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Glimpse Into Pier's Past

By Emily Campbell

Shorncliffe's iconic pier will have guided walking tours take place next month, as part of Brisbane's National Trust Heritage Festival for 2016.

A series of events and tours will be held across Brisbane to celebrate this year's theme of 'discovery and rediscovery', a suitable subject given the recent reopening of the Shorncliffe pier. It is an opportunity for locals and those interested to step back in time, hear stories dating back to Sandgate's settlement and catch a glimpse of how life in Sandgate has evolved over time.

Walks will commence at the Moora Park rotunda, covering area from Shorncliffe Parade along to Park Parade and then onto St Patricks College. Groups will be intimate in size, with about ten guests and one guide per tour, allowing plenty of opportunity for story sharing and questions. Once the top section of the tour has concluded, a morning tea break will be

held before the second half of the tour begins. Lower Moora Park, Lovers Walk, the rock wall and Shorncliffe Pier are some of the landmarks covered during this segment.

As an added bonus, touring visitors will have access to multiple storyboards on display in upper Moora Park, featuring some very old photographs of Sandgate and Shorncliffe. Members of the Sandgate District Historical Society and Museum, Pam Verney and Catherine Cox are the brains behind the upcoming tours, responsible for searching through archives to source fascinating photos and stories.

"After working on this project for more than six months, I am excited to see how it will all come together," said Pam. "There are plenty of surprising tales to be heard, as Shorncliffe was once a popular seaside holiday spot, where travellers would come to bathe, fish and picnic."

Tours will be held on 7th and 15th May starting at 9:30am. They will run for approximately two hours and cost \$25 per person, with all proceeds being donated back to the Sandgate District Historical Society and Museum. To join a tour, phone Pam on 0410 327 095. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.



Photo by Paul Neil

Rock Under The Clock

Any connection you could make between the Queensland Police Service and Rock 'n' Roll music would be highly unlikely. That is, until you catch the action at the Sandgate Town Hall on Saturday May 14th.

'Each has a beat, but of a different kind'

A special programme feature, a musical romp titled "Cops & Rockers" will showcase the tales of legendary lawbreakers being put to song with some dramatic but hilarious theatrics thrown in.

Joining Sandgate rock band The Sonics on stage to present these special musical memories from the 60's - songs such as Bonnie and Clyde, Jailhouse Rock, and I Fought The Law and The Law Won - will be QPS songstress Sergeant Nicky Steel and local Sandgate performer, Jim Hansen.

Another programme highlight in what will be a jam-packed night of music nostalgia is titled 'Flower Power Under The Tower'. This feature pays reverence to many of the hits from the 'Summer of Love' era of the 60's and rounds off a full evening of song, dance and laughter.

Event organisers, the Sandgate Branch of the Police-Citizens Youth Club are keen to promote their role in the community and to draw a link between light-hearted entertainment and the more serious functions of Police Service, which include the Police-Citizens Youth Clubs.

Branch Manager of Sandgate PCYC, Sergeant Chris Lambert said,

“Rock Under The Clock is a very important event in our fund raising calendar.”

“It not only directly finances specific Club projects but also helps to heighten our profile and public awareness of the organisation's focus on youth development in Queensland.” Sergeant Lambert added.

Rock Under The Clock kicks off at 6:30pm on Saturday 14th May for 4 1/2 hours of non-stop music and nostalgic fun from the 60's. Drinks are available and a light supper is served.

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'Café One Acts' is Back

Sandgate Theatre's 'Cafe One Acts' is back to entertain in just five performances.

Susie Laery

Sandgate Theatre is in full flight rehearsing for their upcoming season of 'Café One Acts' a variety of three one-act plays including a combination of drama comedy and French farce.

Audiences can expect two hours of high quality and thought-provoking entertainment with each play offering a viewpoint into three different worlds.

Established since 1958 Sandgate Theatre has a long history of providing entertainment to the community and welcomes theatregoers both new and seasoned to join them on their creative journey celebrating community arts.

The three plays featuring on the night will provide a roller coaster of emotions that will take the audience into a nursing home in 'A Life Sentence', then to witnessing the madcap process of creating a pantomime in 'Last Panto In Little Grimley'. They will then be transported through time to 1895 into a wildly hilarious French farce in 'Breakfast For One'.

Sandgate Theatre's Stage Manager Greg Jones says, "Our actors will guide you through stories which touch the heart, keep you on the edge of your seat and tickle your funny bone to it's core."

The first play is 'A Life Sentence' a drama written by Mark Seaman. A wife talks about her struggle to cope with her husband's dementia and the effects it had on their family in his final days.

