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This month, one of our communities 'must-do' events on the social calendar, the Deagon Community Picnic Race Day is back for its third year since thoroughbred racing returned to the Deagon racecourse in 2013. Bring the family for a picnic, or get your friends together to enjoy a VIP experience. The day will have something for everyone. Plus, if you're a fan of all things Shakespeare, you won't want to miss the 2015 Brisbane Shakespeare Festival's "Shakespeare By The Bay" being held throughout Sandgate, with free performances in Einbunpin Lagoon Park. Sit back, relax and enjoy reading this September issue of the Sandgate Guide.



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HOOF IT TO THE RACES

Emma Harley

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About 7000 people are expected to suit up, frock up and have a punt at Deagon Race Track on September 13 for the 2015 Deagon Community Picnic Races.

The annual event has become a major drawcard on north Brisbane's social calendar, and this year there are a host of new additions to what is already a fantastic day out.

President of the Sandgate & District Chamber of Commerce, Rhonda Sutton, says the



Photo by Paul Neil

"In General Admission, racegoers will also be able to relax and enjoy the glamour of our newest edition, The Emeri Sparkling Wine Lounge Bar, with live entertainment playing all day.

"The Fashions on the Field has also been given several new judging categories, including a Families Category for our little fashionistas, and a Gold Class category to target the super stylish in the crowd."

Rhonda says there have also been big developments on the track itself.

"This year the meet will be broadcast on Sky, so we expect to see a very competitive field of thoroughbreds race on the day, with the Aliweld Deagon Cup tipped to be the biggest race of the day," she says.

"We are running a bumper 10-race program, which will include all the magic and excitement of seven thoroughbred races and, for the first time, three harness races, which will provide something different for racegoers who have never seen live harness before."

Since The Deagon Community Picnic Race's return in 2013, the day has become a community event for all ages.

"Families can pack a picnic, bring along a blanket and enjoy the feel of the turf between their toes," Rhonda says.

"There is something magical about a picnic race day and the happiness and vibe of the crowd really can't be captured in words. From the young and old to everyone in between, the crowd makes it a great event." ●●

Deagon Community Picnic Race Day

Sunday, 13th September
Gates Open at 10am

Tickets for the 2015 Deagon
Community Picnic Race Day are on
sale at helloworld Sandgate, The
Bracken Ridge Tavern or online at
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exciting inclusions will make the Deagon Community Picnic Races more than just a day at the track.

"A luscious green lawn has been grown especially for the VIP Experience Area, which the punters will absolutely love," she says.

SANDGATE HAS IT ALL STITCHED UP

Emma Harley

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What do you get when a handful of comedians, a microphone and an audience keen for a side-splitting night out end up in the Cardigan Bar?

That would be the comedy night *Stitched Up*, which takes place at the popular Sandgate watering hole on the third Wednesday of each month from 7pm.

Stitched Up started in January this year and the event's organiser Anthony Walsh says the calibre of comedians on show and the audience numbers have gone from strength to strength.

"We usually have about seven or eight comedians and most of them are newer comics and just do a five-minute set. And we usually have two or three who do a slightly longer set," he says.

"I am the MC, so my job is to warm up the audience and keep it all moving.

"Most of the time we have about 30 people in, which is about as many as the bar can hold comfortably. And the comedy is always something different."

Walsh says he started the night so residents from the area could have a top comedy option closer to home, and he says audience members can get in on the jokes.

"We have an audience joke competition, so audience members can have a go at telling a joke for the chance to win a free beer," he says.

"Plus you'll usually see a higher proportion of new comedians, and definitely a higher percentage

Photo by Paul Neil



of female comics than in most venues around Brisbane.

"Our comedians aren't aggressive, and the audience need never fear they will be attacked or picked on by a comedian. And, of course, we have everything the Cardigan Bar has to offer, from the boutique beers through to the mulled wine and the lovely chilled vibe."

This month's *Stitched Up* will feature Alana Shootingstar, who recently returned home from a stretch of shows at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

"Everyone will go home with a smile on their face and, hopefully, sore sides from laughing so much," Walsh says.

The next *Stitched Up* is at the Cardigan Bar on Wednesday, September 16. Search for the Cardigan Bar on Facebook. Entry is free.

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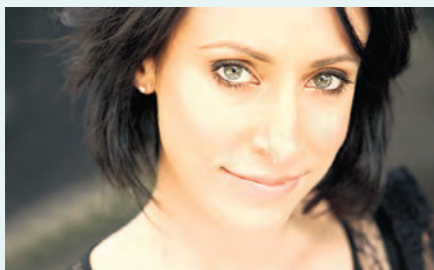
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EXPO: PLAY IT SAFE ON THE BAY

Emergency and Community Services Expo

Emma Harley

Be prepared for the Bay – that's the message Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane will be sharing with both novice and experienced boaties at its Emergency and Community Services Expo at Shorncliffe on Sunday, September 20.

The expo, part of a state-wide campaign to educate people about being ready for storm season, will include exhibits and demonstrations by firefighters, ambulance officers, SES workers, police, marine rescue organisations, marine radio operators, flare use and much more.

Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane president Thomas Grice says the aim of the expo is to inform the region's strong community of water users of the safety and emergency procedures that should be used each and every time they go out on the water

"After being involved in a similar event last year, we thought combining a Community and Emergency Services Expo with the day would be a fantastic chance to involve the local community, whether they are boaties or not," Grice says.

