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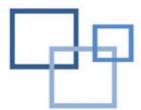
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MUSICIANS UNITE FOR MELODIOUS FUNDRAISER!

Northside local, Melissa Bailey is calling for musicians from Sandgate and Redcliffe to join her in a fantastic musical fundraising event.

Having studied music all her life, Bailey noticed that there are few opportunities for musicians to

perform as soloists or in small groups in the local area.

"There are lots of opportunities if you join a music group, such as an orchestra or choir, or if you are studying at primary or high school, but beyond that there are few opportunities for local musicians to showcase their work," says Bailey.

After seeking a space for her students to perform in preparation for examinations, Bailey decided to broaden the scope of the concert and invite musicians from Sandgate and Redcliffe to join in.

Bailey has planned relaxed auditions for Saturday 6 February, from 8am until midday at the NCI building on Brighton Road.

Musicians of all ages, instruments and levels of expertise are welcome to come along and Bailey plans to create a slot for everyone to play at the concert evening scheduled for Wednesday 9 March

"I want everyone to enjoy the local talent!" Bailey says.

"Most importantly, I want musicians to know the auditions will be very relaxed and performers are allowed to have their teacher or family member on stage with them for support if they choose."

Remembering how daunting performing can be, Bailey says that many young performers feel comforted by their teacher or parent sitting nearby on stage, which will be welcomed on the night. A piano will be available, and musicians have the opportunity to play solo or accompanied.

Proudly supported by Sandgate Village, proceeds from the event will go to local not-for-profit organisation, Hope's Room, which supports parents suffering perinatal mental illness such as postnatal depression and anxiety.

Auditions: Saturday 6 February Concert: Wednesday 9 March

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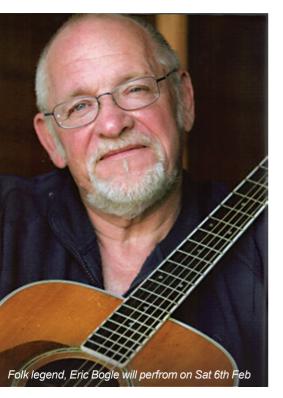




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MUSIC BY THE SEA

Two Concert Special

With the recent highly successful annual festival under it's belt, Music By The Sea has come up with a surprise double-hat-trick for February with two exceptional acts performing separate shows throughout the month.

Folk legend Eric Bogle, author of the much lauded song 'The Band Played Waltzing Matilda', will grace Sandgate Town Hall with his presence to launch the 2016 concert series on Saturday 6th February at 7.30pm.

Fortunately, Australian cult band The Necks are also touring, so Director Zoli Mauritz has seized

the opportunity to give Brisbane music lovers what fans consider to be a kind of religious experience on Saturday 20th, at the same venue.

Mr Mauritz said he has loved the work of Chris Abrahams (piano), Tony Buck (drums) and Lloyd Swanton (bass) for many years.

Considering the stellar careers of Eric Bogle and The Necks, he added, "It's an honour to have both here."

On the honours list with an Order of Australia Medal for services to the entertainment industry and a Peace medal from the United Nations, Eric has written and recorded songs that are iconic to their genre.

Along with The Band Played Waltzing Matilda - No Man's Land (The Field of France), Leaving Nancy, Now I'm Easy and Shelter name a few.

Having performed at every major folk and country music festival around the world over the last 25 years or so, his songs have also been recorded by industry luminaries including Joan Baez, Mary Black, Donovan, Slim Dusty, John Williamson, Billy Bragg, The Pogues and The Furies.

Also long term industry players, 20 years in fact, The Necks are sometimes categorized as a jazz trio - which is fine as long as this is immediately qualified by adding that they refuse to obey genre rules

Quoted as "One of the greatest bands in the world" by the New York Times, and "How three musicians can sound like eighteen is a mystery" - UK Financial Times, this improvising trio is not extremely avant-garde, nor minimalist, nor ambient, nor jazz, but possibly unique.