'Breakfast for One' is a comedy written by David Foxton. The action takes place in the apartment of Monsieur and Madam Signac, in Paris. The scene is set for a raucous comedy of mistaken identities, confusion and shotguns, with an unexpected happy ending for everyone.

'Last Panto in Little Grimley' is a comedy written by David Tristram. Little Grimley Amdram Society is in trouble. With a membership of only four, and the audience no bigger it's time for a change. There's only one thing that sells tickets these days argues Gordon, the Stage Manager, and that's sex. Thus begins the chaos.

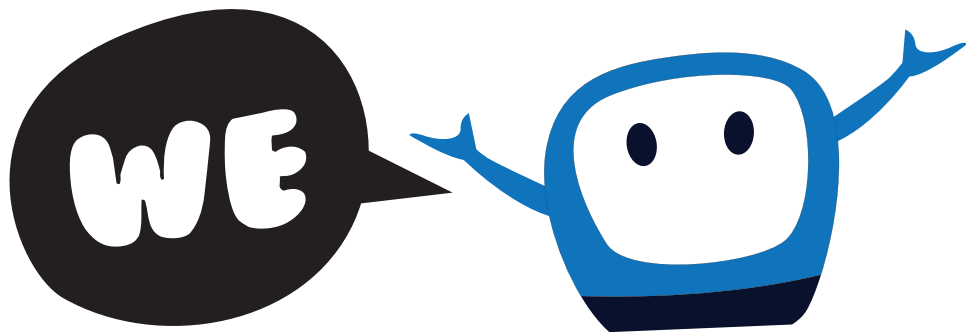
'Cafe One Acts' will be performed in the Sandgate Town Hall. Table seating is provided in 'cafe' style table presentation, and the audience is invited to BYO food and alcohol. Other refreshments will be available for purchase from the front of house canteen.

**Performance dates are May 20, 21, 27, 28
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FUN IN OUR BACKYARD



BYB Celebrates Community

By Christine Chamberlain

Bracken Ridge is putting on a huge party this month and everyone is invited.

The Octonauts and Stacey Thomson from Totally Wild will be there, so mark your calendars for the annual Backyard Bonanza (aka BYB) on Sunday, May 22 at McPherson Park.

BYB 2016 promises to be bigger and better than ever, with three stages of entertainment, amusement rides, creative workshops, tempting food stalls, community stalls and much more.

The family fun day in the park will include a mustang showcase by Mustang Owners Club of Australia and the popular Bracken Ridge Lions' miniature steam train rides.

As well as appearances by The Octonauts and children's television presenter Stacey Thomson, two stages will come alive with performances by bands, community and school-based choirs, dance groups and instrumental ensembles.

Stage three will feature some of the hottest new youth acts from the local area. Organisers are excited because this year the youth are involved in the whole stage process; from lighting and sound through to performances.

The exciting Youth Zone will feature skateboarding demonstrations and workshops as well as giveaways.

BYB began in 2005 to bring local residents, schools, community groups and businesses together to celebrate the area's community spirit.

With more than 4000 people expected, Bracken Ridge Ward councillor Amanda Cooper says it is a great family day out.

“Backyard Bonanza is all about celebrating the Bracken Ridge area,” Cr Cooper says.

“I am particularly pleased that young people are getting more involved with the youth stage, which was new to BYB in 2014.

“Thanks to the support of the Bracken Ridge community, this free, family fun day continues to be an event enjoyed by all.”

Parking by donation will be available next door at Bracken State School. All money raised will go back to the school.

The family fun day runs from 9.30am to 2pm at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. Follow BYB at [facebook.com/bybevent](https://www.facebook.com/bybevent).



School students Imogen, Ned and Bridget

It's Showtime Sandgate!

By Susie Laery

Sandgate State School is calling for all primary age wannabe performers to participate in their inaugural talent quest at their 'Little Day Out'.

Do you have a child that won't stop singing, dancing, playing the drums, beat boxing or do you just have a child that simply has 'stars in their eyes'? If this sounds like your child there is an opportunity waiting for them right here in our very own Sandgate.

Sandgate State School is calling for all primary age wannabe performers to their 'Little Day Out' Talent Quest.

The 'Little Day Out' is designed to be a fun filled day out for all the family. Sandgate State School has traditionally had carnivals for the last three years but they have decided to add something different this time with the introduction of the talent quest.

"We want it to be a lovely family day out with something for everyone. Parents can relax with a coffee and kids can enjoy the rides," says Lorraine Hockey, President of the P & C, Sandgate State School. "It's also about increasing the school's profile in the community," says Lorraine.

