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Queensland Gemstones To Dazzle Crowd

By Christine Chamberlain

Queensland gemstones will be the highlight of this year's Gem and Jewellery Festival on March 4 and 5 at Bracken Ridge High School.

More than 2000 visitors are expected to explore the festival hosted by North Brisbane Lapidary Club (NBLC), and now in its 33rd year.

Festival goers will be able to see and buy rough and cut stones, mineral specimens, fossils, beads, crystals, opals, pearls, machinery and books, as well as jewellery.

Festival convenor Ray Wilson says the 2017 festival has the theme 'Queensland Gemstones', and handmade silver and copper jewellery by members of the NBLC will be on display.

"Queensland has some of the most stunning agates found anywhere in the world and these are popular as semi-precious gemstones and used extensively in modern jewellery," Ray says.

"Colours of Agate Creek agates vary from yellows and greens to blues and reds and soft pinks and white."

Keeping with the theme, more than 30 dealers will be selling a wide range of coloured gemstones like opals, sapphires, tourmalines, zircons, rubies, pearls and more.

The festival will provide an ideal opportunity for visitors to purchase a unique Queensland gem," Rays says.

Jewellers on site will be selling both set and unset jewellery. Visitors will be able to select a special gem and have it set at the show.

Other interests will be catered for with displays and sales of fossils, crystals and minerals. A full range of tools, machinery and supplies will also be on sale.

Children will be able to get an introduction to fossicking; sieving gemstone wash to find their very own coloured treasures.

Faceting demonstrations will be conducted by members of the Australian Facetors' Guild.

The festival runs over Saturday, March 4 (8.30am-4.30pm) and Sunday, March 5 (8.30am-3pm). Entry is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children or \$8 a family. Food and drinks will be on sale.

■ For more information visit nblc.com.au or phone 0437 737 846.

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MANU DELAGO MUSIC BY THE SEA

Saturday, 4th March, 7.30pm, Sandgate Town Hall Manu Delago (Austria) — Metromonk 2017 Australian Tour Adult \$35, Concession \$30

The world's leading Hang player, Manu Delago, returns to Sandgate Town Hall to present his new solo album 'Metromonk', where the many voices of this new and rare instrument are given top billing.

The Austrian prodigy restores his virtuosic Hang playing to center stage amidst a minimalist palette of beats and acoustic sources after diversifying technique, production and instruments on his last album.

Performing as a trio, Delago will be accompanied by Isa Kurtz (vocals, violin, keys) and Chris Norz (beats, timpani), in a thrilling new live show that is described as delicate and sophisticated, with fluid movement between contrasting sections.

If you don't know what a Hang is, or how to pronounce the word, join over five million viewers who have checked out Delago playing the idiophone class, UFO-shaped instrument on YouTube.

An idiophone, by the way, is an instrument that creates sound primarily by the instrument vibrating, as a whole, without the use of strings or membranes.

It uses some of the same basic principals as a steelpan but is modified in such a way as to act as a Helmholtz resonator.



Just recently, BBC Radio 4 featured a documentary on the Hang.

It's certainly out there. Experimental Icelandic singer and actor Bjork has invited Delago to record and perform the instrument with her on-stage.

He also co-wrote Anoushka's 'Land of Gold' LP, and is a key band member on her world tours.

Amazing percussionist and Hang player." — *Bjork*

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This hilarious stage comedy will appear at Sandgate Town Hall in March by arrangement with Origin Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French Inc. The experienced cast of four actors finds themselves reliving one horrible hour over and over as themselves, as Japanese, as British aristocrats, as gangsters, and almost anything else you can think of.

I played the character of Ben about ten years ago," says Danny Cruise, the director of the play.
"I thought it was such a funny play I decided to direct it and play the lead character call Don".









Don shows up at the party in a jealous funk about his wife, Alice, whom he suspects of seeing another man. When Alice and Ben arrive, it turns out their relationship is innocent. But by the time Don realises this he has already shot Ben, Alice and even close friend Camille. Camille wishes that things might have turned out differently and that is what happens. Everyone concerned finds themselves back at the party's beginning, again and again, doomed to live that same hour over and over until they get it right.

Directed by Danny Cruise & Michelle Whitmore Performances at Sandgate Town Hall:, March 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th @ 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm sharp) and March 19th @ 2pm (doors open 1.30pm sharp) Cafe style BYO dinner and alcohol. Refreshments available.