Whatever the mix is defined as, the Sandgate show will give you the answer to a much touted question "Are The Necks the greatest band in the world?". ••





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QUEENS PARADE MARKETS BACK FOR 2016

Emma Harley

ove is certainly in the Bayside's ocean air this February with the much-anticipated return of Brighton's Market Night.

Held on Valentine's Day Eve, the markets offer shoppers the opportunity to pick out a home made or vintage gift for their sweetheart.

Shoppers can then retreat for a quiet brew or wine, while being entertained by the romantic tunes of local musicians Danny Jazz and Matthew Taudevin.

Event organiser and owner of EclecTea, Geri Purcell is excited about the return of the markets following a successful year in 2015.

"The Christmas and New Year period was an extremely busy time for us, so this is the first time we have had the opportunity to put another great market together," she says.

Geri says the catalyst for the event came from Sandgate's recent Music By The Sea Festival.

"We had a very successful time at the popular Festival, where we hosted free events at the café," Geri says.

"Hundreds of people were sitting on the lawn, enjoying the music and the atmosphere and having a lovely night, and they kept asking when we would do another event.

"We decided February would be the perfect opportunity as it would coincide with Valentine's Day."

Geri hopes the market will showcase the ecofriendly, locally sourced products available to locals and newcomers, all with a Valentine's Day edge.

"The Valentine's Day theme is woven through all aspects of the event, from the food, to the entertainment and shopping," Geri says.

"The quirky food vans will provide visitors with food from the countries of love – Italy and France.

"And there will be a variety of stalls and suitcase rummage sales, perfect to choose that special something for that special someone."

"It is a new year and a new start for the event, and we hope this will be the first of many exciting markets to come this year." ••

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BECOME A CULINARY CULTURE KING

Emma Harley

Fancy a curry from the subcontinent? Or maybe some sambal from South East Asia? The Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group (SANDBAG) is set to take locals on a cultural culinary adventure with the launch of its new cooking program.

Sharing Culture Through Food will present a series of cooking classes showcasing various cultures present throughout the Sandgate community, culminating in a cookbook at the end of the program.

SANDBAG chief executive Alisa Hall says the project is a collaboration between SANDBAG, Womenspace and the North East Welcome Asylums Support Group, and will acknowledge women's contributions to culture.

"Women throughout different cultures are traditionally responsible for preparing meals, " Alisa says.

"So it acknowledges the role women play in maintaining and celebrating different cultures.

"Approximately 10 cooking classes will be held throughout the year, and will provide participants insight into different cultures through the preparation and sharing of food.

"Recipes, photographs, interviews with cooks and comments from participants will be compiled to produce a cookbook highlighting each of the participating cultures."

Alisa says the idea for the project came from the group's work in the community providing support and employment to refugees and asylum seekers.

"There will be a diverse range of cultures involved in the project that have a presence in the local community and surrounding suburbs including Burmese, Sudanese, Ethiopian, Nepalese and Bhutanese," she says.

"Sharing through food provides an opportunity for the community to come together to share and learn about each other and their cultures."

Recently awarded the Ted Tremayne Award as a part of the 2016 Lilley Australia Day Awards, SANDBAG is proud of its achievements to date.

"It is wonderful for SANDBAG to have been nominated by the local community in acknowledgement of the work we have done and role we play in the local 4017 community," Alisa says.

"Community is at the heart of our work and this award recognises the important role not only of SANDBAG but of local community organisations which contribute to the wellbeing and connectivity of communities."

The first event will kick off in March. For more information or to get involved visit sandbag.org. au.

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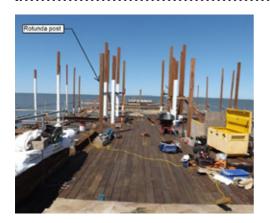
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SHORNCLIFFE PIER TO LAUNCH AT BLUEWATER FESTIVAL



The Bayside's annual Bluewater Festival is primed to be extra special this year, with the event set to coincide with the highly anticipated opening of the newly rebuilt Shorncliffe Pier.