The 'Little Day Out' event is a fundraising event to raise money for the rejuvenation of the

undercover seating area within the school.

The Talent Quest is the main focus of the 'Little Day Out'. Ten performers will be chosen to perform on the day. Performance videos need to be sent via email to the organising committee and a panel of judges will decide who will perform on the day.

Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) is sponsoring the Talent Quest and the winner will receive a family pass to QPAC's 'Out of the Box'. The winner will also go on to perform at the Einbunpin Festival and also at the Unplugged café at SANDBAG.

Sandgate MP Hon Stirling Hinchliffe is sponsoring the main stage. Along with the children's performances there will be also be acts by other talented members of the community.

Juggling, hula-hoop and tight rope workshops will be a feature on the day plus the 'Battle of the Clowns' Peebo and Dagwood Clowns verses Domino the Jester. There will be kids craft, children's circus workshops and a sideshow alley.

There will be a raffle on the day including a \$1000 Helloworld Sandgate travel voucher, \$600 Apple Voucher and Ray-ban Sunglasses.

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Music By The Sea

By Donna Phillips

Concert harpist Marshall McGuire has performed in caves, on the beach at Orpheus Island, at the Chateau de Chantilly, in a 12th century chapel in Wales, and will add Sandgate's Music By The Sea to his list on Saturday 7th May.

Described as the world's greatest champion of new music for the harp, McGuire will perform a popular contemporary and Baroque program at Sandgate Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Items on the program include works by Bach, Frescobaldi, Handel and Britten and more.

The Australian born concert harpist and conductor who often wears clan colours has studied and performed internationally and at home, and has over 100 commissioned pieces under his kilt belt.

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The following month, on Saturday 4th June, Music By The Sea presents Karin Schaupp (guitar) and Umberto Clerici (cello) in concert.

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Living the New Normal

By Susannah Holmes

Womenspace are again supporting Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and hosting a fundraiser with light refreshments, tea, coffee, speakers and activities on Wednesday 8 June, to show support for everyone affected by cancer.

For over twenty years, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea has helped fund world class research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. This year is no different and Cancer Council needs our support to continue to invest in research, prevention and support to help beat cancer.

Womenspace Management Committee Member, Kay Franks has a life after cancer. Often called a cancer survivor, however what does this mean? Kay will speak at Womenspace's morning tea, discussing her life after cancer and what is classed as the new normal.

Numerous prizes will be raffled in support of raising funds exclusively for Cancer Council, with all winners drawn and announced on the day.

Regular 'Cuppa & Chat' gatherings are held downstairs at 11 Second Avenue on the second Wednesday of the month. There is no cost to attend, however this month donations to the 'Cancer Council' are welcomed.

Conversation at Womenspace's monthly morning tea is casual and relaxed, providing a welcoming opportunity to connect with women in your community - furthering existing relationships and forming new friendships. All women and children are welcome to all Womenspace events.

Womenspace are soon entering their fourth year in Sandgate, providing a soul space for women to connect. The not-for-profit community organisation exist to provide increasing

opportunities for women to connect through varied activities, to help women find love and support through community, grow in personal and social awareness, embrace and respect diversity and to reclaim and honour all that is feminine.

Please consider supporting Womenspace's morning tea by joining us on Tuesday 8 June and making a tax-deductible donation to the cause either on the day, or online at:

<http://qld.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/Womenspace1>

Kay Franks will speak at Womenspace's morning tea, discussing her life after cancer and what is classed as the new normal.

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Tides Turning for HMQS Gayundah

It took a mutiny, many voyages and seven decades at sea before the HMQS Gayundah was permanently scuttled off Woody Point.

But as the world premiere of *Mutiny on the Gayundah* reached its climax last month, there was heaviness about the audience.

Was this to be the gunship's final scene? Are the old girl's days really numbered?

The film's producer and star, Culture Vulture Richard Lancaster, is confident they won't be – Despite the suspicious collapse of the ship's bow on 28 March.

"The damage is quite severe and now the bow will crumble very quickly," Mr Lancaster said.

"However we are very confident about the probability of preserving the wreck for another 50-60 years."

Mr Lancaster has been working with Clontarf businessman and industrial chemist Barry

Richards to find a way to preserve the ship.

"We found a product that can protect the ship from rusting further, and we are in discussion with the Heritage and Marine Parks departments about going ahead with this plan."

Once the flagship of the Queensland Navy, the Gayundah drew Mr Richards' attention – even before he started fighting for the ship's restoration.

"I'm a jogger and I'd been running past the wreck for many years, always thinking to myself that we've got to preserve this incredible local landmark" Mr Richards said.

