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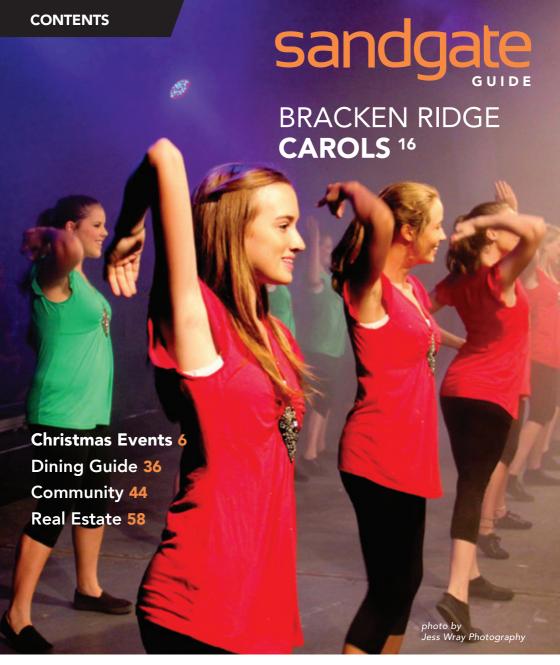
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Carollers prepare for 'Carols by the Bay' / photo by Paul Neil

## **Santa Claus is coming to Sandgate** on December 7 with the area's much-anticipated annual Christmas event, Carols by the Bay.

A fixture in Sandgate for decades, the carols have recently been relaunched by Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy with Federal Member for Lilley Wayne Swan and State Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe, affectionately renamed Carols by the Bay.

Jared says there is a great line-up of entertainment and events on offer.

"Performers will include school choirs from Nashville, Brighton and Sandgate state schools, led by their music teachers and the Multitude Community," he says.

We also have the Pine Rivers brass band there to jazz up the event, as well as a sausage sizzle on the night, with all proceeds going to local schools

"Christmas glow sticks will feature instead of candles this year, with special guest Santa on hand to hand out special Christmas treats."

Jared says the event is a true family affair with a great community atmosphere.

"Bring a picnic rug down and sing along to popular carols with the family and enjoy the fantastic Christmas atmosphere," he says.

"You can also check out the Christmas displays in local shop windows this year.

"The event doesn't go too late so families can grab dinner in Sandgate afterwards or take a stroll down on the waterfront."

Jared has been part of the carols for many years, starting when he was a child growing up in the area.

"I first attended Carols in Sandgate with my grandmother when I was very young, but my grandmother had to hold the candle for me," he says.

"I also remember singing with the Shorncliffe State School choir when I was in primary school."

Jared says the event unites both families and businesses in the local area.

"Bringing people together is very important – we have such a unique community here on the northside and this is just another event that reinforces that," he says.

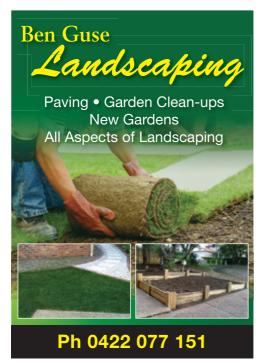
"It supports local businesses by bringing people into the heart of Sandgate, giving local children the opportunity to perform for their family and friends.

"It's a Sandgate tradition and I encourage people to come down even if they don't have a child singing in the choir."

Wednesday 7 December, 5-8pm, Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands. For more info contact the Deagon Ward office on 3367 6011.









## Since 1995, the Uniting Church at Deagon has been delighting locals and visitors with their spectacular Christmas Lights Festival.

By Lisa Adams

Once again, this year will not fail to disappoint as the church gifts the community with its theme of Reflecting God's Glory.

Reverend Anne Hulbert explains, "This helps us understand the angels singing to the Glory of God about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The lights also will interpret reflecting God's glory through God's nature of love and sending Jesus to earth to bring hope and joy and peace."

As well as the enchanting glow of thousands of colourful orbs, there will be displays and stalls of Christmas items for visitors to enjoy. In the past, the Church has had hand-decorated Christmas tree displays in both the Chapel and at the front of the church building, however, this year there will be a different kind of display on offer.

"We will be using mirrors of various shapes and sizes, plus new light displays, to help people see that we are all made in God's image and that we are loved just for who we are," describes Reverend Anne, "thus each one of us is able to reflect God's glory through our words and actions, especially at this time of year."

Free entertainment will be provided each evening with a variety of performers taking the main stage. There will also be a Children's Corner for the little ones so parents can enjoy a bite to eat and the entertainment in the dining area.

We want to offer the local community something very special at this time of year," says Rev Anne.

This lovely community event is well worth a visit. Make an evening of it with your family and stop for a bite to eat, wander through the stalls, enjoy the entertainment and most importantly, marvel at the spectacular light display.

The lights will be turned on Tuesday 6th December from 7-10pm each night, with stalls, displays, and entertainment available from Wednesday 14th December. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, as well as locally baked treats and sweets.

■ 116 Board Street, Deagon. For more information, check out www.sandgate.unitingchurch.org.au/lights.html







LAUNCH OF Jingle ALL THE BAY



For more information visit sandgatechamber.com.au or follow the Chamber of Commerce on Facebook. / photo by paul Neil

#### **Christmas in Sandgate** is

getting a shake up this year with the introduction of Jingle all the Bay celebrations throughout December.

By Christine Chamberlain

Businesses in the area are working hard to bring the community together this festive season, Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan says.

"The Chamber is rebooting Christmas in Sandgate. We are rebooting it with the focus on businesses and families coming together to enjoy Sandgate," Bill says.

"Our goal over the next few years is to make Sandgate the place to come and shop and buy your Christmas presents."

The Chamber is going to decorate trees in the main street with fairy lights and other ornaments to create a real Christmas feel.

There will also be late-night shopping throughout the month, with local businesses opening until 8pm on three Fridays (December 2, 9 & 16) and culminating with an old-fashioned

Christmas street party on December 16.

The late night shopping is a great opportunity for everyone to shop local, Bill says.