President of the Sandgate & District Chamber of Commerce, Bill Gollan is excited about the completion of the iconic structure and the fact its unveiling will coincide with the opening of the 2016 Bluewater Festival and the QantasLink Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

"The pier is special as it's the first thing you think of when you think of Sandgate"

"It's been a massive job for the Brisbane City Council to deliver this on time and there have been tricks and turns along the way, but we are very confident we'll be able to cut the tape and shoot the canon on the same day," Bill says.

"The festival without the Pier is like an Iced Vovo without the coconut; it's still great, but not sensational."

The historic pier was originally built in 1884, but closed for renovation in 2012, with Brisbane City Council investing up to \$20 million in the project.

Construction to date have included the complete removal of the original pier, 261 metres of the pier decking installed and the installation of the lower level platform.

Work has also commenced on the heart of the iconic pier, its central rotunda.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk says the newly designed rotunda will be 60 per cent larger than the original structure.

"The new rotunda will also feature picnic benches and tables throughout to encourage people to make the most of the coastal atmosphere." he says.

"Twenty fish aggregation piles that were relocated at the start of construction will also be returned this month, and they will be strapped to the new piles, helping fish numbers replenish quickly."

With a fireworks display, hundreds of yachts and a line up of free entertainment at Moora Park, the launch of the Shorncliffe Pier is set to add extra bang to the Festival.

"The pier is special as it's the first thing you think of when you think of Sandgate," Bill Gollan says.

"I've travelled overseas and remember flying in over the bay, seeing the pier and felt like I was home.

"We all have childhood memories from the pier, and we now have many to be made." $\quad \bullet \quad$

The opening of the Shorncliffe Pier and the launch of the Bluewater Festival will kick off Thursday 24th March.

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BRAND NEW RECREATIONAL PRECINCT OPENS AT BRACKEN RIDGE

People living on Brisbane's northside have access to a state of the art recreational precinct, with Lord Mayor Graham Quirk officially opening two exciting facilities on the 14th February.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said Bracken Ridge was now home to an \$8.8 million aquatic centre, \$850,000 Skate Park and re-configured animal rehoming centre, creating a vibrant new precinct for residents of all ages and interests.

"The \$8.8 million aquatic centre is designed to cater to all pool users, from elite swimmers through to families looking to escape the heat on a weekend.

"It features a 25 metre heated outdoor pool, a 25 metre heated indoor pool, kiosk, change rooms with showers and toilets including an accessible changing room, barbecue facilities, picnic tables and a car park."

Cr Quirk said residents could also enjoy the brand new skate plaza located next door to the new pool, which was the first of its kind in Brisbane.

"This facility will be a destination for skateboarders, BMX riders, scooter riders and roller-bladers and will attract professional-level skateboarding demonstrations and provide an ideal location for local competitions," he said.

"The final design of this facility is the product of significant community input with Council hosting public events for residents to share their opinions on features they would like to see implemented at the facility.

The Warra Animal Re-homing Centre has also been reconfigured so it can be co-located on the same site as the swimming complex and skate plaza.

Local Councillor Amanda Cooper said the opening of the new recreational facilities was a special milestone for the local community.

"This is a flagship project in our local community which will be hugely popular for not only our local area, but a significant part of the city," Cr Cooper said.

"I have worked closely with the local community to help steer the vision for these facilities and I am delighted to join the Lord Mayor in welcoming residents to this exciting new precinct.

"I encourage everyone to take advantage of these exciting new surroundings, and I thank the community for its patience while these facilities were being constructed."

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Gina and Laylin came to try the fish and chips at Sandgate Fishmonger Restaurant by the sea.



Andy and Kimmy Hancock got the barbie going for brekkie on New Year's Day 2016.



John Cox of the Qld American Ford V8 Club shows off his beaut 1966 red Mustang at Curlew Park, Sandgate.



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SANDGATE LADIES WANTED FOR NEW QCWA GROUP

Emily Campbell

The Queensland Country Women's Association are seeking local women to join the organisation's newest group, which will be based in Sandgate. Ladies from all backgrounds and walks of life are invited to get involved with the association, which was founded by Ruth Fairfax in the early 1920s as a means for country women to regularly socialise and organise charitable ventures for their communities.