A specialist in surface coatings, Mr Richards has suggested the use of rust-proofing product, *Rust Conqueror*, which is manufactured by Australian owned company, Xtroll Global.

The company owner, Steve Ashworth, has since jumped on board to support the project.

Mr Richards said the good news "is that, in principal, we have approval to do some trial preservation".

Mr Richards estimates the preservation process would cost \$10,000, including preparation and cleaning, careful handling and relocation of marine life, structural bracing and rust stabilisation.

"We want to make sure the Gayundah is here for future generations to admire," he said.

Photo by Barry Tuton

“ We want to make sure the Gayundah is here for future generations to admire.”

— Barry Richards



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Farm bears fruit for community

By Emma Harley

Photo by Paul Neil

Give peas a chance on Saturday, May 21, when Green P Farm at Deagon holds its open day.

In the centre of the Deagon Training Race Course, the facility is more than a farm – it is a community and education hub producing chemical-free produce and actively promoting healthy food choices.

The farm also provides a place for refugee families to grow food in a traditional manner.

With its first Open Day in more than three years, Green P Farm is excited to show off its community achievements.

Volunteer Mike Crook says the farm demonstrates what can be achieved with a little bit of effort and a very small financial expenditure.

“We are very proud of what we have achieved on this site and our commitment to growing chemical-free veggies on a community farm,” he says.

“The refugee part of the project has been particularly successful and their vegetable beds are very impressive.”

Mike says the open day is driven by farm volunteers and SANDBAG as the auspicing organization and is an important date in the Farm’s calendar, launching the Farm’s winter activities.

“The open day will bring local residents to the farm, many of whom are not aware of its existence,” he says.

“We will have cooking demonstrations and samples, a composting workshop and farm tours and discussions - it is a very educational and informative day.”

Mike says the farm is hoping the community will develop a greater understanding of the benefits of healthy food choices, and what can be achieved by small groups of people working together.

“This is a place where we can show the community the benefits of growing healthy, chemical-free produce in a way which can be easily replicated by the home gardener,” he says.

“Hopefully we will be able to convince visitors of the benefits of these and perhaps give members of the public inspiration to start their own food-growing project locally.”

The open day will run from 10am-2pm and is open to all visitors.

For more information about the farm or the open day phone Sandbag on 07 3869 3244.

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Alby Jeays fires the cannon to start the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race for 2016.



Bluewater boys, Matthew, Connor, Nick and Sean were some of the first to jump off the new Shorncliffe Pier at Bluewater Festival.



Lauren Dixon was out having fun and a cafe creme at Wired Owl Cafe's first birthday party on Rainbow Street, Sandgate.



Libby Stark takes to the runway at Sweet Georgia Boutique's street fashion show in Sandgate.



Annie and Pete Spanner get on the dance floor to the songs of the Blues Brothers at this years Bluewater Festival at Moora Park, Shorncliffe.



A beautiful fireworks display welcomed back the new Shorncliffe Pier at Bluewater Festival.

Give Flowers

The gift of flowers is one with a long history.

Flowers themselves have an even longer history; our best guess is in the vicinity of 130 million years. We, as a species, have been around for about 200,000 years; you could say we woke up and smelled the flowers.

I just juggled a few numbers. I estimate that my mother has received the gift of flowers (or a flowering plant) only 228.6 times in her life. This calculation is based on 70-odd years of life, a husband, five kids, a few celebrations per year, and a curve allowing for some behavioural and economic adjustments over time.

She still loves receiving them, and she still deserves every one.

A flower says life, a perfect offering or gift. It appeals to our eyes, our noses, our taste buds and our DNA. Before humans existed, opposing-thumb-less fists were probably thrusting bouquets at their counterparts, insects were pollinating themselves silly and various animals were feasting on the floral foods and fragrances available in their environment.

Something in our human nature attracts us to flowers. We prize them enough that we may offer them to a first love or a grieving friend. They have a place in our collective perception of life that represents our deepest emotions; they speak *for* us. A flower's power is such that it may tell stories of sadness or joy, lust or love, regret or hope; across almost all of the world's cultures.

Mother's Day is an opportunity to show our gratitude and respect to the women that have raised us, who have enabled our growth and survival. Chrysanthemums are common in recent history as a 'go-to' gift for Mum on this day, and indoor plants such as Anthurium and Spathyphyllum (the Peace Lily) are popular too for their beauty and hardiness. Some folk go for succulents and cactus to share their sentiments, others for herbs and food plants. But it's hard to beat a plant with flowers!

Staff at your local community nursery can show you plenty of gift ideas for Mothers Day this year. And remember, there has never been a bad time to give flowers (or a flowering plant) as a gift - especially to your Mum - so pop in any time and make someone's day!