Why drive all over Brisbane to look at Christmas lights and to shop when we have everything right here," he says.

"When we spend money in the area, it creates jobs in the area and creates a great community feel.

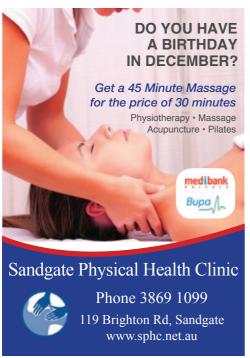
"There is a real willingness of the community to work together to make Christmas in Sandgate great again."

Children can come along and have a photo with Santa Claus on any of the three Friday nights, and roving buskers will entertain shoppers.

Throughout the month of December, local businesses will also be encouraged to decorate their shop fronts to fit in with the festive spirit.

"We encouraging all shops in Sandgate area to open late and to decorate their shop windows," Bill says.

"We will be running a competition for the best dressed shops; there will be a Chamber's Choice and a People's Choice."







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#### **ROAD CLOSED** FOR FESTIVITIES

**Jingle all the Bay** festivities will come to a peak with a huge Christmas street party in the heart of Sandgate on Friday, December 16.

By Christine Chamberlain

Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan says the street party is all about getting together and celebrating the festive season with the community and local businesses.

The evening will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and Brighton Road will be closed to traffic from Keogh Street to the roundabout.

"It will be a historical occasion because I cannot recall Brighton Road ever being closed before," Bill says.

Many of the local businesses will remain open for the evening and businesses not based on Brighton Road will have the opportunity to set up a pop up shop in the street.

"You will be able to buy everything you need for Christmas and the festive season," Bill says.

"We believe the Chamber should be supporting businesses, and businesses supporting families."

Food stalls will line the street, talented local artists will perform on stage and there will be a wine and cheese trail.

There will be lots of entertainment for the children, including a jumping castle, hunt the reindeer trail and outdoor boxing ring.

Mr Henderson and il Forno Pizzeria owner Marco Agostini says the street party is the perfect way to show off Sandgate.

So in a similar style to a small European village during Christmas time, we shut down the street to cars, light up the village with lights and music, and allow everyone to see what truly makes Sandgate great," Marco says.

"There will be local schools carolling, local musicians busking, elves and fairies fluttering and maybe even a bit of mulled wine."

The evening will even cater for your fury friend, with 4 Paws Dog Grooming offering Santa photos.

Friday December 16, from 6.30pm-9.30pm





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#### THE SEASON OF GIVING

**The true meaning** of Christmas is alive and well in the heart of Sandgate as SANDBAG prepares for its annual Christmas Day lunch.

For the 11th year,
SANDBAG and its team
of volunteers will serve
a traditional Christmas
lunch to members of the
community at the Sandgate
Community Centre.



#### By Christine Chamberlain

**SANDBAG** community support worker Garry Hunt says Sandbag is one of the only community organisations in the area that hosts its Christmas Day lunch on the actual day.

"With an increase in refugees, asylum seekers and recent arrivals the lunch provides the opportunity for those with no immediate family in Australia to be involved in their new community and experience alternate traditions," he says.

Garry says the lunch is open to anyone within the community with up to 150 guests of all ages attending each year.

"People attend for a number of reasons. They are alone and socially isolated, have no family or are living away from family and friends. Many are homeless, experiencing financial stress or are women and children affected by domestic and family violence," he says.

The special event has a very positive impact on all who attend, especially the volunteers who give their time either prior to the day wrapping gifts and decorating the hall, or on Christmas Day preparing food, serving, cleaning or assisting Santa.

More than 40 volunteers give their time so this event can happen, Garry says.

Many of the volunteers tell me that they want to give something back to the community and they especially want their children to experience the joy of giving to others," he says.

Lunch begins at midday, with the deck open at 10.30am and the hall at 11.15am. Everyone receives a present from Santa.

The centre is still looking for volunteers for before and on Christmas Day. If you are interested phone 3869 3244 or email ghunt@sandbag.org.au.

They are also seeking donations of good quality gifts including toiletries and books suitable for all ages. Donations can be left at the office of Stirling Hinchliffe (Fifth Avenue, Sandgate) or Jared Cassidy's office (Cliff Street, Sandgate).

If anyone would like to donate raffles or door prizes, please contact Garry or Monica at SANDBAG.

Anyone wishing to attend the Christmas Day lunch can also phone 3869 3244 or visit Sandgate Community Centre, 153 Rainbow Street, Tuesdays to Fridays 9am to 2pm.



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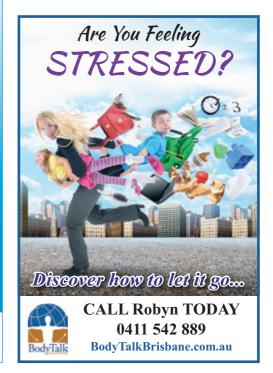
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#### By Emma Harley

Now in its 19th year, the carols event draws an annual crowd of more than four thousand people and hosts a variety of choral performances, carols and entertainment, culminating in a spectacular show.

Bracken Ridge Baptist Church market coordinator Rachel Rees says visitors can expect a great family event with an incredible carnival atmosphere.

"We have a wide variety of markets ranging from candles, jewellery, books, giftware, Christmas decorations, adults' and children's clothing," she says.

"Foodies will love the sweets, ice cream, cakes and huge variety of other food products on offer."

Rachel says all the preparations are well under way and the event is shaping up to be their biggest yet.

"Practices for the show are now in full swing and the markets are growing bigger each day with many inquiries from vendors wanting to be involved," she says.

"We have the capacity to accommodate around 30 market stalls and a number of food vans, so there is a lot of variety at the event."

Rachel has been to every event since its launch and says it has great to see each generation get involved.

I was in the choir for a number of years, but these days I am not on stage anymore," she says.

"I now have my children involved in the show and seeing the next generation of kids involved, as well as their parents, shows it truly is a family event.

"The show is similar every year but with new songs and a new theme around the celebration of Christmas.

