save your plants from further attacks and damage.

Light it up

Consider lighting for your garden to welcome guests, accentuate landscaping, highlight plants and paths or just add some party atmosphere. Solar lighting provides a more economical option.

Final party prep

Make sure you complete your final preparations the day before your planned Christmas lunch or BBQ. Fill your gas bottle, invest in some mozzie deterrents (especially for the 4017 area!), sweep, tidy, mow and water your garden so it's all in the best condition for your Christmas entertaining.

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OLD SHORNCLIFFE PIER IMMORTALISED IN MURAL

by Susie Laery

It seems very fitting that a mural of the Old Shorncliffe Pier now resides at the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) Club in Shorncliffe. An organisation based around marine safety.

The heritage of Shorncliffe Pier is special for many VMR members as it has been a significant landmark to the small seaside suburb of Shorncliffe. Over the years, VMR has played a key role in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race patrolling and keeping boaties safe during this period. The Shorncliffe Pier marked the start of the race.

The concept for the mural all began when a representative from Brisbane City Council sent a letter requesting ideas for the use of the wood from the old pier.

The club put their heads together and came up with a submission to erect a Memorial Wall. VMR member Tony Lloyd says, "it is dedicated to all of our past, present and future members."

Col Nielson also a VMR member headed the building project and the club all chipped in to build the wall that screens a water tank.

The idea then was put forward for a mural to

be painted of the Shorncliffe Pier. A member supplied a photograph of the pier and artist Kim Mancini was commissioned to paint the mural.

"It was about capturing the essence of Shorncliffe and the Pier" says Kim. Particular reference has been given to the boardwalk of the pier that carried so many locals out along the pier and for many holds so many memories.

Kim has managed to fuse her adaption of the pier seamlessly with the wooden timber of the Memorial Wall. There is a real synthesis between the mural and the wooden boards of the pier.

Kim has also created the clever illusion that wherever you are standing the pier appears to be directly in front of you. For Tony Lloyd, "seeing the mural hits you with the 'wow factor'."

The timber came from two sources - the Brisbane City Council and Envirosite, who were contracted to pull the old pier down.

It certainly is worth a trip down to Allpass Parade to view the mural. You may even spot Kim working on a second mural. This mural takes a step back in time and reflects on the yesteryear of Shorncliffe. Perhaps a visit to VMR could coincide with Friday night 'Sunset Drinks' at the newly opened bar. ●●



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PIRATE'S PLATE

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Adam Hawkins. I encountered a personal set back last year with a short break from life to battle cancer at the age of 35.

Now in remission, I am back to continue my passion for 'food' but my true passion is 'people'. I am a family man, married to Heidi with two children, Noah 6yrs and Willow 5yrs. I have been living and working locally in Bracken Ridge all my life.

Combining these two passions, I have built a food truck business which I launched last month - "Pirate's Plate".

I have a sanction for the month of November to raise funds for Bowel Cancer Australia (Sanction Number #BCA 5476).

I am taking the opportunity during the launch of my new business to raise money for this great cause, also displaying information about bowel cancer and selling pins wherever my food truck is cooking.

You will find me cooking my signature dishes; "Walk The Schitz Plank" - fresh chicken

schnitzels with homemade dill aioli, and "Cannonballs" - meatballs in fresh homemade tomato and basil napoli sauce! Go to the website below to uncover my locations.

I am a volunteer for Bowel Cancer Australia, talking to people over the phone going through the exact journey I went through as a 35 years old diagnosed with Stage 3 Bowel Cancer. Physically and psychologically it is a stressful time. I talk to a nurse, Fiona every 2 weeks and she hasn't miss a call since June 2013. It is these nurses and medical research towards bowel cancer that the funds raised will go to. Without her, I would have been a mess!

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A NEW PHASE FOR FULL MOON HOTEL

by Emma Harley

A new moon is rising at Sandgate's Full Moon Hotel, as new owners take the helm at the popular Bramble Bay watering hole.

Coming off the back of an eight-year stint operating a quaint country pub in the Byron Bay hinterland, the new owners include husband-and-wife team Lucinda and Toby, along with Lucinda's brother, Matthew.

The trio recently relocated their young families to the area to take over the Full Moon Hotel in early November.

Lucinda says the family were looking for a venue in southeast Queensland to be closer to family members and were drawn to the Sandgate location.

"It is the perfect place to raise our young children and The Full Moon has a potential that we feel we can work with to bring it alive," she says.