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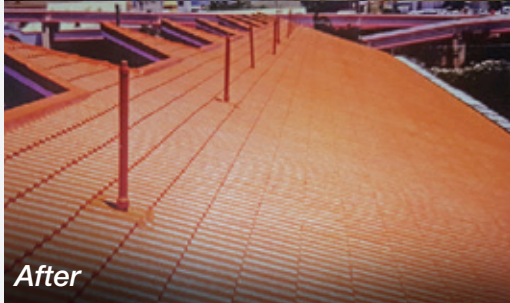
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GIG GUIDE

SUNDAY 1

Chris Ramsay

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Brad Wild

Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Rock and Roll Sunday w/-

West Texas Crude

Cardigan Bar 4pm

Facin The Crowd

Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

FRIDAY 6

Stephen Ward Duo

Phoenix Bar at the BRT
7:30am

Abbie Cardwell

Cardigan Bar 7pm

Unplugged Cafe

Sandgate Community Centre
7pm

Leighton Duo

Sandgate RSL 8pm

Ned Walker

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 7

TwoCrows

Cardigan Bar 7pm

Music By The Sea Presents

Marshall McGuire

Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

Starz Duo

Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

Missy B

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Jaime-Lee Fox Duo

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 8pm

SUNDAY 8

Darrin Leigh

Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Mark Chomyn

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Soloist to be Advised

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 2pm

Rub a Dub Kitchen @

Cardigan Bar

Cardigan Bar 3pm

FRIDAY 13

AKoVA

Cardigan Bar 7pm

Radio Theft

Phoenix Bar at the BRT
7:30pm

Shane Wilkinson

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Able 2 Rock Duo

Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 14

Celtic Sessions - Irish

Cardigan Bar 3pm

Rock Under The Clock

Sandgate Town Hall 6:30pm

Conchilla

Cardigan Bar 7pm

The Sparks

Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

Andy Ellem

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Diva D'amour

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 8pm

SUNDAY 15

Rob Mc Gowan

Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Ben Stewart

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Andrew Mackay Soloist

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 2pm

Idiot Grin

Cardigan Bar 4pm

WEDNESDAY 18

Stitched up - Stand up

Comedy!

Cardigan Bar 7pm

FRIDAY 20

diVersions

Cardigan Bar 4pm

Double Jack

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 7:30pm

Amy Kate Bryant

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Nightshift Duo

Sandgate RSL 8pm

SATURDAY 21

Celtic Sessions - Scottish

Cardigan Bar 3pm

Sometimes Three

Cardigan Bar 7pm

Zoo Keepers

Sandgate RSL 7:30pm

SATURDAY 21

Amy Kate Duo

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 8pm

Ben Stewart

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SUNDAY 22

LITTLE Day Out - Family Fun
Day

Sandgate State School 10am

Matt Black

Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Ned Walker

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Jamie Lee Fox

Phoenix Bar at the BRT 2pm

Sunday Session w/- Adam
Christy

Cardigan Bar 4pm

WEDNESDAY 25

Wine Tasting & Education

Evening

Phoenix Bar and Lounge 6pm

FRIDAY 27

SOUL CUTZ

Phoenix Bar at the BRT
5:30pm

Blackhart & Strangelove
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Dance On Band
Sandgate RSL 8pm

Shane Wilkinson
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 28

Blarney Stone
Cardigan Bar 3pm

SATURDAY 28

Chris Flaskas

Cardigan Bar 7pm

James G Brennan Duo
Sandgate RSL 8pm

Jaime-Lee Fox Duo
Phoenix Bar at the BRT 8pm

Mark Chomyn
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SUNDAY 29

Inder
Sandgate RSL 12:30pm

Jack Bratt
Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Stephen Ward Soloist
Phoenix Bar at the BRT 2pm

Vinyl Club @ Cardigan Bar
Cardigan Bar 6:30pm



TwoCrows
Cardigan Bar
Saturday 7th May

Deagon Deviation Upgrade Progress

Gateway Upgrade North project underway

By Susie Laery

Great developments are in the pipeline for the Deagon Deviation with many positive outcomes for Sandgate.

As part of the Gateway Upgrade North project the Deagon Deviation will be undergoing a transformation. Works will include a widening of the roads between Depot Road and Bracken Ridge Road with two lanes in each direction.

Two new northbound lanes will be constructed to separate Redcliffe bound traffic from the Gateway Motorway. Motorists will travel along Sandgate Road and continue onto the new Deagon Deviation without needing to use the motorway.