"This year's theme is Christmas Changes Everything - through generosity and kindness to one another, we can be the change we want to see in the world."

The Bracken Ridge Baptist Church is spreading their Christmas spirit through the community in other ways also, packing Christmas hampers for various community organisations to give to people in need.

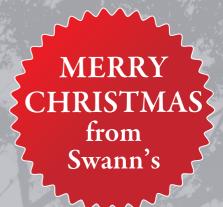
"We also have an event called Christmas Acts of Kindness where we encourage our community to give a helping hand to neighbours, by helping with small house projects and getting together for street events," Rachel says.

"We can isolate ourselves throughout the year and Christmas seems to fill us with a more relaxed holiday spirit which we are willing to share."

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## Festival

6,7 & 8 January 2017 Sandgate Town Hall

#### By Donna Phillips

As a case in point, Music By The Sea has successfully combined much of the above to become a distinguished force within the Arts field, with its monthly concert series, and annual festival -- including the 15th festival on 6, 7 and 8 January 2017.

For the last 20 years some of the world's best have performed for Music By The Sea, including Australian artists William Barton, Kev Carmody, David Helfgott, Sara Hopkins, Elena Kats-Chernin, James Morrison, The Necks, Jane Rutter and Roger Woodward, to name a few.

While on-stage all artists strive to engage and educate by speaking directly to their audience. They share a sense of history and place about their music, their instruments, and themselves. Combine this intimate, boutique-style experience together with the imposing 105 year-old Federation-style (now air-conditioned) town

hall with its superb acoustics, and the result adds up to something unique - outshining other performance venues.

Director Zoli Mauritz said, "It all began when I came to live here. No one was using the town hall for serious concerts at that time. And since it has great acoustics, I started bringing quality music to the area. This later developed into Music By The Sea. Then in 2002 I established the festival. My motives were selfish really — because I didn't want to travel to the city to attend beautiful concerts."

For the festival program, ticketing and bookings, visit: musicbythesea.com.au











## By The Sea is renown for bringing international stars and Australian artists to Sandgate Town Hall.

And the next annual festival to be held over the weekend of 6, 7, 8 January, 2017, intends to live up to its stellar reputation.

#### **FESTIVAL TIMETABLE**

#### Friday 6 January

#### 8pm - 10pm:

YARWAH - Indigenous super group, Tjupurru (didje), Fred Leone (vocals), Efiq Zulfiqar (Suling, flute, jaw harp), Luke Fabila (electric percussion) - electronic dubstep/trance, hip hop laced with West Javanese instruments, Aboriginal language and chants.

**EMMA VENZKE** - Winner of the Music By The Sea Performer of the Year Award 2016, Sandgate District State High School student.

#### **Saturday 7 January**

**11am - 12pm: WINTER WILSON (UK)**, Kip Winter and Dave Wilson - Folk music group.

**1pm - 2pm: MELODY POOL** - folk, country songstress.

**3pm - 4pm: DANGEROUS SONG** by Linsey Pollak, Lizzie O'Keefe - sonic morphing of eco effect voice and sound.

**5pm - 6pm: PAUL GRABOWSKY AO** - jazz piano recital.

**8pm - 10pm: TANGENTS QUINTET** - Adrian Lim-Klumpes (piano, Rhodes, vibraphone, marimba, pedals), Evan Dorrian (drums, percussion), Peter Hollo (cello, effects), Shoeb Ahmad (guitar, pedals) - electronic, experimental rock, free improvisation.

#### **Sunday 8 January**

11am - 12pm: MURPHY & CUTTING - cello and piano.

**1pm - 2pm: DUO BLOCKSTIX** - Alicia Crossley (recorder), Joshua Hill (percussion) - renaissance to contemporary bass.

**3pm - 4pm: ARTICO ENSEMBLE** - Judit Molnar (soprano), Rianne Wilschut (clarinet), Paul Kopetz (bass clarinet), Brieley Cutting (piano) - Bernstein to Kopez.

**5pm - 6pm: ORAVA QUARTET** - Daniel Kowalik (violin) Karol Kowalik (cello), Thomas Chawner (viola), David Dalseno (violin) - Haydn, Tchaikovsky.

**8pm:** JANE RUTTER (flute), Marcello Maio (piano, accordion) - selection includes Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Debussy, Poulenc, popular French street music, Tangos and Chansons.

All Sandgate Town Hall concerts are ticketed.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

There are no single tickets.

For program and bookings: musicbythesea.com.au

## Featured PERFORMERS

Here's a snapshot of featured artists who will perform an eclectic mix of top classical, jazz, folk and world music.





#### Jane Rutter

#### Jane Rutter is a world renown flautist,

returns to perform an exciting new concert of French Classical and Popular items. Known for her warm and sensual performances, Ms Rutter received standing ovations following earlier Music By The Sea Concert Series performances. Ms Rutter was recently awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Letters. She will be accompanied by brilliant pianist and piano accordionist Marcello Maio.

#### Yarwah

Great to dance to!

Yarwah is a freshly-formed Indigenous super group whose passion is to hold onto ancient musical cultures and language. Tjupurru (didje, FaceBass, electronics), Fred Leone (vocals), Efiq Zulfiqar (Surling, flute, jaw harp), and Luke Fabila (electric percussion) fuse tradition with 21st-century technology to present a cutting edge, contemporary sound.





#### Melody Pool

#### Melody Pool is a young star on the

rise. Pool defines her genre as 'angry folk'. She doesn't appreciate being called a country singer. She says her largely acoustic-based songs are more Joni Mitchel and Laura Marling than Dolly Parton or Casey Chambers. After delivering one of the most acclaimed Australian debut albums of recent times, she returned from Nashville with a stunning second album Deep Dark Savage Heart.

#### Paul Grabowsky

#### Paul Grabowsky has been lauded

as one of Australia's most distinguished performing artists. This multi-ARIA award winner is an acclaimed pianist, composer, arranger and conductor. He has written the scores for over twenty films, directed Queensland Music and Adelaide Festivals, and is the recipient of a 2014 Order of Australia.