Lucinda says the family comes from a long line of Northern Territory publicans, whose influence has reached hotels in Fremantle, Toowoomba, Darwin and Eltham.

"I remember the day my dad met Toby for the first time – I'm sure he was thinking, 'Well here's a natural publican if I ever met one!'," Lucinda says.

"Needless to say, Toby was put in a front bar within six months and he really is a natural at it."

Lucinda says they have lots of ideas for the hotel, and general manager Tom Steen and his long-standing crew of staff are all very passionate about the hotel.



Pictured: Toby and Lucinda Black, Matt Dowling

"We feel it's important to get to know the venue and its patrons, and we hope to start introducing new ideas over the next 6-12 months," she says.

"We have had tremendous feedback so far that has been both positive and encouraging.

"We work hard and listen to our customers – we'll be the first to admit we don't get it right every time, but we give it a try."

With new head chef Richard Seller at the kitchen's helm and the release of a new menu in December, this new phase for The Full Moon Hotel is sure to leave an impression. ●●

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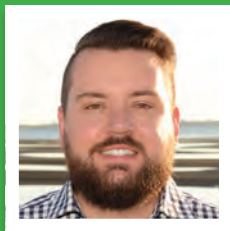
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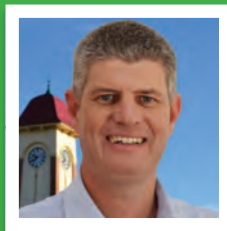
This is a very busy time of year in our local community with school graduations wrapping up and Christmas parties kicking off. Congratulations to all the graduating year 12 students and good luck for next year!

Locals will see upgrades to parks across the Deagon Ward funded through my Park Trust Fund including the Keppel Street Park in Boondall and Pomona Street Park in Brighton over the coming weeks. The Shorncliffe Pier sculpture should also be complete in the coming months.

Thanks to the hundreds of locals who completed my Shorncliffe Pier Survey. The feedback and results of this have been submitted to the Shorncliffe Pier Project Team and I hope they will ensure that the community feedback is incorporated into the official opening.

I'd like to invite all of the local dog owners and dog lovers to come down to my doggies Christmas morning tea events at Decker Park off leash area on December 12 and Boondall Park on December 13 from 9-11am. We will have treats for your pooch and a Christmas morning tea for their humans.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



We are now in Storm season. Severe storms can strike at any time and are often unpredictable, sometimes causing severe damage. It is set to be a summer of extreme heat, which

means a greater likelihood of storm activity. If you haven't, I would encourage you to get ready so you are prepared.

Getting ready first means developing an Emergency Plan. Debris, damage and fallen power lines can cut road access to shops and other essential services. An emergency plan means coming together as a household and working out where to go in an evacuation, what to do in the case of a flood, storm-tide or fire, and what everyone's role is if an emergency happens. Please visit getready.qld.gov.au to start your plan.

Please also be prepared for extreme heat. Precautions can include installing weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in, installing temporary window reflectors to reflect heat back outside and getting trained in first aid to learn how to treat heat-related emergencies, and of course drinking plenty of water.

Cr Amanda Cooper



An upgrade of the playground equipment in Harold Kielly Park near the duck ponds, Bald Hills has started and should be completed within two weeks, weather permitting.

I trust that families with young children will enjoy using the new equipment.

A pathway lighting project is starting in Eucalypt Park at the end of this month. This park is accessed from Aldea Circuit in Bracken Ridge. The lighting will benefit residents walking to and from Bald Hills train station.

I recently attended Jabiru Community College's celebration evening. The college operates from Council buildings at the Bracken Ridge neighbourhood centre. Congratulations to all the students who have had an extremely successful year.



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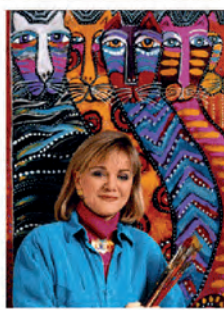
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Combining these two passions, Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane, based at Shorncliffe, is your local marine rescue organisation. From the base on Cabbage Tree Creek, they operate three crewed rescue vessels, and are there for boaties and jet skiers every weekend and public holidays to help everyone enjoy their time on the water.

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2015: THE YEAR THAT WAS

What a fantastic year we have had in this wonderful 4017 community. We take a look back at all the events that have shaped our area in the past 12 months.

The Bluewater Festival spread its wings and perched itself upon Upper Moora Park this year. This provided a new view of the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race, and a more spacious area for festivalgoers to enjoy the market and food stalls, rides and entertainment.