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A MEANINGFUL MONOLOGUE

By Lisa Adams

Elysium Theatre's first major production of the year is A Prudent Man, written and directed by Katy Warner and starring Lyall Brooks (Blue Heelers, Tripping Over, Neighbours, The Heretic). This darkly comedic, political thriller asks what it means to be right; in more ways than one.

A Prudent Man is a speculative piece inspired by real-life political events, taking an unapologetic look at a man both in control and on the edge," describes Sharyn Henry from the Elysium Theatre.

The main character is an amalgamation of recent history's conservative politicians, emulating their slogans, mannerisms and headlines. Essentially the play is a thought-provoking exploration of how far an ideology can stretch before it warps into something unrecognisable, and ultimately bears responsibility for the actions of the elected few.

"A Prudent Man was the critical and audience hit of the 2016 Melbourne Fringe Festival, winning both the coveted People's Choice Award and WA Tour Ready Award from over 400 productions," explains Sharyn. The play was also nominated for Best Performance.

As well as the show, the Elysium Theatre will be offering a Monologue Masterclass to those who are interested in furthering their acting skills. "This will be a whole day event that will include a Matinee and Evening performance plus the Masterclass," says Sharyn. The dedicated workshop aims to challenge and inspire participants within a supportive, fun atmosphere to each learn, rehearse and polish an assigned monologue. Participants will then present it in front of an audience during "Act II" of the evening performance. Places are limited to ten people.

Event details:

Where: Sandgate Town Hall When: Wednesday 15th March Matinee: 1:00pm

Monologue Masterclass (Open to Year 11 & 12 High School Students, Uni students and the general public): 2:30 – 6:30pm

Evening: 7:30pm

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Fun Photo Class

Story by Susannah Holmes

Sandgate Guide's very own Out 'n' About Photographer, Paul Neil,

is smashing Dad myths this month. Paul's new 'Fun Photo Class' is free and will be held at low tide on Sandgate's sand flats with a subject dear to everyone's heart – Dad.

"Listening to friends, they tell me that Dad is often the one who is reluctant to come along for a family photo session." Why is that? Too many families are missing great photos of Dad with the kids!

"Too many blokes think, 'Men don't do family photos!" Dad is against portrait sessions because he thinks he'll be sitting and posing awkwardly for the photographer, dressed in clothes he wouldn't normally wear. "Or worse", Paul says, "dressed by the wife!"

'Dads Rock!' is Paul's dedication to teaching how to take fun pictures of fathers with the family, photographing real dads having fun with their kids. "Real pics for real families."

Don't worry! If you're one of my students on the day, I'll show you what to do. Dads, it will be enormous fun!"

There is a limit on numbers attending, so to be fair, Paul is drawing names from all those people nominated, out of Paul's signature, Out 'n' About hat.

If you want to participate, get in quick. "Students and I will create some beautiful pics to give to our Dads and their families."

Chosen photographs taken by students on the day will be included in Paul's annual photography exhibition in the Bluewater Festival Art Trail at Easter.

Put this in your calendar and contact Paul now!

When: Saturday 18 March, 4:00 -5:30pm

Where: Sandgate foreshore, at the southern end of Flinders Parade (opposite Kids Capers childcare centre)

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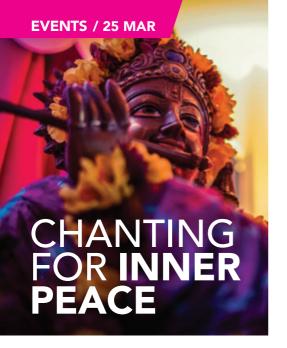
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By Ellen Moynihan

In celebration of Harmony Day, the Australian School of Meditation and Yoga will be holding a 'Chant for Peace' Kirtan Festival event in the Sandgate Town Hall on Saturday March 25th from 5-9pm.

Harmony Day celebrates cultural diversity in Australia, while Kirtan is a type of meditation that involves chanting as a means towards finding inner peace.

According to the event's organiser Gayatri, Kirtan is becoming one of the most popular types of meditation for all age groups as it is one of the easiest and promises to be something the whole family can enjoy.

"All that needs to be focused on is the chanting and through that process, the meditation just happens," she says. "It will wash away your worries and cares."