Currently, the QCWA have over 4,500 members across 270 branches located throughout the state in regional, rural, remote, coastal and urban areas. As part of a marketing campaign, they are looking to extend their reach to regions where they haven't yet been represented.

They are a non-sectarian, apolitical organisation whose goal is to provide much needed services to their local communities and assist during times of crisis through fundraising, donation of time and even lobbying. Furthermore, the QCWA are affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World, the largest international rural women's organisation who raise money for projects to assist ladies in third world nations.

Every QCWA group hold monthly meetings, some in the morning and others at night, during which members meet to discuss ideas for charitable projects, have the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy the company of like-minded women. Activities such as cooking, arts and craft can be taught depending on what group members are interested in.

Christine King, the QCWA Division President and State team leader for new branches is in charge of establishing new groups around the state. She has been involved with the QCWA for 24 years and believes the Sandgate branch will be a great success.

Christine says, "These meetings are about women coming together, sharing ideas and empowering each other to learn decent skills and having a common desire to help others.

"Locally, some of the causes we support include domestic violence, providing sanitary items to vulnerable women, volunteering at nursing homes, making cancer caps and much more."

The first Sandgate QCWA meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 9.30am, in the 'active living centre' hall behind Mitre 10.

Women of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to attend the meeting, not just those from the country. For more information, visit http://qcwa.org.au/ or call 3026 1220.









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A great example of the spirit of growth in nature is evident in the behaviour of climbing plants. Climbers will overcome challenge and adversity in their struggle to seek sunlight, and once they find it they quickly turn the warmth and light to their advantage by creating splashes and showers of colour amongst the canopies. Pink Pandorea, fragrant Jasmine, striking Bougainvillea and even the hardy Passionfruit are all climbers that will thrive in our climate.

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Ask your local community nursery about the best fertilisers to use for flowering and foliage growth; and always remember to mulch your garden beds and pots to keep the weeds at bay and make the best use of your water; bamboo mulch is a great option!

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THE BAY TWO WAYS

Emma Harley

everything is twice as nice at Sandgate's newest waterfront café, Baaia.

Owned by husband and wife duo Katrina and Bruce, the café's name was created when the two chefs combined two words meaning 'Bay'.

"It's a spelling mistake as I mistakenly typed in Baaia when deciding on a business name, but we liked the look of it so we kept it," Katrina says.

After some local savvy friends happened across the space, the couple took the original

Fishmonger's site when they moved next door, opening the doors just before Christmas.

"We've often toyed with the idea of having our own business and the freedom to create our own food," Katrina says.

"Things fell into place when the water front location in our local area became available - it just felt right.

"I love dining out while overlooking the ocean, and I'm sure I'm not the only one."

Katrina says Baaia is all about fresh food, creative flavours and great service.

"The atmosphere of Baaia is casual and friendly, so it's a great place to sit with your morning coffee or relax with friends for a meal looking over the ocean," she says.

"We have great coffee and homemade cakes for the traditional café lover, but it's our food that is unique – we make, bake and cure whatever we can in-house using fresh and locally sourced ingredients for the best flavour and quality."

"I personally can't go past the risotto with flashfried squid for lunch and our cured salmon eggs benedict for breakfast."

Katrina says there are many exciting things in store for the picturesque café.

"There's so much we want to do," she says.

"Baaia will constantly evolve with seasonal menus and new products and we can't wait to open on weekend nights for locals to sit back with great food and drinks overlooking the ocean, listening to some tunes.

"This community has such a great mix of people and it has been overwhelming the amount of people who have responded so positively to our menus.