Earlier this year saw the long awaited start to the reconstruction of the Shorncliffe Pier. Witnessing the Pier being pulled apart, piece-by-piece to make way for the new and improved Pier was a sad moment, but this was a sign that we were a step closer to getting our Pier back.



Bracken Ridge again hosted the annual Backyard Bonanza - a day that was packed full of rides, entertainment, market and food stalls including the popular Lions train rides.



It was a fun day out at the Rotary Duck and Water Festival in June, with marine safety, sailing and helicopter water dump demonstrations. And then came the ducks - 5,000 of the yellow rubber variety to be exact, 'racing' down Cabbage Tree creek to give their owners a chance of winning a fabulous prize.



The Rainbow Street wall transformation began with the preparation and painting of a new mural depicting the natural environment within the Sandgate area. Lead by local artist Kim Mancini, the wall was a labor of love, with many locals getting involved to help complete this everlasting piece of history.



Shakespeare by the Bay returned to Sandgate, with the Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands and local cafes hosting popular Shakespearean performances to celebrate the 2015 Brisbane Shakespeare Festival.



The Einbunpin Festival once again gave our local community a day to remember, with fun games, entertainment and market stalls by local businesses and community groups. It was a day to catch up with friends and family, and share with visitors everything our wonderful community has to offer. Did you spot the Bunpin?

We said farewell to local member, Victoria Newton. For the past 15 years, Victoria has worked tirelessly to provide essential services to our community. We thank her for everything she has contributed during her time as Deagon Ward Councillor, to help make our area great.



With the arrival of September and the weather warming up could only mean one thing; Spring Carnival Racing! Local ladies and gents frocked up in their race day fashion for the 3rd annual Deagon Community Picnic Race Day. Every year, this event gets bigger and better, with organisers making this a day out the whole family can enjoy.

The Sandgate Sunset Run topped off this year's big events. The streets of Sandgate were closed to traffic, making way for teams of running 'super heroes' to race 'round the roundabout and raise funds for a good cause. There was also live music, street entertainment and world food markets for race goers and spectators of all ages to enjoy.



This past year has truly been amazing for this 'not so little' seaside town that gets better every year. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, from the team at the Sandgate Guide.



Chamber president Bill Gollan standing on an old pier pylon.

COMPETITION LAUNCHED FOR 'WELCOME TO SANDGATE' SIGN

by Susie Laery

History is about to be made in Sandgate with a competition recently launched to design a 'Welcome to Sandgate' sign.

The Sandgate District Chamber of Commerce have initiated the competition believing it's time for Sandgate to celebrate its own identity and with that create a sign that depicts the seaside village. Chamber of Commerce President Bill Gollan says, "Our new doctrine in place for Sandgate is less about events and more about starting to promote the Sandgate area and community."

The idea came about when Brisbane City Council requested ideas from local businesses and organisations on how the wood from the old Shorncliffe Pier could be used. The Chamber of Commerce thought about making seats but felt they would be open to vandalism. The notion was then raised to create a 'Welcome to Sandgate' sign. Bill Gollan says, "We felt this would give the community of Sandgate an opportunity to be involved in the process".

The competition is open to anyone in the public and calls on all artists, designers and creators to capture what they feel best represents Sandgate. This could

be from the history of Sandgate over the years, the vistas to Redcliffe and Moreton Island to the various seaside activities that take place from the village of Sandgate. The sign will be constructed from three Shorncliffe pier pylons that have been donated by the Brisbane City Council.

The position of the sign has been proposed to Brisbane City Council to be erected on the Board Street roundabout.

The winner of the competition says Bill "receives the prestigious rights to have their name on a plaque where the sign will be erected".

So let your creativity flow and don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to make history in Sandgate. This could be your moment to literally make your mark forever more in Sandgate.

The competition closes on Friday December 18 and applications are available from the Sandgate District Chamber of Commerce. ●●

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Vinnies Sandgate - Christmas Hampers

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They aim to match the increase in demand that they experienced last year by providing 15 extra hampers (40 in total) over the Christmas period. Because the majority of their assistance is for families, they anticipate that 40 hampers will help support over 120 individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Cr Jared Cassidy has provided a grant to support this initiative

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Twilight Farmers Market

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The night will be a fun celebration and a fundraiser for the services the Community Centre provides to those in need, with non-performers paying \$10 at the door. Solo performers will play in the first half, followed by bands playing blues, rock & pop.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER IN SCARBOROUGH

by Melissa Bailey

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Each year, during December, the Scarborough Seaside Village is adorned with lights, tinsel and other decorations to celebrate Christmas. It's hard to miss the 10 3-metre tall Christmas trees that line Landsborough Avenue alongside coffee and boutique shops.