The Deagon Deviation northbound off-ramp will be relocated. Motorway traffic travelling north to Redcliffe will now exit left off the motorway just before the Depot Road off-ramp and travel over the Gateway Motorway on a new overpass to seamlessly join with the new northbound Deagon Deviation.

Federal member for Petrie MP Luke Howarth says "Peak times are particularly horrific, with traffic at a standstill from the on-ramp at the Deagon Deviation. The project will not only reduce this congestion but improve safety and

increase efficiency of the motorway network".

Work commenced on the Gateway Upgrade North project in February of this year with a project cost of \$1.162 billion. The Australian Government has committed \$929.6 million to the project, in partnership with the Queensland Government, which has committed \$232.4 million.

The upgrade will include widening 11.3 kilometres of road between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge from four to six lanes.

Known to be one of the busiest stretches of motorway in South East Queensland the project is aiming to improve road safety and reduce congestion for over 80,000 motorists who use the motorway each day.

MP Luke Howarth wishes to assure locals "that the construction team is making every effort to minimise impacts to our community."



Please be patient as these works will mean safer and easier travel for road users once complete."

Works have been taking place at night from mid-February and will continue in off-peak times until the project is complete. The project is expected to be completed in late 2018.

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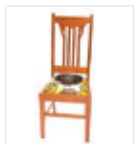
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Sharing the Dignity

An Issue Rarely Discussed

By Ellen Moynihan

Sandgate local and personal trainer, Rochelle Courtenay, has worked passionately over the past year to raise awareness of the difficulty thousands of women face as a result of the unaffordability of sanitary items.

As an issue rarely discussed in Australia, Rochelle was determined to start the conversation. "Many women, especially those facing homelessness or escaping domestic violence situations, face the need to prioritise the purchase of food and other basic necessities over the purchase of pads and tampons, and are forced to resort to using newspaper, paper towels or anything else they can find," says Rochelle.

As such, Rochelle set about organising the delivery of donated sanitary pads and tampons to homeless shelters across Brisbane. It started out with just donations from people Rochelle knew, however the more people that heard about it, the more donations she received. Through this, Share the Dignity was born. The foundation now supplies frontline workers with pads and tampons to deliver to homeless women and survivors of domestic violence, and has over 450 volunteers and 1000 collection sites all around Australia.

As Rochelle was delivering bins full of pads and tampons to the Gold Coast Homeless Connect a few months ago, a woman came up to her in tears at the sight of the bins. Speaking to her, Rochelle discovered that she had fled a domestic violence situation, was living in her car with her children, and didn't have the money for sanitary items. She had one tampon she had found on the floor of a public bathroom to use for her entire period. Meeting this woman



Rochelle Courtenay raising awareness with her Share the Dignity campaign / Photo by Paul Neil

deeply affected Rochelle, and as she was handing her a pack of tampons, she was struck with a sudden idea. Why not put the domestic violence 1800 RESPECT number on the inside of the flip top lid of tampon boxes?

Rochelle was able to put this idea into action, and now Share the Dignity has partnered with the brand Cottons.

“It really shows what a passionate group of people can do when they put their minds to it.”

As a Sandgate local, Rochelle believes that the sense of community that pervades the area has really assisted her in everything she has achieved so far. "I love Sandgate," she says. "Even if I won a million dollars I would never leave. There is such a strong community spirit."

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Celestial Spectating

See the Stars

By Ellen Moynihan

Twice each month, the Urban Observers come together to gaze skyward, and share their common interest in all that is celestial.

■ The Urban Observers meet on the first and third Sunday of each month at the Barrett Street Reserve, from dusk (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome to attend, and details will be posted on the group's facebook page: Urban Observers Group.

Observers Organiser, Julie Straayer started the Urban Observers evenings as a member of the South East Queensland Astronomical Society (SEQAS) 18 years ago. "We provide the opportunity for people to learn how to use their own telescope, or have a look through someone else's, all free of charge!" Julie says. She could see the need for gatherings like this because people would be enthusiastic about telescopes but unsure how to use them. "There are so many types of telescopes now, and they all have different ways of operating," she says. "It's difficult to know what you're looking at or even where to start looking. So people can come along to these evenings, gain some assistance, and meet others with similar interests."

As a former primary school teacher, Julie always had a special interest in Astronomy and started conducting observation nights with her classes. The idea grew from there. Some of the more exciting objects Julie has spotted over the years include Jupiter and several of its moons, as well as globular clusters.

And Julie's favourite celestial object, "You can see Omega Centauri with the naked eye," she says. Omega Centauri is a globular cluster in the Centaurus constellation and the largest in the Milky Way.