Discover more in the full Festival program at: musicbythesea.com.au

## MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

### CAFÉ MUSIC In the Key of Sea



Sandgate celebrates 15 years of music and merriment this month with the annual Music By The Sea Festival.

One of the highlights of the muchloved festival, held over the January 6-8 weekend, is the Café Series free performances in venues around Sandgate including Matthew Thomas Cafe, Cardigan Bar and EclecTea Vintage Café.

Artistic Director and Programmer Zoli Mauritz says the Café Series is now in its fourth year as part of the Festival and patrons can expect some new and exciting inclusions this year.

"Music By The Sea Festival is unique because each and every festival offers something different, often contrasting with mainstream music," he says.

"Our Café Series offers music in air-conditioned and intimate venues close to all facilities and public transport, a friendly and helpful team and as always, a terrific atmosphere."

Zoli is excited the 2017 Café Series is shaping up to be another memorable event for music loving locals and visitors.

"There is an exciting line-up again this festival including exotic instruments and music from handpan (hang) to Flamenco, Irish, classical and folk music," he says.

This year, the Café Series will feature new acts, Sandgate Trio with their classical repertoire, Tin Star, El Flamenco (Gerard Mapstone), Lachlan Hawkins & Jordan Brodie and Tawny."

"It always delivers 'cut above' performances for all musical tastes."

Zoli says the Café Series is a great opportunity for the local community to come together to support local businesses, and for many local residents the venues are within walking distance.

"If you have an interest in music, then there is always something for you," he says.

"The Café Series has always been such a positive experience for audiences - great music in an different, yet intimate café setting each time."

For more information on the Café Series, Music By The Sea Festival or to purchase tickets, visit musicbythesea.com.au



Festival program includes free performances in local venues.

# Café Series' FREE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES

#### **Matthew Thomas Café**

50 Eagle Terrace, Sandgate

#### SATURDAY

10am - 11am: SANDGATE TRIO

2pm - 3pm: EL FLAMENCO GERARD

**MAPSTONE** 

#### **SUNDAY**

10am - 11am: LACHLAN HAWKINS (handpan), JORDAN BRODIE (guitar)

2pm - 3pm: SANDGATE TRIO

#### **Cardigan Bar**

198 Seymour St, Sandgate

#### **SATURDAY**

2pm - 3pm: TAWNY (Irish music)

4pm - 5pm: EL FLAMENCO GERARD MAPSTONE

#### **SUNDAY**

2pm - 3pm: LACHLAN HAWKINS (handpan),

**JORDAN BRODIE** (guitar)

4pm - 5pm: TIN STAR (folk trio)

#### EclecTea Vintage Café

15 Gladstone St, Brighton

#### **SATURDAY**

**6pm - 7pm: TAWNY** (Irish music)

#### **SUNDAY**

6pm - 7pm: TIN STAR (folk trio)



It's that brooding, anthemic and at times downright angst-fuelled alternative folk that will fill the speakers and the ears of crowds at Sandgate's Music By The Sea Festival, which returns to venues across the suburb from January 6-8.

Pool says the tracks on her latest album dig even deeper into her song-writing soul, pushing her to come up with a body of work that plays out like a combined narrative of her musical and personal lives.

"I feel like I've really stood my ground with this record," Pool says.

"I didn't ever expect to make an album filled with pop hits. It's always going to be me playing guitar and singing the truth."

The singer-songwriter, who is originally from Kurri Kurri in NSW, but who relocated to Melbourne to develop her artistic talent further, says Deep Dark Savage Heart follows a different path to her much-lauded debut, The Hurting Scene.

"I'm really proud of this album," she says, explaining it was recorded in Nashville with producer Brad Jones who has helmed releases for some famed Aussie musos including Missy Higgins and Ben Lee.

It really shows where I'm at – or where I was at – and how I wanted it to turn out," she says.

After the success of The Hurting Scene, Pool toured throughout Europe and even played to two massive audiences while supporting none other than American folk behemoths The Eagles.

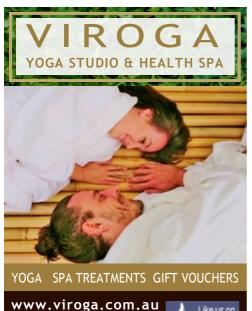
In another coup for Pool, she'll join Eagles frontman Don Henley, American folk-pop superstar Jewel and Aussie guitar lord Richard Clapton for their A Day On The Green performances next year, but says she's excited to kick off the year with a truly intimate performance at the Music By The Sea Festival.

"It will be a great way to kick off the year and we can't wait to get up to Brisbane to share the tracks off Deep Dark Savage Heart," Pool says.

"I just think it will be the perfect setting for my music and I really hope the audiences at Music By The Sea get into it."

Melody Pool plays Music By The Sea Festival on January 7.

Tickets: www.musicbythesea.com.au



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in surrounding community.





#### **THURSDAY 1**

Open Mic @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

#### **FRIDAY 2**

Zoo Keepers Trio Club Sandgate 4:30pm

Desert Blues Cartel Cardigan Bar 7pm

SOUL CUTZ
Phoenix Bar and Lounge
7:30pm

Oliver Jones
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

#### **SATURDAY 3**

Swizzle Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Aine Tyrrell - Dream A New Dream Tour Cardigan Bar 7pm

Soulectrics
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

Andy Ellem Full Moon Hotel 8pm

#### **SUNDAY 4**

Jack Bratt Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Jason Hoekstra Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

West Texas Crude Cardigan Bar 4pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

#### FRIDAY 9

Anthems Trio
Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Byron Short Cardigan Bar 7pm

J-Funk Duo Phoenix Bar and Lounge 7:30pm

Ben Stewart Full Moon Hotel 8pm

#### **SATURDAY 10**

Celtic Sessions - Irish Cardigan Bar 3pm

Street Cafe Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Gavin Doniger Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SOUL CUTZ
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

#### **SUNDAY 11**

Nick Koschel Full Moon Hotel 1pm

David Luke Phoenix Bar 2pm

Sometimes 3
Cardigan Bar 3:30pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