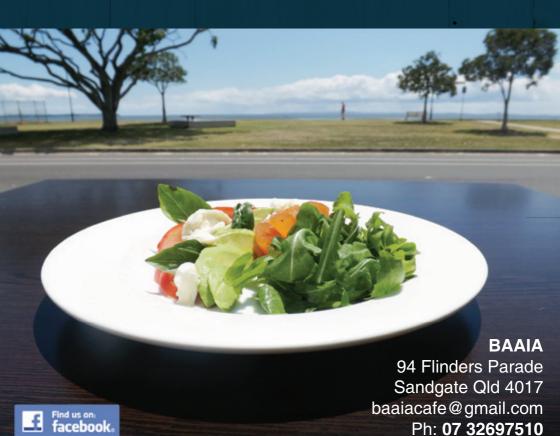
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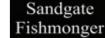
Address: 90 Flinders Parade Sandgate

Cuisine: Fish & Chips

Feature: Sandgate Fishmonger is a family run fish and chip shop on the Sandgate foreshore. We have recently moved and renovated 90 Flinders Pde (between 3rd & 4th Ave) and

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Tom De Voss Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

The Dynamics Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 6

Danny Mose and Friends Cardigan Bar 7pm

Steve Hargreaves Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Music By The Sea Presents Folk Music Legend Eric Bogle Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

Ice Breakers Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SUNDAY 7

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Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Brett Whitmore
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Sunday Session w/- Matthew Taudevin Cardigan Bar 4pm

THURSDAY 11

Open Mic @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

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Daryl James @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 7pm

Amy Kate Bryant Full Moon Hotel 7:30pm

Nightshift Duo Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 13

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SUNDAY 14

Michael Pack Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

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SMALL BIRD ENDANGERMENT

A Difficult Prospect to Swallow

Emily Campbell

ocal conservationists from the Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association have recently unveiled a new 'Swallows House' in Curlew Park, to provide the endangered birds with a sheltered structure they can use to roost next breeding season.

Concerned by a significant decrease in small bird populations across South East Queensland, the group elected to construct the Swallows House in a way that provides species in the area an isolated place to build their nests.

Swallows are one of the last common small bird species remaining in the state, although many have been displaced due to an increase in high-density developments.

There are three species of swallows living in the area, including 'fairy martins', 'tree martins' and 'welcome swallows', which are distinguished by their plumage and unique nest structures.

They are extremely dependent on humans for breeding, as beams under houses and crevices in roofs are their ideal locations to build nests.

Frank Box, president of the Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association, says the Swallows House design is the first of its kind and will allow humans to observe the birds and learn more about their habits.

Consisting of a metal base structure, roof and timber beams with 'hidey-hole' cavities, the raw materials used to construct the Swallows House were generously donated by Queensland Rail and the local council, while members of KSBA contributed their time and energy to physically build the shelter.

Mr Box says Curlew Park is an ideal site for the Swallows House and the birds are often seen swooping low over the long grass, where they hunt insects. Additionally, they are a great pest control method as mosquitos are one of their main food sources.

"Come breeding season, which is between September and December, we'll be able to see whether the swallows are using the house and whether the design needs tweaking," he says.

"It incorporates a windbreak and the metal beams will prevent snakes from climbing up to their nests.

"Swallows have been known to cross breed, so it will be an interesting experiment to see if the different breeds mate during cohabitation," Mr Box explains.

"Brisbane is one of the most bio diverse cities in the world but won't be for much longer unless we act quickly to protect endangered species.

"Houses are going up and we're clearing their land so the sparrows are under pressure to relocate, so the KSBA thought we'd provide something just for them to live in."

The Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association have plans to erect an information board so people can read about the Swallows House and learn more about the breeds. For those who are interested in joining, the KSBA hold working bees and information sessions every second Sunday morning of the month, where morning tea is complimentary.

Further information can be found by visiting the 'Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association Inc' Facebook page. ●●





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GUYS N' DOLLS AUDITIONS

Ellen Moynihan

Auditions for the upcoming Guys n'
Dolls Revue, 'Show time' will be held
on Sunday, 21st February in the Sandgate
Town Hall.

Producer of the show, Christine Young says anyone over 18 is welcome to audition. "Often people use our shows as stepping stones in their performing career." she says.

At least 20 cast and crew members will be chosen at the auditions, and the show will feature music and dance from the 50s, 60s and 70s, as well as magic and mystery, and a cancan. But Christine says they are not just looking for performers.