"This is the first time we have included emergency services to create an event for all ages and all people. The importance of

presenting this expo now is to provide a good knowledge of preparation and preventative measures we can all take in the lead up to our summer storm season. Let's face it, on the water or at home, we live with the realities of the issues created when we are hit by storms and flooding."

The day will also celebrate the opening of the 2015-16 sailing season with a Blessing of the Fleet and a Sail Past of all the vessels involved on the day. There will also be plenty to do for the kids, with a jumping castle, face painting and a chance to get up close and see just how a fire truck works.

Grice says the safety information on offer for boaties may just help save lives.

"We will be presenting the workings of marine radio, the how and why of logging on and off, using flares and EPIRBS (emergency beacons), basic knot tying, and safety and emergency methods and equipment to have on hand at home and on your own boat," he says.

"Demonstrations and displays will answer all the questions people have." ●●

Emergency and Community Services Expo
Sunday, 20th September, 9am-2pm
95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe
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Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO** **9am - 2pm Sunday 20th September 2015**

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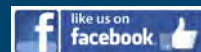
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MULTITUDES OF JAZZ

Sandgate Town Hall will come alive on Sunday afternoon 20th September when Multitude Choir and Held at Ransom combine to create a cool, musical fusion. With well-known favourites such as “Georgia”, “Moon River” and “New York New York”, as well as later contemporary pieces such as “Man in the Mirror” and “Skyfall”, this performance is bound to be a spectacular demonstration of the talent and showmanship which we foster in our local communities.

“This concert is the second occasion Multitude has performed at the beautifully restored Town Hall,” says Adele Moy, spokesperson and singer of the Multitude Choir. “Last November, Multitude combined with Jafa Choir.”

This year, Multitude is “especially delighted” to be performing with ‘Held at Ransom’, a group comprised of some members from the New Groove Jazz Ensemble.

With a wide range of styles such as jazz, Broadway, rock, pop and gospel, Multitude has been regularly performing around the Northern

Morten Bay area for eleven years. “We’re always on the lookout for people who want to join us,” Adele says. Everyone is welcome without audition, and regardless of experience level. “We especially want to encourage males to give the choir a rich tone, creating a nice balance of bass and tenor voices,” Adele explains.

‘Held at Ransom’ is led by vocalist Trina Lincoln and seven members of the New Groove Jazz Ensemble, that play regularly at the Sandgate Town Hall.

The combination of Multitude Choir and Held at Ransom will certainly prove an admirable and exquisite performance for all who attend. Adele says, “This is a chance for everyone to be part of a concert of classic and eclectic vocals... who love great Jazz.” ●●

Multitude Choir & Held at Ransom
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BARD'S BEST ON SHOW

Emma Harley

Ye olde Sandgate is set to turn into an Elizabethan wonderland this month with the ninth annual 4MBS Brisbane Shakespeare Festival.

'Shakespeare by the Bay' will come to Sandgate on the weekend of September 26-27, and will feature performances located around Sandgate on Saturday, with free events planned at Sandgate's Einbunpin Lagoon Park on Sunday.

Festival producer Gary Thorpe says the Shakespeare Festival began nine years ago to provide the opportunity for people to experience all things Shakespeare and showcase the talented actors in Brisbane.

"After the first festival in Bulimba, word spread and the festival has expanded to Sandgate and Newstead," he says.

"I went to Sandgate High School in the 1960s, so I wanted to bring the festival here and with the help of the Brisbane City Council, we have been able to do that.

"There are also some lovely cafes where we can present a range of Shakespeare activities."

Gary says the best way to experience Shakespeare's plays is to attend a professional

performance, as they bring Shakespeare's words to life.

"So far we have presented A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Romeo and Juliet, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Twelfth Night, Henry V, The Taming of the Shrew, Richard III and this year the free play will be The Comedy of Errors, directed by Michael Forde," he says.

"Locals can bring a rug or chair and watch the antics as Shakespeare's twin trouble comedy unfolds."

The festival caters to many Shakespearean tastes, with other events including Coffee & Sonnets at Wild Manna Café, The Bard meets the Brass performance with Major Laurie Young and his brass band at Einbunpin Lagoon, and even an authentic sword fighting display.

Shakespeare's budding Bards have also been considered with Kids Classics Story time held at the Sandgate Library, where younger fans are introduced to Shakespeare with adapted stories.

**Shakespeare By The Bay
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September**

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THE MUSES TRIO

Donna Phillips

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Unearthing musical treasures by female composers, The Muses Trio will perform an outstanding collection of works for Music By The Sea on Saturday 3rd October at Sandgate Town Hall.

After discovering the importance of such vastly deserving material, independent artists Therese Milanovic (piano), Louise King (cello), and Christa Powell (violin) combined their skills to develop a program that appeals to audiences with a passion for trying new things, and who dare to be musically adventurous.

Ms Milanovic said, "We love music written by male composers as well, but we are shining a light on music that deserves to be played and for various reasons has been ignored."

Her research has revealed many exceptional female composers. "So many," she said. "All the way from baroque times. They were often stifled by society, dominating husbands who asked them to stop performing after marriage, being limited with time bringing up children, etc...there are many great female composers out there."

"Unfortunately, music by women is rarely performed. However there are so many undiscovered gems. And as well as playing from the past, it is important for us to feature music by

living composers today. So far, Cecile Elton and Lynette Lancini have composed especially for us. It has been such a thrill to work directly with composers and get their feedback," she said.