Scarborough Lights Up Redcliffe Inc is a not-for-profit group of volunteers that has been bringing old fashioned Christmas cheer to the streets of Redcliffe since 2006. And it couldn't be done

without the sponsorships and in-kind support provide by the local business.

The Scarborough Lights Christmas event has attracted around 100,000 people to Scarborough during the Christmas school holidays since it began.

Partnering with the Moreton Bay Regional Council, Scarborough Lights works to provide Redcliffe Peninsula's premier Christmas event Christmas by the Sea, which is always held on the first Saturday in December.

Division Five Councillor James Houghton said Scarborough would be transformed into a magical Christmas village.

"Throughout December, the Scarborough precinct will be lit up by 10 huge Christmas trees, which will provide a wonderful light display," Councillor Houghton said.

"Coming along to Christmas by the Sea at Scarborough Beach Parklands on Saturday, December 5, is a great opportunity to see these 10 sparkling Christmas trees! It will be a Christmas event to remember, so I encourage residents from across the region to come and help us celebrate."

The Christmas by the Sea street party will feature markets and roving entertainment, while Scarborough Beach Park will showcase Santa's Village, rides, an animal farm, fireworks and festive performances by the Redcliffe City Choir, the Multitude Choir, and country music group DOZZI.

You can find more information by visiting www.scarboroughlights.org.au or www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/christmas or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/scarboroughlights. Contact Sue White on 0438 661 904 or email info@scarboroughlights.org.au.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable evening at Scarborough Lights! ●●

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collective, we decided we would award them the Mavis Filmer Award", he said.

"They literally picked up what the Redcliffe Dugongs were doing. They have built on what we did in the 1990s and early 2000s. The Mavis Filmer award is given by our little committee, which are all ex-Redcliffe Dugongs, to people who have done great work in relation to looking after the environment and indeed the wild creatures of the Moreton region."

Angie Gannon, who started the Dugong Collective with her husband Ray, says they are just a group of people who love marine life and want to make a difference.

"We're just very passionate about the dugongs, turtles and dolphins in the bay," Angie said.

Their enthusiasm for the reef has certainly attracted a lot of attention with over 5,000 people signing up to be members of the Dugong Collective. Their latest campaign is concentrated on trying to prevent littering in the bay.

"We have a lot of followers who go along picking up rubbish, fishing line, hooks and plastic from the shore. We're also trying to get the council to have a patrol sweep along the rocks where the rubbish gets caught. I know the Redcliffe council have a tractor that cleans the beach to get rid of all of the bits, but nothing gets up on to the rocks. When it's high tide or it has been stormy all the rubbish gets stuck up there."

The group are also currently trying to raise money to install a life-size dugong statue featuring a Mother and her calf in the Redcliffe CBD area.

"There are tourist signs with the dugongs on and everybody always drives around and says well, where are they?" Angie says.

"We don't want people to actually go out there looking for the dugongs because they are very shy creatures and very important too. We thought why not have a designated spot in Redcliffe so that people can come and see it. They can sit and have a coffee and admire the statue. They don't have to go out there to disturb the dugongs."

The Dugong Collective have a stall at the Redcliffe markets every Sunday with all of the proceeds going towards conservation efforts.

Next year the Mavis Filmer awards will be back with another deserving recipient. ●●

"DUGONGS" DEFEND THE REEF

by Zoë Hirning

The Mavis Filmer award, given to honour environmental efforts in the Moreton Bay region, hasn't been endowed to anyone for at least ten years.

But this year, things have changed!

Local environmental group, the Dugong Collective, are the Mavis Filmer Award winners for 2015 and have been recognised for an outstanding contribution to the environment.

The group were awarded the honour at Redcliffe Seaside Artists gallery on 4th November.

The Mavis Filmer award was originally created to honour the late owner of the Filmer Palace Hotel by the original dugong group the Redcliffe Dugongs. This troupe was the brain child of Richard Lancaster and started in 1998 out of concern for a small heard of dugongs in Moreton Bay. The group grew enormously in popularity, inducting prominent members Peter Beattie and Steve Irwin. When they disbanded there was a void left within the environmental community.

Richard Lancaster, the chairman for the Mavis Filmer Awards, says the Dugong Collective filled this need to give a voice to the marine life in Moreton Bay.