"We also need people to work backstage as crew members," she says.

Christine started out as a crew member herself, and worked her way up to her current role as producer.

After the cast and crew are found, performers will be assigned to pre selected songs and acts within the 60s, 70s and 80s theme, and rehearsals will begin with the help of directors and choreographers. The show is set to be performed around June and July.

Guys n' Dolls Revue has been putting on variety shows in Brisbane's north-side for over 20 years,

with past themes including Mexican, Italian, and roaring 20s to name a few. They are completely not-for-profit, and all the cast and crew are volunteers. Proceeds from each show go towards raising money for a charity, and 'Show Time' will support The Smith Family and Cancer Queensland.

Christine says the show will be exciting for people of all ages and will be a real theatre experience.

"It's a colourful, entertaining show for anyone," she says. "We usually get audiences of all ages coming along, and we often see some familiar faces, as well as plenty of locals from Redcliffe all the way to Kedron."

The performances will be held in day time and evening time slots, with cafe style catering and BYO alcohol. "It's sure to be a cracking show," says Christine.

The auditions start at 9.30am and will go until 11am. Performers must bring their own backing CD.

For more information on the upcoming auditions, contact Christine:

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KATHLEEN & LEONARD SHILLAM

Their lives and their art

The Sandgate & District Historical Museum will host a talk on Sunday 28th February at 2pm, by Pam Verney on the lives of Kathleen and Leonard Shillam, with a visual display of a selection of their works. This talk will be a prelude to the "Shillam Sculpture Legacy" exhibition to be presented by the Redcliffe City Art Gallery from 11th March to 30th April.

Kathleen and Leonard Shillam lived in Holmes Street, Brighton all of their married lives. They met at Brisbane Art College in 1932, and began a shared career in the arts. Their works included drawings and sketches, paintings, carvings and sculptures.

They are known throughout Australia for their works. It is impossible to overstate the role Len and Kath played in the development of sculpture in Australia. Although primarily known for their sculpting, Kathleen and Leonard were accomplished painters. Many of their works will be on display in the Redcliffe exhibition - "an exhibition of sculptures celebrating the quality and diversity of their works as well as their role in the development

of sculptural practice in Queensland."

Some of their best known works include "Pelicans" in the Queensland Art Gallery water mall, "The Banker" on the wall of the Westpac Bank in Queen Street (facing Post Office Square), "Proclamation Figure" in St. John's Cathedral, and of course the Queensland Coat of Arms.

Keep Sandgate Beautiful presented their combined work "Cormorants" to the people of Sandgate in 2002. The two cormorants have pride of place in Einbunpin Lagoon.

In September 2015, the Shillam's legacy to Sandgate was recognised by the naming of Shillam Pathway. This historical pathway connects Cliff Street to Eagle Terrace, and the plaque reminds walkers of our talented local sculptors. ••

Kathleen and Leonard Shillam presentation Sandgate Historical Museum, 150 Rainbow Street, Sandgate

Sunday 28th February at 2pm
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ARTISTS CAPTURE LOCAL ATTENTION

Melissa Bailey

In early January, local artist and Sandgate Art Society President John Blackley lined the Sandgate Foreshore with a myriad of paintings and sculptures by local creators.

The beautiful weather allowed locals to stroll along the foreshore and enjoy brightly coloured acrylic, soft and dreamy watercolour and realistic oil paintings dappled in sunlight through the trees. Inspired by Currumbin's Swell Sculpture Festival and Sydney's Sculpture by the Sea, the pop-up art exhibition started as a beach theme but quickly grew when Blackley decided to include sculpture.

"I was interested in showing my own sculpture using pieces from the recycled Sandgate Pier," says Blackley.

"We had a great spot for exhibitors to set up their art as there was a vast amount of space and it was free for everyone. We really enjoyed celebrating local artists and establishing networks with one another and locals," Blackley says.