Three Kirtan bands will be guiding attendants on their spiritual journey, including one that is quite well known around Australia, 'Pralad and the Chants'. In addition to the bands, there will be tribal flow dance fusion, Mantra breathing, prizes, and a vegan-friendly meal will be served including dessert.



This will be a spiritually uplifting evening for people who might want to go out and dance, but also do something a bit different," says Gayatri. "I've seen people arrive at these events carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders, and leave feeling refreshed. It really is nourishing for the soul."

Gayatri says they are hoping for at least 100 attendees at the event but can take up to 250 people.

This is the first time an event like this has moved out of the inner city suburbs, with past Kirtan Chants for Peace held at West End and Annerley. "It is always rewarding to show people they can have fun moving down the spiritual path," Gayatri says.

■ The cost of the event will be \$16 for adults, including the meal, and free for kids under 16.





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CARE AND CONSERVATION ON THE WATER

By Lisa Adams

An educational team leader from the marine conservation group, Sea Shepherd Australia will visit the Cardigan Bar to chat about the group's current campaign, as well as to help locals learn about some effective ways they can help look after the ocean.

As well as an educational opportunity, the event will help to raise awareness and funds for Sea Shepherd Australia. Event Organiser, Jessica Nothdurft is passionate about caring for the environment and waterways. "The idea to organise this fundraising event came about simply to raise funds and awareness for this great cause," Jessica says. "I knew the perfect place to have it was The Cardigan Bar because it is a great meeting place for the community."

"Sea Shepherd Australia is a nonprofit conservation organisation whose mission is to end the destruction of habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world's oceans in order to conserve and protect ecosystems and species," explains Jessica. The group uses modern ways to investigate, document

and take action when necessary to expose and confront illegal activities in and on the water. Sea Shepherd's primary goal is to help preserve the ocean's ecosystems to ensure their survival for future generations.

"I know many people in this wonderful community feel the same way," Jessica says.

Living so close to the water we are aware of how important it is to keep our oceans clean for this generation and the next so we can continue to enjoy it."

Several local Sandgate businesses are supporting this worthy event and have made donations to be raffled at the event, with the proceeds going to Sea Shepherd Australia. The conservation group will also have a merchandise and information stall if people want to know more about how they can help. As always, the Cardigan Bar won't disappoint with live music and food trucks to keep the patrons entertained.

Event Details

Cardigan Bar, Seymour St, Sandgate When: 1st April 2017 Time: 3pm till late







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— Don Draper

By Crystal Gentry

Having run her own agency with her partner back in the late 80s and 90s, café owner Geri Purcell is no stranger to the world of advertising. Geri says the evening of Saturday, 25 March is "a chance to finally have a [Mad Men]-themed night that I have been pondering on for ages."

Geri says that she found herself relating to much of what was happening in the series and that she "always thought that Eclectea would be a great location to host a Mad Men night, and so we are!"

I've loved every episode of Mad Men and loved the fact that it was so authentic in its depiction of the eras. The clothes, the location, and the atmosphere were all so authentic," Geri says.

For those unfamiliar with the AMC American period drama, Mad Men portrays the lives of the relatable yet snarky characters of a Madison Square advertising agency set primarily in the 60s.



above: Kat dressed in her favourite 50s style / photo by Ann Maree Whish

The series "revolves around advertising, and in particular, Don Draper and his exploits. It won many awards and was voted most popular TV series for the decade." Geri chimes.

She says the event is for "anyone who loves the series and the styling — lifestyle, etc. that went with it," and offers some primping pointers for a fashion celebration of the decades. "The party dress code is any [era] that you want from the Mad Men series. Starting in the 50s and on to the 70s. So, stilettos and swing skirts through to kaftans and moccasins."

Along with some great music, Eclectea will also be showcasing canapés and cocktails of the era.

In brevity, the timeless message Geri has gathered from Mad Men is that "Style sells."

Bluewater Festival's big day out

By Susie Laery

Change is in store for this year's iconic 'Bluewater Festival' with all festivities taking place over one jam-packed day!

An annual highlight of the Bramble Bay community is the 'Bluewater Festival'.

Marking the start of Australia's second largest yacht race the 'Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race', the Shorncliffe Pier draws huge crowds all wanting to capture the best vantage point for the start of the race.