The concert performance list will showcase characters in the women in music story who have soared above the so called glass ceiling, reaching the heights of their profession.

A stellar example is one of Australia's most celebrated composers and Music By The Sea festival star Elena Kats-Chernin, whose prolific catalogue of work has reached millions of listeners worldwide. Destined to become a modern classic, her work 'The Spirit of the Maiden' will open the concert at 7.30pm.

Breathing life into these pages of lovingly crafted work, The Muses Trio has filled a niche in the field. With the credentials to do so, Therese is a performer and pedagogue, a member of award winning quintet Topology, is now Associate Faculty with Glandsby Institute (USA), and teaches at Griffith University. And while there's a long list of credits, the Netherlands and Belgium tour with musical comedy trio the Kransky Sisters is worthy of note.

A refined English cellist, Louise is an exciting example of today's independent contemporary artist with extensive international experience. An inspiring concert artist, teacher, recording artist, adjudicator and event producer, she has worked with singer songwriters such as Katie Noonan, international touring artists Il Divo, and Josh Groban.

Another busy freelancer and member of Topology, Christa plays a wide range of chamber music, which is her passion, and also orchestral music with Queensland Orchestra; she teaches, and has attained a BMus Hon at the University of Queensland, and a Master of Music from the Conservatorium. ●●

The Muses Trio

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BRIGHTON BULLDOGS GALA

Carnival fun - music, rides, food stalls and fireworks

Susie Laery

The Brighton District Soccer Club, Brighton Bulldogs, will celebrate the end of the 2015 season with a family Gala on October 10.

The event will be opened at 4pm by new Deagon councillor Jared Cassidy. This will be followed by a trophy presentation celebrating the achievements of the club members. This sees junior members of the club through to seniors of the club receiving recognition.

Following the presentation, a fun filled carnival provides entertainment for everyone from music, rides, food stalls, face painting to a cent auction and a bar providing alcoholic beverages. There will also be a football skills competition for everyone to participate in, showcasing the skills of the club members and providing some light hearted fun. The evening will close with a vibrant fireworks display at 7pm brought to the club through 'The Lord Major's Suburban Initiative Fund' which supports community projects.

President Sally Faux says, "The Gala is a community event that has been going on for many years and it's an event to welcome the community and thank them for their support. It's also a great opportunity for past members to come down and re-connect with the club."

The club also wish to convey the importance of making the public aware that the facilities are for the community, and for people to know they are welcome to use them.

This year has been an exciting year for the club, with the club facilities undergoing a facelift which has seen an upgrade to the canteen. The club also now features a large television screen which will be used to watch football games and also for the club to host movie nights.

Next year, the club is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The club is producing a 50-year magazine which will be available next year.

The magazine will showcase and celebrate the club and its long history and the changes that have occurred over the years. Photos and stories capturing the past five decades of the club are being collected. Any contribution towards this important record would be greatly appreciated. ●●

BRIGHTON BULLDOGS GALA

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



I'm thrilled to have this unique opportunity to become the Councillor for Deagon Ward. Victoria Newton has been a friend and mentor to me for over a decade, and to follow in her footsteps is very exciting.

I want to put on record my thanks and gratitude to Victoria for the 15 plus years of service she has given to our local community and the Labor Party.

I've learnt first-hand from Victoria how to be a hands-on, responsive and active local councillor and I'm excited to be able to hit the ground running now and take up the fight for my local community.

I'm passionate about my local area and have deep roots here, particularly in the suburb of Deagon, with my family having lived here for generations.

I'm keen to get out and about and get to know what's important to you as locals. I want to make sure that Council doesn't ignore community concerns on development in our suburbs, and that basic services like mozzie spraying and grass cutting are carried out on time and we work towards busting gridlock by investing in a world class public transport system.

Please drop by the Ward Office located in Cliff Street if you want any information on Council services or assistance on local matters.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



I would like to acknowledge the work of Victoria Newton, our recently retired Councillor for Deagon Ward since March 2000. For 15 years, Victoria has been a passionate advocate for the diverse communities in our

area. Many of you would have met her out and about, at schools, community groups, festivals and ceremonies. In Council, she always put the interests of the locals first and made consultation a priority.

During her tenure, she oversaw the growth of our successful Einbunpin Festival and advocated for restoration of the Shorncliffe Pier as a local landmark. She spearheaded the revival and refurbishment of the Sandgate and Brighton foreshore parklands, and fought to protect an additional 90 hectares of bushland at Boondall and Brighton. She also worked with the Sandgate Hawks to secure their home at Taigum, and upgraded countless parklands and sporting fields in our area.

Personally, I have been a friend of Victoria's since we were at teachers' college together – a time when I recruited her to the Labor Party.

Our new Deagon Ward councillor, Jared Cassidy, is a passionate local through and through. I know he will continue and build on Victoria's legacy of excellent representation. I look forward to working with him in the times ahead.

Cr Amanda Cooper



The Bracken Ridge library will be hosting the 2015 Gold Star Reading Club awards ceremony at Bracken Ridge Library on Wednesday 9 September at 4:30pm. It is a fantastic celebration of

the children's achievements when the children who have participated in the reading program will receive their certificates and medals. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the

Bracken Ridge library by Thursday 3 September in person or by calling 3667 6060.