Emotionally moving pieces were depicted in strokes and excellent technique, keeping viewers' attention in the outdoor exhibition. Connecting the community and providing free exhibits has allowed Sandgate to celebrate local artistic talent and encourages budding artists to show their work. Exhibitor Andrew Lang creates colourful mobile sculptures dotted and lined with paint on skateboards that he enjoyed, "taking for a walk," along the foreshore.

"It was a fantastic venue! Lots of people came to see the paintings and sculptures and I was able to demonstrate my mobile sculpture as well," says Lang.

With lots of positive feedback from exhibitors and locals, the question on everyone's lips was, "Are you going to do this again?" Luckily for us, the answer is "yes" and the pop-up exhibition is set to join us again on July 30 and 31 from 8am to 2pm on the Sandgate Foreshore, so keep your eyes peeled for beautiful works of art.

If you're interested in exhibiting please contact John Blackley directly at john@johnblackley.com. au or on 0438 690 958. ●●



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"Sandgate was a great place to be a kid (in the early 1900s). Nothing was very far away.

Milk was delivered to the front door in big silver cans. Torpie the grocer, Mr Robbie the barber, Doctor Shellshear and even the picture show were all close by.

Going to the talkies at the beachside picture show was a big treat.

It cost six pence to get in to the Saturday matinee and the kids would have a penny each to spend. "Uou could buy a lot of lollies with a penny."

— Extract from Passage to Pusan By Louise Evans, published by PB Publishing.

Passage to Pusan: About the book

ife in Sandgate in the early 1900s
is beautifully portrayed in a new
non-fiction book Passage to Pusan by
Brisbane-born international journalist
Louise Evans.

Passage to Pusan is the story of pioneering Sandgate woman, Thelma Healy who was born in 1905 to well-known local businessman Isaac Benjamin Best.

Isaac Benjamin Best's name can still be seen to this day at the top of his old butcher shop on the corner of Third Avenue and Brighton Road.

Thelma was one of IB Best's 13 children. But her life of affluence and civility takes a dramatic downturn when she falls pregnant out of wedlock, is cast out by her family and hastily married off to her beau Mick Healy, who lived in Fourth Avenue.

Ten of Thelma's 11 children were born in Sandgate and Passage to Pusan follows the life of Thelma as she struggles to love and care as well as feed, cloth, and educate her large brood, mostly on her own, during the depression years and World War II.

In stark contrast to today's world of have and have more, Thelma survived with having less or nothing.

Yet she did it with unwavering strength, dogged dignity, endless love and wry humour.

Thelma's life takes another tragic downturn when her first-born Vincent, the reason she married, is killed fighting the communists in the Korean War in 1951.

It takes Thelma another 10 years of cooking and cleaning, sewing and slaving to save enough money to embark on a harrowing solo sea voyage to Pusan (now Busan) in Korea to find the grave of her war hero son Vincent, who was born in Sandgate in 1926.

Thelma's wartime values and uncrushable spirit radiate from the pages of Passage to Pusan.

Her trailblazing yet humble demands for fair treatment for abused and neglected women was feminism in its infancy.

Thelma is an inspiring role model whose voice and values continue to resonate today.

Passage to Pusan is now on sale, online and on Facebook.

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



I want to wish readers a Happy New Year as we get into 2016. There are some exciting things happening around Sandgate this year with the Sandgate Pool upgrade due to finally commence and the Shorncliffe

Pier opening in the next couple of months.

The re-opening of the Pier and the upgrade of the Sandgate Pool will be two great assets that we will be able to use to drive tourism and visitors back to Sandgate, which will support our small businesses from Shorncliffe to Brighton.

Utilising and activating our unique foreshore to really boost small business activity in this local area will be a key focus for me this year.

The foreshore dog off leash issue has not been resolved, with the Brisbane City Council asking me to consult with people further and incorporate a further environmental study into a proposal. I will be launching a brand new survey in the next few weeks with a suggestion for locals to provide feedback on

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



I hope everyone in the Sandgate electorate has had a great start to 2016.

Since the last edition of the Sandgate Guide, I have been appointed Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth

Games. Since taking on this role, an exciting restoration of the Shorncliffe Station has been announced, which will improve amenities while maintaining the historic tradition and character of that railway station.