#### **WEDNESDAY 14**

Black Dog Music Jam Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

#### **THURSDAY 15**

Open Mic @ Cardigan Bar

#### FRIDAY 16

Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

The Sparkz Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Juke Joint

Phoenix Bar and Lounge 7:30pm

Peko Full Moon Hotel 8pm

#### **SATURDAY 17**

Celtic Sessions - Scottish Cardigan Bar 3pm

Simply Three Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Jug O Blooze Cardigan Bar 7pm

Lima and Jade
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

Mark Chomyn Full Moon Hotel 8pm

#### **SUNDAY 18**

Marco Full Moon Hotel 1:30pm

Steven Childs
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

Johnson Stompers Cardigan Bar 4pm





#### **WEDNESDAY 21 SATURDAY 24**

Po Childs (The Lone Stranger) Cardigan Bar 6pm

#### **THURSDAY 22**

Open Mic @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY 23

**BERT** 

Cardigan Bar 5pm

Able 2 Rock Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

**SOUL CUTZ Phoenix Bar and Lounge** 7:30pm

**Nik Conomos Full Moon Hotel 8pm** 

**Blarnev Stone** Cardigan Bar 3pm

Me n Jodie Lee Club Sandgate 6:30pm

**Nick Koschel Full Moon Hotel 7pm** 

**SOUL CUTZ Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm** 

#### **THURSDAY 29**

Open Mic @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY 30

**Wakked Out** Club Sandgate 6:30pm

J-Funk Duo **Phoenix Bar 7:30pm** 

#### **SATURDAY 31**

**NYE Nick Koschel** Full Moon Hotel 5pm

Route 66 Club Sandgate 8pm

**NYE No Drahma** Full Moon Hotel 9:30pm



## EVENTS & Notices

#### **NOTICES**

#### Sandgate Library, Sandgate Town Hall, Seymour Street

What: Choose-your-own-adventure writing workshop with author, Dave Lowe When: Thursday, 15 December

11am - 12pm

A 'choose-your-own-adventure' is a kind of book where the reader decides which path to take. During this fun workshop, internationally published author of the Stinky & Jinks series, Dave Lowe, shows how to plan and write one. Ideal for children aged 8-13 years. Bookings essential.

Cost: Free

What: Christmas Storytime When: Thursday, 22 December

10.30 - 11.30am

Join us for a Christmas celebration of favourite festive stories and make your own Christmas tree decoration to take home. Ideal for children aged 2-5 years. Bookings essential.

Cost: Free

Bookings required for the above events. Phone Sandgate Library on 3667 6022 to reserve your place.

#### **Building Block Studio**

What: School Holiday Workshops

When: January 9th -27th Where: 75 Rainbow Street

Visit: www.buildingblockstudio.com for

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#### **Bracken Ridge Council**

What: Yoga Boost in the Park

When: Saturday, 3 December

7.15am - 8.15am

Enjoy the fresh air and outdoors while limbering, stretching, strengthening with breathing techniques and working all body positions to finally relaxing the body. A full workout to balance the body, heart and mind

Cost: Free

Bookings not required - For more information contact YogAdo on 0478 198 194.

Meeting point: Shelter, outside library

Requirements: Loose clothing, bring drinking water, sun protection and mat.

Venue: Bracken Ridge Library, Corner Bracken and Barrett Streets, Bracken Ridge



#### **MUSIC**

#### **New Groove Jazz Ensemble**

The New Groove Jazz Ensemble performs regularly at the Sandgate Town Hall. These concerts are on the second Sunday afternoon of the month for 2016, between 2pm to 4pm.

The next performance will be on Sunday 11 December at 2pm to 4pm. Tickets cost \$10 at the door.

#### Guys n' Dolls Revue

Christmas by the Sea

Where: The Auditorium, Brighton Health Campus (Eventide), 449 Beaconsfield Terrace, Brighton

KEEP CALM CHRISTMAS IS COMING! We are nearly ready to wow you with Glenn - as a Crazy Lobster and a surfer boy - Christmas by the Sea is an under water themed extravaganza - song, dance and comedy - finishing with Christmas Carols and Santa - woohoo!

Two shows being presented on Sunday 4th December at 1pm and Saturday 17th December at 1pm.

To book, go to www.trybooking.com for tickets - \$15 adults - \$10 seniors - Children under 12yrs FREE. For group bookings, telephone Christine Young on 0408 782 182. Tickets are also available at the door.

DOORS OPEN AT 12.30PM. Raffle tickets at the door.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### HAFLA!

Womenspace provides a nurturing space for women; traditionally the carers of children during school holidays. We have often entertained extended family and friends at this time of year, nurturing others. Hafla is your time; to re-energise and pamper yourself. Your opportunity to enjoy dance, music, reflexology, reiki, henna and feast.

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#### Mr Henderson

#### Art Opening night - 21st December

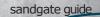
Every month Mr Henderson is showcasing the talents of a local artist in our venue. During November we hosted the Bar Noir collection from Mel McRae which you can see now until the 18th of December and on the 21st will be our opening night for a new artist to grace our walls.

#### Christmas Trivia - 22nd December

Mr H and Focus Trivia & Comedy are getting festive, this time on a Thursday night! Do you know the most famous reindeer of all? And what about all the others? Come test your Yuletide knowledge to win all the presents under the tree!

#### New Years Eve - 31st December

The countdown to 2017 is on! Mr Henderson will be welcoming in the New Year with style and you are all invited to party along with us! Extended opening hours mean we get to celebrate even longer!





#### CELEBRATE NYE 'RIO CARNIVAL' STYLE

Bv Lisa Adams

# Without a doubt, Rio Carnival is the favorite holiday celebration in Rio.

The city glows with the smiles and energy of the locals. Samba music can be heard coming from neighbourhoods throughout the city and crowds gather to dance and play all day, night and straight into the next morning.