Work on the Bracken Ridge Aquatic Centre is progressing. I, and many other locals, are looking forward to its completion, which is due to happen in early 2016.

The Animal Welfare League of Qld has been managing the Warra Animal Shelter at 523 Telegraph Road since October of last year. The shelter is still operating during the construction of the aquatic centre. I would encourage anyone looking for a pet, to choose from the dogs and cats there who are waiting for rehoming. The shelter is open 12pm-6:30pm on weekdays and 9am-1pm on weekends. They can be contacted on 3631 6800 or online: www.awlqld.com.au.



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ARTRAGEOUS HOSTS PROMINENT QUEENSLAND ARTIST

Susie Laery

Hidden away in a studio at the Artrageous Community Arts Centre in Deagon is one of Queensland's artistic greats. For the next 12 months, contemporary indigenous artist Gordon Hookey will be working there on his latest project for the Institute of Modern Art in Brisbane. He has been commissioned to create a new visual history of the state of Queensland from an indigenous perspective. This will be done through paintings for a display in *Frontier Imaginaries*, a 2016 exhibition at the Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane.

Gordon Hookey is from Cloncurry, Queensland and belongs to the Waanyi people. He has painted since Grade two but as he says "it's not a decision to become an artist".

Gordon is well regarded for his fearless and provocative painting style, which delivers weighty commentary on political issues. His paintings are unique and easily recognisable in the form of figurative characters, iconic symbols and bold comic-like text. His paintings are saturated with

meaning. "I respond to culture in time, often making art about scenarios that happen. Addressing history as it is happening," says Gordon.

A blank canvas covers an entire wall of Gordon's studio at Artrageous, however in 12 months this will be a series of three 10 x 2 metre linen paintings. This latest work will provide a history of Queensland through an indigenous perspective and will be as Gordon says "according to me". Gordon is "very intrigued" at the concept. At present he is at the ideas phase and is sketching concepts. As much as there is planning that goes into the painting, there is a lot of "evolving as you go," says Gordon. Many accidents happen along the way, which end up creating new elements and dimensions to the work.

As part of the residency at Artrageous, Gordon will be working collaboratively with Artrageous Community Arts, holding a retrospective exhibition of his work in Gallery 4017 to coincide with the Bluewater Festival Art Trail in 2016. In conjunction with this, a series of workshops are projected, open to the public. In the meantime, Gordon welcomes enquiries by local artists, including indigenous artists, schools and the general public interested in his work.

Dr Helen Riley, President of Artrageous Community Arts says "We are so excited about having an artist of Gordon's calibre at the centre and for the opportunity to learn about his work and introduce an indigenous focus into the gallery."

As the cliché goes, 'a picture paints a thousand words', but in the case of Gordon Hookey, his work speaks volumes. Culture, society, politics and the convergence of two cultures are at the forefront of his work. May the next 12 months at Artrageous provide the inspiration for the completion of a body of work that will go down in the history of Australian art. ●●

Pictured: Artist, Gordon Hookey
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LOCAL SCULPTOR'S LEGACY LIVES ON

by *Susie Laery*

Brighton's iconic sculpture duo Leonard and Kathleen Shillam will be etched into Sandgate's history with the Cliff Street to Eagle Terrace pathway in Sandgate named after them. 'Shillam Pathway' signs have been placed at both ends of the pathway and a storyboard on the couple will also be erected.

Known widely in art circles across Australia for their numerous and significant commissions in art galleries and public spaces, the Shillams have been celebrated for their contribution to Australian sculpture and regarded as pioneers in Australian art history.

Leonard and Kathleen lived and worked in Brighton for more than 60 years. For local historian Pam Verney, it felt significant that they be remembered in the community of Sandgate. It was Pam who initiated the naming of 'Shillam Pathway'.

"The Shillams were avid nature lovers and great walkers. To name this walkway would be a wonderful tribute to Kathleen and Leonard in recognition of their contribution to the Sandgate community and the artistic scene in this country," says Pam.

Leonard and Kathleen met at art school during the great depression, at the ages of 15 and 16 years old. They developed a passion for drawing, but by 1934 they had started sculpting seriously, largely self-taught. In 1942, they married and settled into Holmes Street in Brighton.

Sandgate is fortunate to have been given one installation in 2002, which is installed in the Einbunpin Lagoon. This consists of two cast bronze cormorant figures installed as standing birds in the lagoon.

Kathleen has one work which was commissioned in 1973 by the St Margaret's Church of England, Sandgate. This is a copper and brass font lid.

Other distinctive art works are featured in the City of Brisbane. Their most recognised sculpture is the five pelicans in the Queensland Art Gallery water mall. Other works include the seventeen metre high 'Banker' on the wall of the Westpac Bank and the sculpture 'Enlightenment' on the river façade of the Old State Library.

Although primarily known for their sculpting, Kathleen and Leonard were accomplished painters. This was recognised in December 2000 when Kathleen received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Queensland for her contribution to the Visual Arts. The same honour was also awarded to Leonard.

The couple never had any children, but left a legacy in their art. The naming of Shillam Pathway will serve as a link to see that this legacy lives on.

Shillam Pathway will be officially opened on Saturday 12th September at 11am. ●●

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Pesky moths!

If you are getting cabbage moth problems in your garden, try planting some lettuce alongside your broccoli. These pesky moths don't like it and will hopefully flutter away. Or, you could try making a spray from boiled lettuce leaves. You can also confuse the white

cabbage moth by sowing flax seeds in with your broccoli and kale.