This year the event format will change, seeing the iconic festival take place over one day during the Easter period, rather than two.

Bill Gollan, President of the 'Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce' says, "The reason for the change is largely around cutting costs and concentrating all the activities into one full day. It will begin with yoga and end with the infamous fireworks display."

This year is a significant milestone for the festival as it marks the twentieth year for the 'Bluewater Festival'.

The day is set to be filled with all types of activities from food stalls and markets, to surf lifesaving boats racing out from the Shorncliffe beach to a carnival park atmosphere with rides for children.

There will be live music throughout the day with entertainment from Nik Phillips, Killer Queen and various local artists performing on stage.

A trackless train will also be running during the day from Cliff Street, along Lovers Walk to Shorncliffe. The train will be a fun way of getting to the festival and will help to minimise carparking congestion.

There will be an art trail where several galleries in the area will open their doors. A special chill out zone will be dedicated to the arts in the upper Moora Park area, showcasing art installations of all genres. The public is welcome to either display art here or to produce art on the day. Local artist Kim Mancini encourages freestyle artists, "Come and have a play." This area will also offer unplugged music sessions where musicians will have the opportunity to perform.

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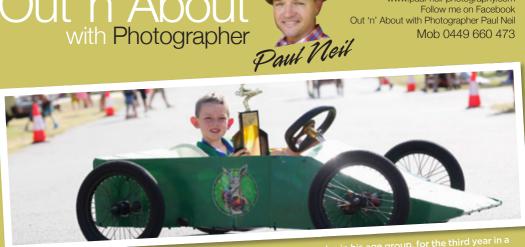


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'The Rite Journey' is a rite of passage program for young men at St Patrick's College Shorncliffe. Linda and Carl Calio and their son Harry attended the first stage on Shorncliffe Beach.



Ella Eriksson says goodbye to her mum, Peta on Ella's first day of Prep at St Kieran's School, Brighton.



Laura McNab and brothers Oliver 3 and James Smith 5, were having fun with Bear at the 'Hole in the Water' fund raising BBQ at the Emily Seebohm Acquatic Centre at Fitzgibbon.



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"Our previous events were both full houses and received great feedback, which encouraged us to continue," Piia says.

"The idea to co-operate with Music By The Sea and Elysium Theatre grew from the demand of concert and theatre visitors to dine before the event.

"As we are located just across the street from Sandgate Town Hall, it is the perfect venue to combine dining and events for our community.

"People love to spend an evening with friends or loved ones and enjoy some good, light food and quality drinks locally."

The venue offers patrons seasonal wines and tapas-style cuisine, combining local produce with Spanish and Mediterranean ingredients.

"We open at 5.30 pm, so people attending the

concert have time to enjoy their meals and drinks," Piia says.

"The menu is created for sharing and varies with every event depending on the fresh ingredients our chef has for the night.

"The most popular plates from the last event were marinated duck breast medallions with fig and Shiraz reduction, and chorizo and lamb meatballs on hummus and red baby peppers filled with cheesy potato mash."

Music By The Sea director Sharyn Henry says the recent collaboration has already proved very popular with concert-goers.

"The concerts are always of different genres, so they attract different audiences from across the Brisbane area," she says.

"For first-timers to the area, Sandgate is a lovely surprise, with quality concerts, nice dining and even a stroll by the sea.

"Patrons will have an opportunity to have a light meal at the Bramble Place Tea & Coffee, before heading just across the road to one of the monthly concerts."

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In Australia we have a tradition of planting Sweet Peas in March, specifically from the 17th March, but the seeds can be sown well into April to produce flowers from spring and into summer.

There's an old view that Queensland is too hot to grow these plants, but this is simply not so. The Sweet Pea (Lathyrus odoratus) earns the second part of its botanical name for the intoxicating yet delicate scent of its flowers, and originating in Southern Italy and Malta, it is no stranger to warm climates.

Usually growing 1-2 metres tall, Sweet Peas climb using tendrils so they will appreciate a trellis or similar to help them as they grow. They prefer full sun and a cool zone around the roots; place them where they will receive lots of direct morning sun and preferably with some shade on the soil beneath them. You can achieve this by planting your Sweet Peas near some small, established plants that will cast a shadow on

the soil area around where they are planted. Sweet Peas like a slightly alkaline environment, so add some lime or dolomite to the soil in preparation.