Rob Hamilton and his team at the Bracken Ridge Tavern want to bring this Carnival spirit and true joie de vivre to the 4017 area this New Year's Eve: the Phoenix Bar will host a Rio Carnival-inspired party to cheer in the New Year in colour and style. "The themed evening will be professionally styled and include Brazilian entertainers, special lighting effects, decorations, and even a float to take you to the party," Rob says. Rio Carnival will be a kaleidoscope of colour, flamboyance, and lighthearted fun. "There will be Carnival activities like limbo and a conga line, prizes for the best costume, and the annual fireworks at midnight for all to enjoy. The night is going to be a great celebration and lots of fun," Rob explains.

Nobody will go hungry or thirsty either with a special all-you-can-eat food and drinks package available,

incorporating a tasty Brazilian barbeque and fruity Carnival themed cocktails and beer.

The chefs will provide a delicious feast for guests, using great cuts of meat and the freshest of ingredients so people can have the complete Rio Carnival experience," Rob describes.

Everyone is welcome to come and experience the electrifying energy Rio Carnival has to offer at the Phoenix Bar this New Year's Eve. Dance, drink and welcome in the New Year in true celebratory style as you experience a taste of one of the biggest carnivals in the world.

#### **2016 Carnival NYE Party**

7pm, Saturday 31st December Bracken Ridge Tavern, Barrett Street

Food and Drinks Package - early bird offer \$69

General admission at no charge is also available.







First Day of the 2017 calendar, the Cardigan Bar will be hitting the New Year with a "hair of the dog" Rock n Roll Sunday Session with local legends, West Texas Crude.



#### HAIR OF THE DOG

Performing once a month on Rock 'n' Roll Sunday, West Texas Crude sustain a large following amongst Sandgate locals.

WTC have been playing locally in Sandgate for sometime and are hugely popular in South East Queensland. "These guys are consummate music professionals and their style fits our venue very well, we love having them in," says Chris, owner of the Cardigan Bar.

"Musical styles such as Blues, Roots, Rock and Roll really resonate with our crowd," says Chris. "The Cardigan Bar is really focusing on bringing that style more to Sandgate, and of course as always fostering the local music scene which also seems to lean that way."

Formed in 2000, 'The Crude" have since been walking the boards all over Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales, having a blast and playing to audiences in country pubs, laneway bars and at some of the largest festivals around.

Vocalist and frontman Andy Dashwood from WTC said,

We love playing the Cardigan Bar. The atmosphere is always friendly, it feels like family and the crowd are always lively and up for a good time."

■ West Texas Crude will be entertaining you this New Years Day at the Cardigan Bar with some rock 'n' roll tunes from 4pm.



## Christmas at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre

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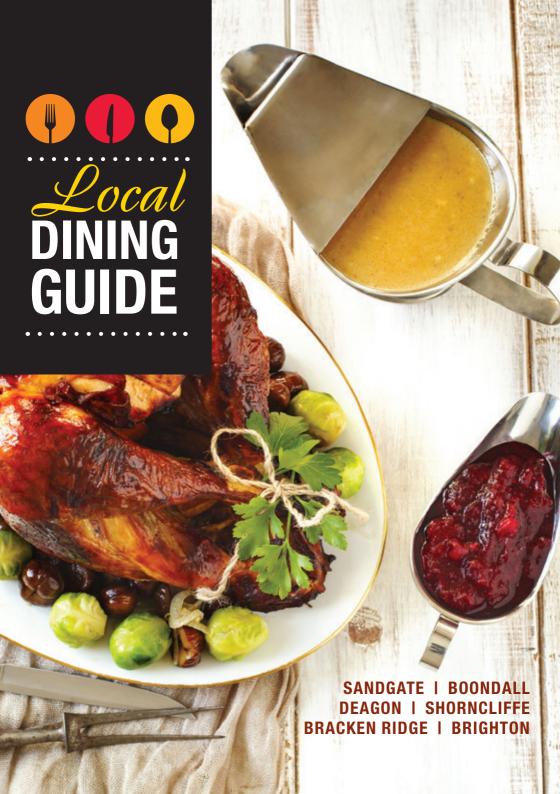
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## **ECLECTIC VIBE** AT ECLECTEA

**Vintage-style café** 'EclecTea' has taken on a new vibe with more of a night life focus to their business.

By Susie Laery

"We have grown due to our lovely customers telling us what they would like from the café and bar. Our vision is now to be an evening venue to cater for people who want to go out for a nice drink or meal and then walk home. We have water glimpses and lovely sea breezes, so it really is a pleasant way to spend an afternoon and evening," says Geri Purcell, owner of 'EclecTea'.

The café uses free-range meat, and offers a fresh seasonal and always organic menu. There is a tapas menu for the summer nights and eight local brews on tap.

Every Friday and Saturday night from 6.30pm there is local music of all genres.

"We have special nights like Latin dance nights too. We hire a Latin band - empty the shop and everyone gets up and dances. A lot of Latin people live on the north side and have nowhere to go," adds Geri.

On Sundays from 3pm there is 'open mic' sessions, which have been popular. It's an opportunity for local musicians to bring their instrument and perform to an audience. Every odd Thursday there is either trivia or comedy and every second Thursday there is a 'meet your neighbour' night.

"With so many new folk moving into the area, it's a chance to meet up with other locals – singles, couples or families are all welcome. The café is dog friendly too. "One Friday night we had seven dog owners with their pets," adds Geri.

We have turned a very quiet and run down little corner shop into a great meeting place for locals. We have even been the facilitator for some lovely romantic liaisons," says Geri.

"It gives us a sense of accomplishment to be able to provide employment for local families. We also meet some great folk and have forged many friendships in the local community," says Geri.

#### **EclecTea**

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#### SANDGATE FISHMONGER

**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 we're thrilled with the result. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Beautiful day! Cam and Deb Jays and the kids were out on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon on Sandgate



Happy Christmas! Peyton and Kendyl are getting ready for Christmas by trying out their new Chrissy outfits in their backyard.



Birthday boy! Rob and Louise Stevenson threw a fantastic party for friends and family to celebrate Rob's birthday at Artrageous Community Arts Centre, Deagon.