Traffic conditions have changed on the Gateway Motorway. The 80km/h road works zone now stretches from Nudgee to Deagon. Please be patient with these changed conditions while the \$1.162 billion Gateway Upgrade North project is completed to improve this important arterial.

The school year has begun, which means there is vehicle and pedestrian traffic around our local schools. Motorists should slow down and adhere to all signage, including 40km/h zones when driving near our schools.

Cr Amanda Cooper



I was honoured to be the presiding officer for people from 18 different countries at the citizenship ceremony which was held at the Bracken Ridge State School hall

on 24 January. It was wonderful to be part of their official welcome to the country. Thank you to the Bracken Ridge Lions Club for their continued support of these ceremonies. Congratulations and welcome to our new citizens.

Council has recently constructed a concrete footpath along the southern side of St John Fisher Drive in Bracken Ridge. Road resurfacing has been completed in a number of Bracken Ridge roads, including Mustang Street, Norris Road and Barrett Street.

I am looking forward to the opening of the Bracken Ridge Aquatic Centre and the adjoining skate facility this month.

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House Price Outlook for 2016 - what the experts are predicting

66 Brisbane is tipped to see the fastest house price growth (4.5%)" (NAB Economics).

House prices look like they are on the move in a different direction for the nation with Brisbane tipped to perform well into 2016.

A recent report stated "house price growth to decelerate in Sydney to 1.2%, while price growth in Melbourne will ease to 3%. Brisbane is tipped to see the fastest house price growth (4.5%), and the Adelaide market is expected to improve (2.4%). Perth will remain weak, although price declines are forecast to ease (-1.2%)."

What does that mean for 4017? Positive predictions can have a roll on effect and stimulate buyer confidence, a good thing if you

are thinking of selling. If buyers believe the market is strengthening, they may act sooner than later; possibly, resulting in a faster sale, increased competition and premium prices. Buyers also benefit, usually there is an increase in the number of houses on the market, giving a greater choice to find that perfect house! But you better act fast......

My buyers tip in a "Hot" market – be finance ready, with multiple buyers out there the competition can be fierce. If you know what you can spend, you can act fast and feel confident amidst all the other buyers.

Market update by the team at 4017 Real Estate, Knox St, Sandgate. For all your real estate needs, Call 3869 1118.

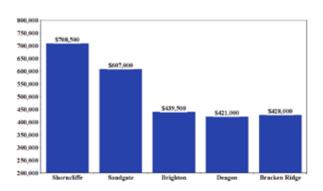
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Current Measurement	Houses	Units
Median Value	\$607,000	\$388,500
Median Weekly Rent (Gross)	\$480	\$310
Suburb Rental Yields	4.16%	4.19%
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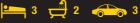
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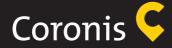
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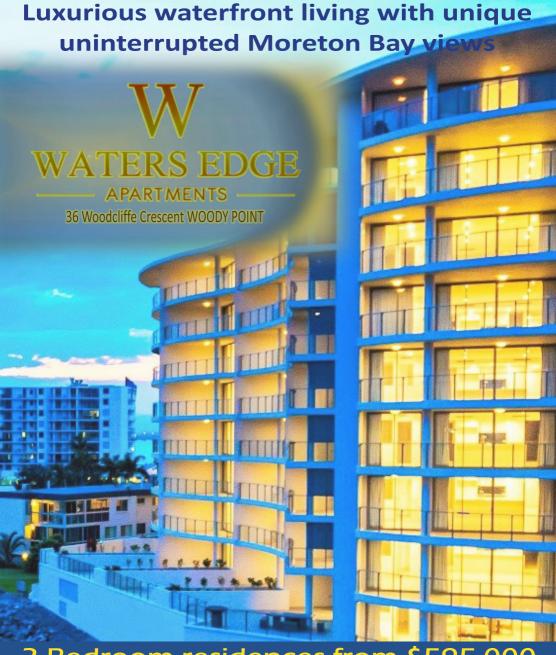
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