Are your plants going yellow?

Yellowing leaves can mean a lack of nitrogen. To give your plants some nitrogen, try mixing some coffee grounds into the top of the soil around the plant. You could also try sprinkling or digging in a good quality fertiliser containing blood and bone from the Garden Gate.

Citrus help

August means the arrival of annoying fruit flies in Brisbane. You can spray your plants with milk, and then only water in the morning to ward them off.

If the leaves of your citrus trees are curling and yellowing between the veins, it could indicate depleted levels of magnesium and sulphur. Try mixing a tablespoon of Epsom salts in three litres of water and use it as a spray, or just spread Epsom salts over the soil. This will work for your citrus, as well as for tomatoes and lettuce.

Citrus trees can get ugly swellings as a result of gall wasp. The only thing you can do is cut the branch off below the swelling and throw it away.

Spring is well on its way now so it's a great time to prepare for longer daylight hours, warmth and faster growth. It's a busy time at The Garden Gate too, so if you'd like to volunteer and have a couple of hours free at weekends, and have retail experience, we'd love to hear from you. ●●

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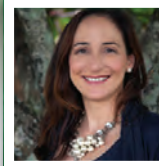
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midwifery care for women and families living within the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) catchment.

Belinda and Heidi will be joined by Liz Wilkes, Chief Executive Officer of Midwifery and Maternity Providers Organisation Australia. Liz was the first private practice midwife in Australia to obtain visiting rights at a public hospital following legislation in 2010, and has been instrumental in progressing maternity services reform across Australia.

Belinda explains, "The additional continuity of midwifery care options at RBWH are relatively new, so many people, even including some health professionals and general practitioners, are not yet aware these services are now available."

Heidi agrees, saying, "This session could be really valuable for anyone who is planning on having a baby, and would like to know their options for obtaining high quality continuity of midwifery care."

Evidence demonstrates that when women access continuity of midwifery care, they feel better supported to navigate the complex social, emotional and physical transition that giving birth and becoming a mother can entail. That is, women who are more satisfied with their maternity care have improved physical and emotional health outcomes, as well as improved health outcomes for their babies. ●●

MATERNITY CHOICES

Susannah Holmes

‘Womenspace’ invites women to take time to focus on the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postnatal period during Women’s Health Week at an information session about maternity care options.

One core objective of Womenspace is to respond to the particular needs relating to women’s life experiences and to enhance women’s individual well-being. With more high quality maternity care options now available in North Brisbane, Womenspace encourages women to attend and learn about all the types of care available.

The session will be co-presented by Belinda Barnett from ‘Maternity Choices Australia’ and Heidi Degen, President of the ‘Friends of the Birth Centre’. Both women are local mothers, actively involved in advocating for increasing women’s access to high quality continuity of

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Katy More

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Emily Craven was the first person in the world to create real-life choose your own adventures, and she is now turning her attention to Sandgate as she continues to grow her Choose Your Own Adventure app – Street Reads.

Adventure writer and creative producer, Kahli Scott, grew up in Sandgate and recently joined the Street Reads team to work on a Choose Your Own Adventure Story based in Sandgate.

Winner of the 2013 State Library of Qld Young Writers Award, Kahli has a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Creative and Professional Writing) from QUT and mainly writes fiction for young and new adult audiences. She is excited to bring her hometown of Sandgate to life through Street Reads.

Street Reads makes you the hero of your own story and will soon give you the chance to take part in your own adventure right here in Sandgate.

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The app has been highly successful with its current Brisbane adventures, from escaping a zombie apocalypse to pillaging the city looking for pirate supplies.

"Story City is doing choose your own adventures now, but it has so much more potential," said Ms Craven.

"We're currently working with the creeks and waterways department of the Brisbane City Council to activate parks. We want to run projects that take people on a journey while showing them what they might lose if we don't slow climate change. We want to work with theatre companies, walking tours, zoos, heritage sites, you name it."

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NEW ROLLER FOR BRACKEN RIDGE CRICKETERS

Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, welcomed the Bracken Ridge District Cricket Club receiving \$34,000 for the purchase of a new pitch roller as part of Round 83 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

"The new roller will enable members to ensure the club's wicket block is always in the best condition for every match at McPherson Park.

"The Bracken Ridge District Cricket Club is a great local institution in our community.

"It's important we support clubs like this one to promote active lifestyles for adults through sports like cricket.

"The Palaszczuk Government is committed to the viability and wellbeing of our community's clubs, with the Get Playing Places and Spaces Program available for eligible not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations, with up to \$100,000 to help improve facilities," Mr Hinchliffe said.

Mark Gennings, President of the Club, said the funding was a great boost to Bracken Ridge

Cricket.

"The roller will be of huge benefit to the club and we are very grateful," he said.