"This year because of the tremendous work of Ray, Angie and Malaika Gannon in the dugong



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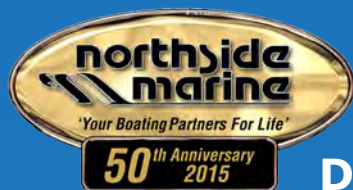
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The recent sales market remains very active, and good sales results have been achieved across all price brackets.

You know the market is tracking northwards when recent Auction results have premium priced properties selling under the hammer, with multiple bidders registered and bidding. A sale on Flinders Parade for over \$2 million is clear evidence of these results.

Sales in the lower price points are quite often under multiple offers, so again good sales results are achieved; e.g. a knockdown house on 607 square meters selling with 5 offers for \$400,000 inside the first week. Value is always in the land as they say!

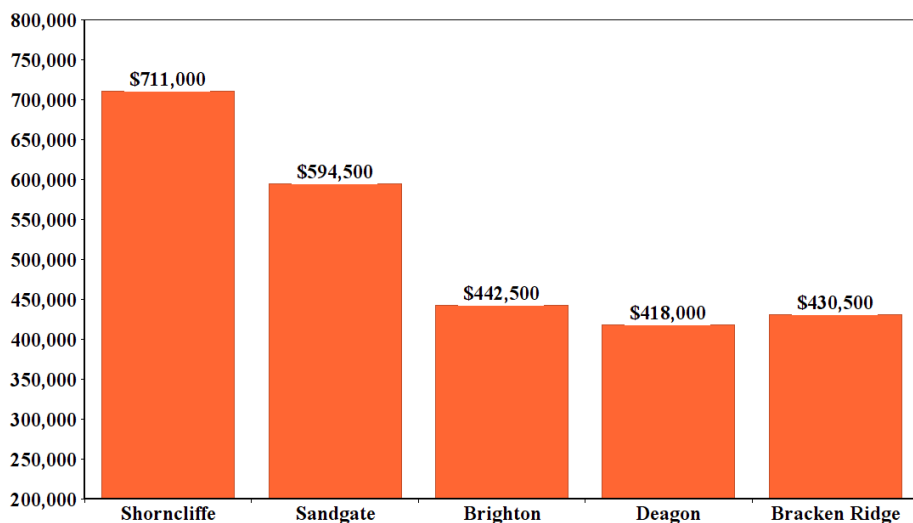
These results are a reflection of the lack

of houses advertised for sale. This can be attributed to a number of reasons, but is mainly a result of reduced interest rates. Buyers who purchased through the 2010-12 period can be saving as much as \$10,000 per annum on their repayments with today's rates compared to when they bought. Therefore mortgage pressure is not a determining factor when selling at the moment.

Reduced listings and low interest rates lead to increased buyer competition, and therefore an increase in sales prices achieved. The only market condition slowing some investor buying is an increase in deposit requirements by most lenders.

Market update by Trent Ryan of Calio & Scott Real Estate, Brighton

Quick Stats - Medium House Price By Suburb



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WOULD YOU BELIEVE - that the Sandgate museum has extensively researched house names and street addresses in Sandgate, Shorncliffe, Deagon and Brighton, and has compiled an alphabetical list from "ABBEVILLE" to "ZENDA" - and the list totals 430 names.

Research dates back as far as 1850 and from Brisbane City Council maps dated 1953. The list is also formatted alphabetically by street names from "AGNES ST" to "YUNDAH ST".

The Brisbane City Council did not issue street numbers until the late 1940s, and it was common to include house names in addresses.

This means you can research what the original name of your house was in earlier times.

WOULD YOU ALSO BELIEVE - the museum has a STREET REFIDEX dated 1954 that shows residents names in each street.

This means you can look up who lived at your address 60 years ago.

AND WOULD YOU ALSO BELIEVE - many streets have had their names changed over the years.

Flinders Parade was originally Lower Esplanade.

Eagle Terrace and Park Parade was Upper Esplanade.

Pier Avenue was an extension of Kate St until the pier was built in 1882.

Allpass Parade was once Wharf Street.

All of the avenues off Flinders Parade - 1st Ave to 18th Ave – all had names.

2nd Avenue was called Wilson Street after the Minister from the nearby Baptist Church.

18th Avenue was Regent Street.

The Historical Society has 65 recorded altered names of streets.

Call in at the Sandgate museum and ask staff to research your house or street. [Original maps and publications are archived and require the use of special gloves]

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