Come fly with me! Sinatra wasn't available, so singer Tony Doevendans performed at Sandgate Markets in Einbunpin Lagoon Park on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.



Champs? The boys from Teckerz FC Under 15 five-a-side football are undefeated with only 2 games to go and are looking good to be champs in their group.



Cheers! Leah and Simon Pett raise a cupcake to celebrate Leah's birthday with her family and friends and a little bit of 'crazy' at Mr Henderson's in Sandgate.



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## THE SHORNCLIFFE SHUFFLERS

By Susie Laery

The 4017 community is plentiful with activities. If you thought you knew it all then think again! There has been a dedicated running group in operation for five years that is now putting the call out for new members.

The 'Shorncliffe Shufflers' are a local running group based at St Patrick's College. The group started as a group of parents, teachers and students of St Patrick's College who wanted to provide some extra training for the cross-country team and other sports teams.

Liz Devine one of the founding members of the 'Shorncliffe Shufflers' says, "We have always offered the Sunday run as an opportunity for extra training. Our aim is always to offer support to those who need it, and nobody is ever left behind, regardless. We cater to a wide range of running abilities. We run between 6-10 kilometres depending on running ability. Kids, parents and those wanting to improve fitness are all welcome."

The 'Shorncliffe Shufflers' has now grown to a solid, core group. "We are all great friends and enjoy each other's company as we run and catch up on the week's events," says Liz.

Liz Devine was a previous teacher and crosscountry coordinator for St Patrick's College and although she and her son have now left the college, she still keeps this connection every weekend. It has become a great way to keep fit and is now a key part of her social life.

The group requires no commitment to turn up every week. It provides the opportunity to have like-minded runners deliver the motivation required for fitness. If there is someone wanting to train for a specific event, then that can be catered to within the group.

This year was a special year for the group, as several members decided to support each other in running the Gold Coast full marathon for the very first time, the group were thrilled to have completed this great test of endurance.

We would like to open up the love of running and the conduit of our group to other local runners who may wish to connect and meet other runners in a social setting. We all live locally and love being part of the local community," says Liz.



Dec 2016

'Shorncliffe Shufflers'

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#### By Lisa Adams

The outcome of the "Fun For All" campaign that has been enthusiastically embraced by the community will be celebrated at the opening of the all-access playground at Arthur Davies Park in early December.

The dream of creating a public playground with specialty equipment, inclusive for all, has become a reality for Tamara and Mark Wecker and their team at RE/MAX Property shop. "We're so excited to see what started as a simple idea come to life with the help of local residents, businesses and Council," explains Tamara.

Since March, the campaign has successfully raised \$55k to install an all-access carousel. "Whilst we have been the drivers, we are very aware of the significant contribution baysiders have made in fundraising to ensure it happened – without doubt, this has been a team effort by the whole local community," Tamara says. Funds have been raised through social media appeals, real estate agency contributions, raffles and charity auctions, fun days hosted by local schools, spare change tins in bayside businesses, and community events such as the Sandgate Town Hall dinner, and the Long Table Shorncliffe Pier dinner.

On Saturday 3rd December, everyone is invited to the official opening of the carousel by town crier, Fred Krebs. Councillor Jared Cassidy who provided \$23k in funding towards the project is looking forward to the day,

I'm really excited about the opening of this brand new piece of equipment which will enable all children and adults to play together right here in Sandgate."

As well as being able to play, children will also receive activity bags on the open day. There will be a colouring competition with prizes for the winners. Tamara says, "Our dream was to see the fantastic waterfront parklands we have here in Sandgate offer something for everyone. For us, 'inclusiveness' means taking action to ensure that families of all abilities feel welcome and cared for here in the bayside. We feel we have achieved that, but this is just one step of many more to come!"

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Recreational fishing in Sandgate is set to receive a boost through the introduction of several net-free Fishing zones in Moreton Bay.

#### By Ellen Moynihan

This will mean anyone who throws in a rod will have a much greater chance of getting a bite.

After the review of the Moreton Bay Marine Park in 2008, there was a significant loss of access to the recreational fishing sector. The net free areas in Moreton Bay will assist with redressing some of the impacts of this review, as well as the environmental issues brought about by localised depletion from gillnetting. This will hopefully mean the reversal of the destructive impacts on fish stocks and marine ecosystems that have been observed as a result of gillnetting.

At the end of last year, several net-free zones were established off Cairns, Mackay and the Capricorn Coast. By the end of this year, the impact of these zones will be clear, paving the way for similar projects in Moreton Bay.

Sunfish Moreton representative, Judy Lynn, says we can hope to see the restriction zones implemented as early as the beginning of next year.

Essentially Moreton Bay will be net free, while still allowing the four fisheries that function in the bay and supply some of the retail requirements of the south-east to remain largely unchanged," says Judy.

"There will be no impact at all on the trawl sector or the crab fishery, and the ocean beach mullet fishery will become a clean mullet fishery, meaning they will take no incidental catch."

Environmentally, the exclusion of gillnets from several zones will have huge advantages to the marine ecosystems of Moreton Bay. "Gillnets tend to catch everything unexclusively, whether it be a dolphin or a sea turtle," says Judy. "This is why it is important to limit the use of these nets".

Judy believes the opportunity of recreational fishing is an extremely important aspect of life in our area. The implementation of these restriction zones will mean there will be a plentiful supply and a ready catch for recreational fishers with all levels of experience.







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**Once again, December heralds** both summer, and the Christmas season's arrival in Sandgate! There're lots we can do to prepare, including in the garden!



Early to mid-December is a good time to fertilise your lawn and garden and to increase your watering, to ensure everything looks great for the holiday visitors. Be on the lookout for pest and disease

attack, as the warmer weather will encourage many insects to activity; and seek advice from us here at The Garden Gate if you spot anything unusual.

A great idea is to prepare some festive colour in your garden. Try potting up some hanging baskets with vivid red flowering Calibrachoa or Verbena to brighten up your entertaining areas, or grab some potted Poinsettia for your Christmas table!