A favourite of florists, Sweet Peas are a great addition to your garden and March is the time to get them started!

As autumn commences, it is also the time that gardeners in south east Queensland are getting ready to plant their cool season crops. You can plant carrots, beetroot, broccoli and kale; you can also put eggplants, tomatoes or cucumbers in the soil at this time of year with excellent results in a short few months.

The hustle and bustle of our urban lives and the daily grind that most of us endure can cause us to overlook simple beauty found in simple things. The smell of a flower, sweet taste of a fruit, or a glimpse of the sky around dusk or dawn. Remember the small things in life — they help to make it great!

The Garden Gate Nursery and Teahouse is a social business of Sandbag Inc. and is located at 153 Rainbow St, Sandgate

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EVENTS & Notices

NOTICES

Sandgate Business Networking

Next meetup: Friday 3 March 2017 at 6pm at the Cardigan Bar

Are you a Local Business Owner? Do you want to connect with other business owners in a relaxed and casual setting? Come and meet other local business owners in a casual and social environment. It's free to attend.

The Sandgate Business Networking Group holds a Casual Drinks night on the first Friday of every month.

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Womenspace

Wed 1 March - Wise Women's Circle, 7:15pm - Sarah Hopkins: Sacred Sound Journey/Sound Healing Immersion.

Wed 8 March - Cuppa & Chat, 10am, free morning tea with friends.

Wed 8 March - Sacred Gathering of SHE, 7:15pm - a circle of support.

Tues 14 March - Active Dreaming Circle. 7pm - discover the power of your dreams.

Tues 21 March - Soul & Spirit discussion, 7pm, 'Mindfulness for Work, Rest and Play', with Lisa Johnson.

Mon 28 March - New Moon Drumming Circle, 7pm at Womenspace and by the bay.

Address: 11 Second Avenue, Sandgate More info: www.womenspace.org.au Contact: coordinator@womenspace.org.au Phone: 0431 112 721

Twilight Markets hosted by The Youth Development Foundation

We are very excited to be hosting another Twilight Market on Friday 3rd March!

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3 March, 5.30pm - 9pm

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Where: The Bracken Ridge Indoor Sports Centre

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Ph: 3463 0585 or email admin@ydf.org.au

Laurie's Beach Walks Next Walk: Friday 3 March

Keep Sandgate Beautiful Inc. also sponsors beach walks on the foreshore. Laurie's Beach Walks are scheduled each month on a weekday starting at 8am.

Discover the soldier crabs, where the stingrays feed, the shell-house worms, moon snails and plenty more.

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COMMUNITY

Sandgate Library

What: Dr Seuss' birthday storytime

When: Thursday, March 4, 10:30am – 11:15pm

One book, two books, old books, new books. Would you read some Dr Seuss? Would you read it to a moose? Join us for a fun storytime and craft inspired by the wonderful characters created by Dr Seuss. Ideal for children aged 3-7 years. Bookings essential. Phone Sandgate Library on 3667 6022. Cost is free.

What: CPR Awareness

When: Saturday, 11 March

10.30am - 12pm

Are you interested in developing practical knowledge and skill in cardiopulmonary resuscitation? This workshop will give you the confidence to help keep someone alive using CPR while the ambulance is on its way. Presented by qualified trainers from the Queensland Local Ambulance Committee, in partnership with the Queensland Ambulance Services. Recommended age group: 30+ Bookings essential. Phone Sandgate Library on 3667 6022. Cost is free.

Bracken Ridge Library

What: Library Laboratory

When: Wednesday, 22 March

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Join library staff as they share their favourite science experiments to celebrate World Science Festival. What will we do in the library lab? Come along and find out! Ideal for children aged 4-8 years. Bookings essential. Phone the Bracken Ridge library to make a booking on ph. 3667 6060. Cost is free.



There will be great prizes from some local businesses - Ruby Divine Lashes, Wallflower, Cardigan Bar and Beserk plus raffles and a sausage sizzle, Toby's Estate cold brew coffee and more!

If you can't make it on the day, donations can be made to: https://goo.gl/iDwySn

EVENTS

Hendo's Beer Badge Battle Brewsvegas 2017

When: Saturday 11 March 1pm - 10pm

Where: Mr Henderson 69 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

Come and watch local artists battle it out to reign supreme for a beer badge!