“ It's made up of roughly 10 million stars, and it is thought that it's the remains of a galaxy that's been consumed by our galaxy.”

There are always plenty of interesting astronomical events that the observers can help people find. In late May, Mars will be coming into opposition, meaning it will appear bigger and brighter as it is in a prime viewing position relative to earth, and later this year, Saturn will be coming into opposition around the 3rd of June. "You can see it as darkness falls and it's always a lovely sight through the telescope because you can see its rings as the sun's hitting them." She says. "At the moment it's only visible after about 9pm."

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Sandgate Canoe Club Hosts Wetlands Wander

100+ racing paddlers

By Melissa Bailey

Sandgate Canoe Club offers a fun and interesting way to keep fit, meet friends and get out on the water. This month the Club is hosting Wetlands Wander race, come along and join in the fun!

For over 20 years the Sandgate Canoe Club has offered a great place to embark on the rewarding sport of paddling. Whether it's gentle creek paddles, sea kayaking expeditions or even paddle boarding, members support one another to get started and have a go in a safe and social environment.

The Sandgate Canoe Club's premier racing event, the famous Wetlands Wander is set to be held on Sunday 22 May at the Volunteer Marine Rescue on Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe. The race begins at 9.30am and spectators are invited to see off the entrants at the mouth of Cabbage Tree Creek at the Yundah St Boat Ramp. The course consists of 6km loops, allowing spectators to view paddlers starting, turning and coming in to finish the race.

Wetlands Wander organising committee member, Michelle Fraser says,

“All the public is invited to come along for food drinks, barbeque and information about the Club and its events.”

As part of the Northern Marathon Series, Queensland Canoeing Series and the Chris Hurley Cup, this is an important race that draws hundreds of people on the South East Coast. The Club is expecting over 100 paddlers from throughout South East Queensland, travelling from the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and northern New South Wales.

This is the second year the Club will be offering the Kimberly Cup as a trophy for the fastest veteran female paddler in memory of Kimberly Mustchin, a dedicated paddler member and friend of Sandgate Canoe Club, celebrating the strength and ability of women in paddling.

You can expect to see all kinds of craft racing including single and double racing kayaks, paddling ocean skis, sea kayaks, stand up paddleboards and even outriggers. Racing in their class of vessel, you can expect a fun-filled and competitive day!

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Peaceful Solidarity Against Domestic Violence

By Ellen Moynihan

The Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group (SANDBAG) is organising a peaceful walk against domestic violence, along with other local businesses and organisations, and a family and community event will follow.

Helping to organise the event, is Domestic Violence counsellor, and current Community Programs Manager at Sandbag, Maggie Daunt. Maggie hopes that by attending the event, people can help by publically demonstrating their commitment to the prevention of domestic violence as well as engaging with like-minded people. "We want to provide a community activity that raises awareness for the prevention of domestic and family violence and builds community participation and links," she says.

1 in 6 Australian women have experienced violence from a current or former partner, and at least one woman is murdered in Australia every week as a result of domestic violence. Maggie believes that by attending the event, people can educate themselves on domestic violence and find out how to support themselves or others.

"Events like this can also help people to engage with the community which reduces social isolation for victims, as well as the stigma often associated with domestic violence," says Maggie.

Sandbag has conducted walks and events to raise awareness for Domestic Violence



Prevention Month for 21 years, however last year was the first time the community event was held following on from the Peaceful Walk and Ceremony.

According to Maggie, it was a great success, and there are hopes for an equally as large crowd this year. "Last year the estimates suggested we had over 300 people attending over the course of the event," says Maggie. "The Peaceful Walk has had participants of up to 100 people."

Other activities on the day will include a jumping castle, face painting, Pru's circus, music/entertainment and a playgroup for little ones. There will also be art and craft activities, information stands and guest speakers. Free food will be available including fairy floss, snow cones, and sausage sizzles.

The Peaceful walk will begin at 11am on Saturday the 28th May outside the Sandgate Magistrates Court. It will finish at the Einbunpin Lagoon for the family and community events.

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Cr Jared Cassidy



Now that the fully rebuilt Shorncliffe Pier is open, many locals have been taking advantage of this great community asset. I would like to remind locals that this is a shared space, so while fishing

is obviously encouraged – the area should be left clean and tidy and no fishing should occur in the shelter.

Stallholder and entrainment applications are now open for the 2016 Einbunpin Festival. If you would like to hold a stall please collect an application from my office or email deagon.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au. If you would like to perform at the festival please email info@bwfevents.com.au. If you would like to volunteer or become part of the organising committee please contact my office to find out how you can help.