In the Sandgate region, like so many other towns in Australia at this time of year, we sense the onset of summer in a number of ways. An increasing awareness of our own bodies' amazing ability to drip sweat from every pore simultaneously, an instinctive urge to spend longer than actually necessary in any air conditioned space; and for those who frequent suburban shopping meccas, an insight into the staggering success of retail marketing

strategists who have convinced the broader community that 'tis the season to spend!

According to the government's ASIC Moneysmart website, Australians will spend close to ten billion dollars this year on Christmas presents. That's roughly \$400 spent by (and presumably on) every single man, woman and child in the country.

But it's not quite like that though, is it? The reality is that the bulk of the Christmas cash, will be spent by (and on), a fairly small proportion of our community. Lots of people struggle at Christmas, financially and otherwise.

Consider spending less this Christmas and buy local if you can. The Garden Gate is hosting a pop-up market stall weekdays from 10am – 2pm with local art, crafts and gift ideas for Christmas, so come and have a look!

You can also donate Christmas gifts to organisations like Sandbag, who distribute them to people in need, helping to make sure that everyone has a Merry Christmas!!

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## A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Cr Jared Cassidy



As we approach the Christmas break there are lots of local events that the community can be involved in, from Carols by the Bay in Sandgate or Christmas lights at the Uniting Church in Deagon to the Pacific

Islander Christmas celebrations at Boondall and Christmas movie nights. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and enjoyable New Year and look forward to celebrating with the community and continuing to work with everyone over the coming year.

Local Primary Schools are farewelling their year six students as they make their transition into high school. We are certainly very spoilt for choice here on the Northside for great high schools, with Sandgate High recently recording their best ever QCS results and for the second year in a row having a 100% completion rate for year 12 certificates.

The Lord Mayor has recently announced that the \$2 million ornamental fountain will no longer be installed in the Dowse Lagoon, which is something the community has welcomed. I look forward to working with the community to ensure this funding isn't redirected to the City and remains in our local community.

## Stirling Hinchliffe MP



The recent weather events in Sandgate serve as a timely reminder to our community that thunderstorms are a distinct part of South-East Queensland's sub-tropical climate. Every year, our region experiences a

multitude of severe weather events associated with storm season. I am urging all residents in Sandgate and the surrounding suburbs to be 'storm ready' this summer by ensuring our properties are well secured before a storm hits, having a well-stocked emergency kit on hand and being aware of the dangers associated with fallen power lines both during and after a storm.

By ensuring we are all well prepared before a storm hits, we can take pressure off our emergency services and let them focus more on those who require assistance during and after a severe weather event. For more tips on how to be prepared this storm season, visit the 'RACQ Get Ready Queensland: let's stay safe' website at https://getready.qld.gov.au/about/ where you can download a copy of the 'RACQ Get Ready Queensland' fact sheet. Together, let's become the most resilient community in Queensland by being prepared for whatever 'Mother Nature' has to throw at us.

## Cr Amanda Cooper



As the academic year is fast drawing to a close, well done to all of our successful, senior graduates. I hope all of you enjoy a well-earned break before embarking on your chosen endeavours.

For many of our younger students, school holidays are just around the corner! To keep boredom at bay these holidays, I've put together a calendar of events and activities to keep the whole family entertained. There is

something for everyone with activities ranging from water sports and craft activities to nature walks and literary events. The best part is that all activities are low cost or free.

Because there are so many events to choose from, a week's worth of activities will be released each Friday on my Facebook page commencing from Friday 9 December. For a copy of my School Holidays Activity Calendar, contact my office directly on 3667 6000 or via brackenridge.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday period and a very merry Christmas.



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## A CHRISTMAS EVE **SWIM**

In the late 19th Century, Sandgate was a very popular destination during the Christmas and New Year period.

By Lisa Adams

The destination boasted clean beaches that allowed for thousands of people visiting from Brisbane to escape the heat, be that just for the day or for a holiday.

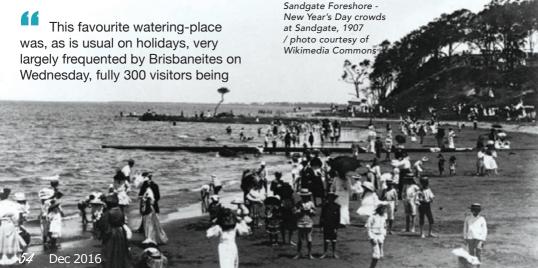
There were enclosed swimming baths adjacent to the pier; the relic posts are still visible at low tide today. Essentially people came to holiday, picnic, for their health "to take the waters", to fish and swim.

In 1873, the Brisbane Courier wrote an article about a disagreement that occurred between the male and female bathers on Christmas Eve. It appears there was some "irritation" as to who should be allowed to swim at a particular time. It then came about that from the mid 1870s there were two bathing enclosures - one for ladies and one for men - as mixed bathing was not permitted until 1927.

An excerpt from the Brisbane Courier on 24 December 1873:

present. Bathing was the order of the day, and in fact some irritation was occasioned by a dispute between ladies and gentlemen as to who should have the right of seeking the "blue deep" at one particular time. The gentlemen at length, of course, gave way and allowed the fair visitors the privilege of a plunge from "under the tree".

The great drawback to Sandgate's progress as a watering-place is the utterly insufficient accommodation for the bathing of both sexes separately and simultaneously. There is certainly room enough for all along the beach, and some arrangement should be made by which neither ladies nor gentlemen would be prevented from having a bath when the tide allowed.





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This is no surprise with our ageing baby boomers now at retirement age. In addition, overall home ownership in Australia is at a 60-year low for young people. In 1982, 62% of people aged 25-34 owned their own home. This has now

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Mathew Anderson
Anderson Family Real Estate

#### **Suburb Snapshot** The Number of Streets in Shorncliffe: 37

Houses - Top 5 Streets		Houses - Lowest 5 Streets	
STREET NAME	MEDIAN VALUE	STREET NAME	MEDIAN VALUE
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