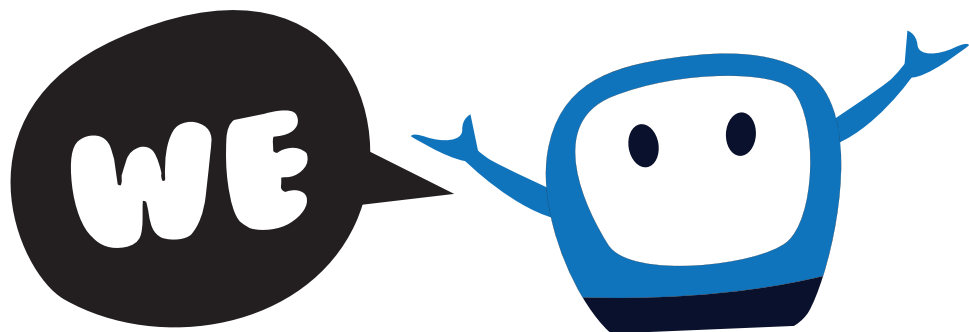
"We will be able to prepare the very best wickets this coming summer and for many more summers."

Mr Hinchliffe encouraged potential players for the Club's Sub-Districts and Warehouse teams to contact the Club or attend their sign-on days. ●●

The Bracken Ridge District Cricket Club has sign on days for Summer Cricket on 29 and 30 August from 11am-1pm.

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FRIDAY 4

Brendan Aguis
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6pm



Moondog Blues
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Unplugged Cafe
Sandgate Community Ctr. 7pm

Brett Whitmore
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Zephr Project
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SATURDAY 5

John Sophios
Sandgate RSL 10:30am

Caught In The Act
Sandgate RSL 5:30pm

Rob Black
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6pm

Folklore
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Candice Bliss Duo Live
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 6

Romio and Juliette
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

SUNDAY 6

Seleen Mcalister
Chandelier Bar & Grill 12:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm



Amy Kate Live
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Dave & Jess Martyn
Cardigan Bar 4pm

TUESDAY 8

Jared Alexander
Sandgate RSL 10:30am

FRIDAY 11

Liam Kennedy Clark
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Purling Brook
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Soul Cutz
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

Romio and Juliette
Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 12

Brett Whitmore
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Danny Mose Trio
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Little Stevie & The Tail Finns
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SUNDAY 13

Deagon Picnic Race Day
Deagon Race Track 10am

Shayne Crump
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm

Seleen Mcalister
Chandelier Bar & Grill 4pm

Sunday Session w/ Reverie Blue
Cardigan Bar 4pm

Deagon Race Day Post Party
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 5pm

TUESDAY 15

Trevor White
Sandgate RSL 10:30am

FRIDAY 18

Seleen Mcalister
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6pm

Kylie Lionhart
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Chi Chi
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

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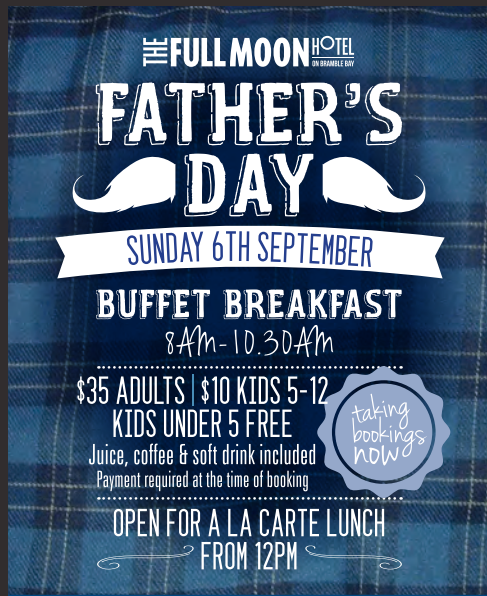
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Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Mike Ling
Cardigan Bar 4pm

TUESDAY 22

Craig Shaw
Sandgate RSL 10:30am

WEDNESDAY 23

Stitched up - Stand up Comedy!
Cardigan Bar 7pm

FRIDAY 25

The Cardigan Bar Cocktail Hour
Cardigan Bar 4pm

Liam Kennedy Clark
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Lachlan Elliot
Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Black Alley Catz
Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 26

Seleen Mcalister
Chandelier Bar & Grill 6pm

South Pour
Cardigan Bar 7pm

60s sensation band
Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SUNDAY 27

Luella and Shayne
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Rob Black
Chandelier Bar & Grill 12:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm



Rub a Dub Kitchen
Cardigan Bar 3pm

Vinyl Club @ Cardigan Bar
Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

TUESDAY 29

Outtawak Duo
Sandgate RSL 10:30am

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'Mabel' plays guitar and sings to her audience on stage at Einbunpin Festival 2015.



Jockey, Maddy Dux, in silks, poses for the camera to promote the upcoming Deagon Picnic Race Day.



Marie Smith was surrounded by friends and family and fellow artists at her painting exhibition launch at Coffee Club Sandgate.



Matt Moline and The Johnson Stompers get the band back together to pack out the Cardigan Bar on a Sunday afternoon session.



Libby and friends Nancy, Kelly and Preston attended the Indie Made farewell soiree on Bowser Parade, Sandgate.



Susie Bushnell (in red) and the 'dancing class girls' on stage in Sandgate Town Hall in Sandgate Theatre's performance of Stepping Out -The Musical.

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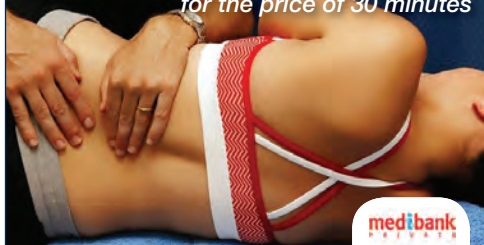
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Fish On Flinders - Photo by Paul Neil



A FLARE FOR FRESHNESS ON FLINDERS

Ellen Moynihan

For almost a century, the premises which is now Fish on Flinders, has served as a meeting place for locals and holiday makers alike, with an appetite for fresh fish and chips. Beginning as a small corner store, it has gradually evolved to the thematically decorated beach shop front it is now.