Works to stabilise the rock groyne at Brighton are taking place currently so please be aware when using the beach area at the end of Nineteenth Ave in Brighton. The bridge over the tidal creek along the foreshore is also going to be replaced in the near future so there will be some disruptions while construction occurs.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



I would like to thank the community for their ongoing input on the Shorncliffe station precinct heritage restoration. Through the information sessions held in March, locals have

already shown their commitment to preserving the history of the station and the legacy that will be left for future generations. Much of the station will be returned to its original glory alongside modern day enhancements to ensure passenger safety. The restorations will enhance the station's place in the heritage of Shorncliffe.

Queensland Rail is asking members of the community to share their memories of the station for use in a legacy piece at the end of the project. They are also seeking feedback on whether residents would like to see the current footbridge permanently removed, or replaced at a later stage. Residents can have their say on the form of legacy pieces and the future of the footbridge by emailing communityengagement@qr.com.au



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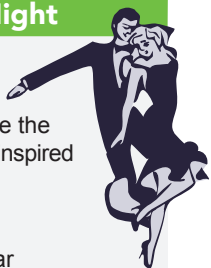
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However, the control of safety and rescue boats was inadequate and more support was necessary when the boats/crew needed assistance or had capsized. Some of the boats competing in these events would sail from the Brisbane River.

In a boating accident in 1911 several young lives were lost out from the mouth of the Brisbane River and this caused grief and worry among members and the community. A public meeting was held to discuss the formation of a sailing club. In 1912 the Sandgate Yacht Club was formed. This club was initially restricted to the "Rater" Class (Linton Hope Raters), for a number of years, but gradually a number of other types, including the Flying Squadron, Skiffs, Trainee

Squadron, 16ft. Skiffs, and sabots for training etc, were catered for, so popular was the sport in this area.

The yacht club opening day was organized for April 1912. Invitations were sent to other sailing clubs namely:- Royal Queensland Yacht Club, Brisbane Flying Squadron, Brisbane Dinghy Club, South Brisbane Sailing and Oxley Sailing Club. Large crowds arrived for the festivities but because of the wind blowing to gale force the race was abandoned.

Of interest is the Club House on the site. It was originally the Sunday School Hall at St. Margaret's Church of England, Rainbow Street, Sandgate. It was pulled down and re-constructed in its present site in 1948. The building was opened for the Sandgate 16ft Skiff club in that year.

The Sandgate Museum has a special display of photos and memorabilia on loan courtesy of the Sandgate Yacht Club. Also available is our own book, the "History of the Sandgate Sailing Clubs 1897 – 1990" written by our late member George Lestor.

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Brisbane's Property Market Fundamentals Remain Healthy

The Reserve Bank's (RBA) decision to once again leave the official cash rate on hold at 2% for the past quarter was almost unanimously predicted. The overwhelming majority of experts now expect the RBA will either cut rates further or leave them on hold throughout the remainder of 2016.

Interestingly, comparison website finder.com.au's late February survey of 31 economists also revealed two out of five believe lenders will increase loan rates this year, outside of any official movements. During February alone, three lenders had already increased their variable loan rates, with the major banks expected to follow the trend.

But rate increases, along with APRA-driven tighter lending criteria for property investment implemented by financiers over the past year, is failing to dampen investor interest in South East Queensland property. Middle-ring Brisbane was recently named as the country's new "hot spot" for income potential and capital growth by Performance Property Advisory (PPA). The latest group to have endorsed Brisbane in its latest Market Update, PPA proclaimed the city Australia's leading investment location, boasting strong population growth, good infrastructure investment and an under-supply of housing.

Meanwhile in Sandgate, the suburb continues to attract professionals, families with school aged children and retirees. The area appeals to buyers due to ease of access to major transport links, parks and recreation facilities, and close proximity to high quality education. Buyer interest is focused on houses in the \$550k to \$650k range which are in short supply.

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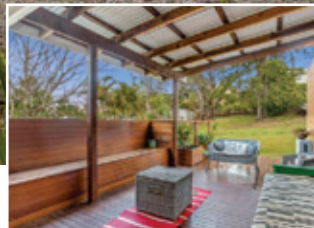
Unfortunately, when you're searching for a real estate agent, the 'collect three quotes and choose the middle' method doesn't work. In fact, industry research has shown that choosing the cheapest agent may end up costing you more...much more.

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For example, the cheaper agent could receive an offer of \$480,000 and talk the seller down to that price whereas the agent who charges a higher commission, knows how to work for the seller and talk the buyer up to the desired \$500,000 price tag. This comes back to finding an agent who cares about your needs and goals, not theirs.

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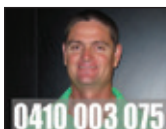


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