Newstead Brewing Co will be taking over the taps at Mr H and creating a special brew just for us! Artists will then get creating a piece that celebrates our bar and beer culture out by the bayside!

The winning design will be the badge for our very own Mr Henderson brew and will be decided by a peoples vote on the night!

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WEDNESDAY 1

Michael Whitmore
Club Sandgate 11am

THURSDAY 2

Hollywood Trivia at EclecTea EclecTea 7pm

FRIDAY 3

Smooth N Groove Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

House DJ Phoenix Bar 6:30pm

Unplugged Cafe Sandgate Community Ctr 7pm

Wild Day Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 4

Liam Bryant Chandelier Bar & Grill 7pm

Facin the Crowd Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Music By The Sea Presents Manu Delago (Austria) Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

Steve Hargreaves Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Lima and Jade Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 5

Wilko Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Jack Hudson
Chandelier Bar & Grill 3pm

SUNDAY 5

Rock and Roll Sunday w/-West Texas Crude Cardigan Bar 4pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

WEDNESDAY 8

Mardi GrasTrivia
Mr Henderson 7pm

Black Dog Music Jam Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

FRIDAY 10

House DJ Phoenix Bar 6:30pm

Black Cats Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Greg Alson Chandelier Bar & Grill 7pm

The Wet Fish Cardigan Bar 7pm

Pete Cullen Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 11

Rob Moir Cardigan Bar 7pm

Caught In The Act
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Andy Ellem
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Steve Williamson Duo
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 12

Wild Day
Full Moon Hotel 1pm

Jamie-Lee Fox
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

THURSDAY 16

House DJ
Phoenix Bar 6:30pm
Odd Thursdays Out

ComedyEclecTea 7pm

FRIDAY 17

Me n Jodie Lee Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Gavin Doniger
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 18

Celtic Sessions - Scottish Cardigan Bar 3pm

BERT Cardigan Bar 5pm

Chi Chi Trio Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Lima and Jade Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 19

Wilko Full Moon Hotel 1pm



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SUNDAY 19

Andy Ellem
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

Mike Ling Cardigan Bar 4pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

FRIDAY 24

Denim & Lace Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

House DJ
Phoenix Bar and Lounge
6:30pm

Asa Broomhall Cardigan Bar 7pm

Wilko Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 25

Blarney Stone Cardigan Bar 3pm

DiVersions
Cardigan Bar 7pm

ZooKeepers Band Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Andy Ellem
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Romy Holtzapffel Duo Phoenix Bar and Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 26

Reece Freeman
Full Moon Hotel 1pm

David Luke
Phoenix Bar and Lounge 2pm

SUNDAY 26

Rub a Dub Kitchen Cardigan Bar 3pm

"The Grateful Dog" Sunday Sesh Cardigan Bar 4pm

Nik Phillips Club Sandgate 4pm

Vinyl Club @ Cardigan Bar Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

FRIDAY 31

Roy Morris Duo Club Sandgate 6:30pm

House DJ Phoenix Bar and Lounge 6:30pm

Abbie Cardwell
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Jimmy D Full Moon Hotel 8pm

NATURE ON OUR DOORSTEP

In Sandgate, we are fortunate to maintain a high degree of biodiversity for a largely urban environment.

With the privilege of being nestled right on Moreton Bay, and with the presence of Cabbage Tree Creek, the Boondall Wetlands and other reserves, it is still possible to see a massive variety of flora and fauna. At Tinchi Tamba Reserve alone, a total of 220 bird species have been recorded to date.

Dowse Lagoon / photo by Leanne Palmer

By Leanne Palmer

Surrounded by so much nature, at times it is easy to forget that we are part of the City of Brisbane!

Having these areas of significant conservation value right on our doorstep is part of what makes our area unique. Many have extensive pathways and cycleways, allowing for ease of exploration for all ages and levels of mobility.

Information boards at some locations give insights into the natural environment, helping to spread understanding of the importance of such places. This is crucial as habitats continue to be lost, degraded or fragmented with the progression of development, nearby and worldwide.

Spending time in nature provides opportunities for general enjoyment, relaxation, appreciation, and sharing of knowledge. Being able to then

foster this awareness, curiosity and sense of care in our children can only benefit them and future generations.