Owners Trevor and Cheryl have run the shop since 2002, after buying the property, which was then called 'The Snack Shack', in 1994. Trevor, who lived in Sandgate for the first 6 years of his life, remembers visiting the shop when he was a child, when it was a convenience store selling fish and chips. Trevor returned to Sandgate around 1945, and after gaining experience in a lot of different careers, he finally took up hospitality. Although it was an unforeseen career path, he has loved it so far.

Both Trevor and Cheryl, say the relaxed and friendly nature of the area is a large part of what makes living and working there enjoyable. Something that stands out to Cheryl since beginning to run the cafe, is the friendliness of their customers, even those that are not local or regular. "Sometimes customers come with an elderly relative, and even though it's not

necessary they still help them to the door so they can thank us. It's really lovely," she says. The cafe even has regulars who come all the way from the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, and consistently come back to Fish on Flinders.

Despite the progressive transformation of the shop, something that remains unchanged is its function as a hub on the foreshore, with a focus on accommodating families. Trevor and Cheryl, are happy to provide for the needs of families wanting to dine at their cafe. "We are careful to cater for everyone," says Trevor. "That's why we have gluten free and other specific dietary options, so families that include people with certain requirements can still enjoy coming here."

Trevor says the motto he works by is that it's about picking and choosing everything carefully and individually. When it comes to choosing the foods to be used in the cafe's dishes, especially the fish, Trevor prides himself on being able to spot good quality. "If someone wants to give me a cheaper deal, I want to know why. Quality is the top priority," he says.

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The Redcliffe Jetty is the heart of Redcliffe, and on Saturday 12th September, the Redcliffe Parade plays host to all the magic of the circus for this year's Jetty Fiesta.

This year's free street party promises to be a jaw-dropping work of whimsy and spectacle, with circus-inspired acts on the beach, on the jetty, and roving the Parade to delight visitors. The range of acts is spellbinding: there will be illusionists, contortionists, stilt walkers, an acro rhythm gymnast, ribbon and dance performances, LED hula hoop and spinning acts, fire breathing and twirling, and aerialists on show before the annual fireworks spectacular.

Beloved entertainer, and a regular at Movie World's 'Carnivale', the Fiesta Jester will delight audiences with his skills. Juggler and acrobat extraordinaire, he'll be easy to see riding on his 7-foot tall unicycle.

On the beach, the Phoenix Entertainment troupe will light the night with a spellbinding display of fire artistry against the backdrop of the bay.

The restaurants and cafes on the Parade will be open, along with a host of food and drink stalls in the twilight markets. Throughout the night, light installations and projections will light up

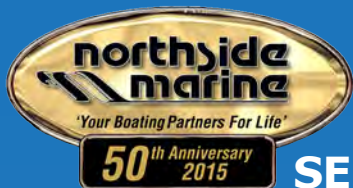
the buildings and trees of the Parade, bringing these beautiful blank canvases to life.

At 8pm, the main stage will be the place to be, with a 15 minute choreographed laser and light show culminating in the biggest fireworks display ever seen on the Peninsula. Viewing areas will fill up quickly, so get in early. Planners are tight-lipped about what partygoers can expect from the fireworks display. "We don't want to give too much away, but think jet skis, fireworks, and a whole heap of fun," says Event Director for the Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism, Melissa Gooderham.

There will be very limited parking available on site, so save the stress and park at the Redcliffe showgrounds, located on Scarborough Road at Redcliffe. A free shuttle bus service will be running to get you to and from the event.

Don't forget: fireworks are fun for humans, but often scary for pets. If you live near the jetty, please make sure your pets are safely inside a quiet space to avoid escapes and injuries. ●●

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LOCAL HISTORY

Great Projects from Timbers Salvaged from the Pier

The Sandgate Museum has placed on display its souvenir piece of timber from an original header beam from the original pier built in 1882. The museum will also make some memorial and honour plaques for community display.

The Brisbane City Council Pier Renewal Manager advised that 18 local organisations and individuals received timber pieces, and they are to be recycled into unique and artful objects such as public sculptures, ornaments, timber photo frames, stools, a retaining wall with viewing deck and other history projects. One artist indicated he was making models of the toredo worm which was the culprit for eating away the timbers below the waterline. Some projects will be open for public viewing by September.

A community survey will be done to determine if the new pier will be called the Shorncliffe Pier, replacing the original name of 135 years. The swimming enclosure is not to be renewed, unlike the original pier, which had separate bathing enclosures for men and women on either side

of the pier. Shorncliffe was known as Sandgate up until the early 1950s, and on some old maps was spelt as two words: "Shorn Cliff". This was probably due to the lack of vegetation caused by early land clearing for housing developments, and also many homes then had wood stoves. Early photos at the museum show very few trees, even on the cliff face.

Call in and ask staff at the museum about the extensive collection of photos and maps from earlier times. ●●

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Francesco Fera outside his "Castle" in Boondall

A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE

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Life's not always a fairy tale but not far away, Boondall has its very own castle.

It was a labour of love for Francesco Fera when he set about building his house "Little Jewel" back 35 years ago for his four children and wife Maria.

After immigrating to Australia from Italy, Fera got the idea to use his training as an electrician and architect to create his masterpiece in the back streets of the North Brisbane suburb.

He worked as a tiler and later as a bricklayer to be able to afford his ongoing renovations.

The two storey house, adorned at the top with the Italian and Australian flags, is a stunning architectural statement set amongst ordinary brick and mortar homes.

Inside is just as extravagant with luxurious features and some furniture imported from France and Italy.

Dedicated family engravings are etched into the tile and woodwork in each room. One-of-a-kind artworks hang on the wall and the rooms have

a colour coordinated theme which incorporates handmade light switches into the mix.

Face moulds of Fera and his family hang above several doorways and handmade clocks created on the wall tiles are also scattered throughout the home.

"My finishes are unique in the world, nobody else has the same features", Fera says.

'Little Jewel' has attracted a lot of interest, with up to 15 people a day driving into the street to take a look.

Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book that dates back to 2002.

Regardless of the attention, Fera has reiterated that the building is not a castle but rather a small humble abode.

"This house is beautiful but not a castle. It's a little house," he says.

He still has a long way to go with the rest of the house. However, at 75 years of age Fera doesn't show any signs of slowing down, but is unsure if he will finish. ●●



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“Open Home” Visitor Numbers Soar

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Standing at an Open Home hoping to get 2-3 buyers turn up like we did in 2013 is a distant memory. The numbers have dramatically increased across the board over the past few months. A fortnight ago, we recorded 29 groups of buyers through a home in Nathan Street Brighton, while another 8-12 consistently through numerous properties we're currently marketing in Sandgate, Brighton, Deagon and the surrounding suburbs. The listings we have around the \$400,000 - \$600,000 mark seem to

be attracting the most amount of interest due to renewed enthusiasm from younger purchasers. Buyers have really had the luxury of being very fussy over the past 12 months and now it seems the tables have turned somewhat, with more competition and more buyers wanting to make offers straight away.

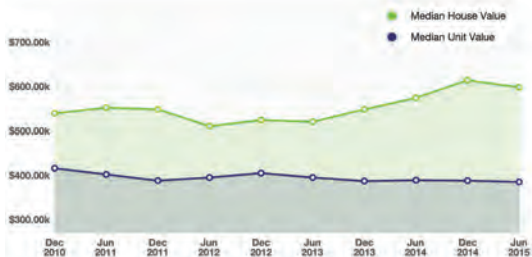
A number of our recent sales have generated 'multiple offer' situations, whereby several buyers were competing for the homes. The negotiations were fierce and, in a couple of cases, pushed the price up well above the feedback we received throughout the advertising campaign. With interest rates looking to be on hold for a while longer, the property market seems to be on the upward trend again, certainly in our experience. ●●

This article was brought to you by local real estate agents Tamara & Mark Wecker of RE/MAX Property Shop in Sandgate & Bracken Ridge.

Quick Stats - Sandgate

Top 5 Streets in the Suburb by Median Value

Street Name	Median Value
Eagle Tce	\$901,558
Albion St	\$819,616
Flinders Pde	\$807,856
Eighth Ave	\$768,336
Anzac Ave	\$756,216



Current Measurement	Houses	Units
Median Value	\$597,500	\$384,000
Median Weekly Rent (Gross)	\$480	\$305
Suburb Rental Yields	4.18%	4.17%
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TIDE TURNING FOR QUEENSLAND HOME RENOVATION PRICES

The cost of renovating your home in Queensland has dropped 1%, making it the most affordable State to renovate your home, a new report reveals.

The Renovation Consumer Price Index (RCPI) is a Quarterly report released by ServiceSeeking.com.au analysing 52,000 quotes submitted by tradesman on the website. The latest RCPI compares the cost of renovating in the fourth quarter financial year 14/15 versus the prior year.

To support the release of the RCPI, ServiceSeeking.com.au has created an interactive map that plots price changes across 10 popular renovation services in Queensland year on year at www.serviceseeking.com.au/renovations/qlld.

"The interactive map shows the cost of renovating a home in the sunny state has dropped by 1% quarter-on-quarter," says CEO Jeremy Levitt, while the national average has risen 3.9%.

"In the past, Queensland has been Australia's most expensive state to renovate so the

news comes as a pleasant surprise for many homeowners," Levitt adds.

Prices in Queensland were overwhelmingly cheaper than those around the rest of the country, particularly in WA and Victoria where costs skyrocketed by over 6%.

While tiling and paving (up 8.9%) and plastering (up 4.5%) were the only industries that saw significant price increases, all other renovation sectors afford great value.

The findings suggest that demand is finally being matched by a strong local supply of skilled tradesmen. However, homeowners are warned to take advantage of the savings ahead of the State Government's recent stimulus package, which is set to boost Queensland's infrastructure and perhaps put another strain on supply. ●●

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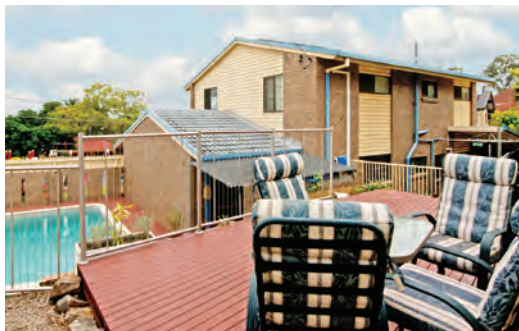
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