Looking out for and learning more about the common creatures in our own back yards, and those which may require luck and patience to encounter in our reserves, adds to our sense of connection and belonging. Some animals are passing through while others are stalwart residents. Many you may never have heard of, or may be surprised to know live so close by. All are worthy of greater attention.

And who could dispute the sheer beauty of watching the sun set over Dowse Lagoon. Alive to the sound of birds coming to roost for the night; a cool breeze moving across the water; the changing colours of the sky mirrored on its surface. A time and place for reflection and rebalancing in our fast-paced lives. We are indeed lucky.

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PETITION TO KEEP FUNDING

Councillor Jared Cassidy has launched an online petition calling on the Lord Mayor to reverse funding cuts for local projects.

http://www.epetitions.brisbane.qld.gov.au/petition/view/pid/390

During the 2016 Brisbane City Council Election, the Lord Mayor made a commitment to spend \$2 million on a fountain in the Dowse Lagoon, Sandgate.



"This project was not supported by myself or local residents and community groups in the local area. Thankfully, commonsense prevailed and the project was withdrawn. Unfortunately, the Council Administration has redirected the \$2 million in funding from the local area and will spend it on CBD projects including intersection upgrades as a result of the Queens Wharf Development. This is a very bad outcome for the residents of the Deagon Ward." Councillor Cassidy said.

I think this is a great opportunity for Council to work with the community to spend this money on local projects".

"Some of the initial suggestions I have made include investing in the much needed upgrade of the Brighton Foreshore or addressing the water quality and amenity issues of the Einbunpin Lagoon, but I think this decision should be community driven".

"I encourage residents to go online and sign the petition — http://www.epetitions.brisbane. qld.gov.au/petition/view/pid/390

"There are also paper copies of this petition in my office".

"The petition closes on 31 March 2017. Once the petition has been signed a verification email will be sent. Please ensure you take this final step so your signature is registered."







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By Ellen Moynihan

Local paddlers Greg Litherland and Chris Gissing were selected to be part of the Queensland State team, and Melissa Bull, Paul Lang and Trent Litherland will be representing the Sandgate Canoe Club. All will be competing against other Australian states in the singles event, an age-graded, 19-23km course. In addition, Chris Gissing and Melissa Bull are teaming up, as well as father-son duo Greg and Trent Litherland to compete in the doubles event.

Competitors will be paddling K1 and K2 kayaks, which can require a great deal of skill and fitness to manoeuvre. K1s are a one person kayak, and are usually only 40cm wide, making them quite tricky to balance. K2s, for two people, are only a little wider. Competitor Melissa Bull explains that the races will involve a number of laps around a lake circuit. "Each lap will include portage, where the individual or

team has to get out of the water and run with their boats then re-enter the water, hopefully without losing any ground," says Melissa. "This is difficult because K1 boats can be over 6m long, making them awkward to carry."

Melissa says the races take around 1.5-2 hours to complete depending on weather conditions, the technicality of the course and the competition.

Tactics are important in terms of determining who gets away and who wins," Melissa says.

Sandgate paddlers have done very well at Nationals in the past, with some making it to the podium, so after all their hard work and training, there is hope for similar success this year. The Championships will be held over the 10-12th March in the Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith.









KEEP 4017 Seautiful

By Christine Chamberlain

Help keep your favourite local spots beautiful by lending a hand at Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 5.

This year celebrates the 27th national Clean Up Australia Day, with volunteers tidying up local parks, streets, bushland, beaches and waterways.

Teams are being coordinated at popular spots including Decker Park, Brighton, Sandgate Foreshore, Shorncliffe Pier, McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge, and there is still time get involved.

local environment and that getting involved on the day is a great experience.

Early morning is a lovely time to be meeting new people in a shared activity," Frank says.

"Apart from meeting others, we should all get close to rubbish occasionally; it makes us think about how we live.

"Decker Park has it all. It is a classic park with trees, playground, grass, shelter sheds, plus the beach."



Clean Up Australia Day is Australia's largest community mobilisation event, annually attracting more than half a million people to clean up their local area.

Brighton resident Frank Box has been involved with Clean Up Australia Day for seven years and he is also the vice-president of Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association.

Frank is coordinating the clean-up at Decker Park, Brighton, on March 5, with volunteers meeting at the shelter near the carpark at 6.30am.

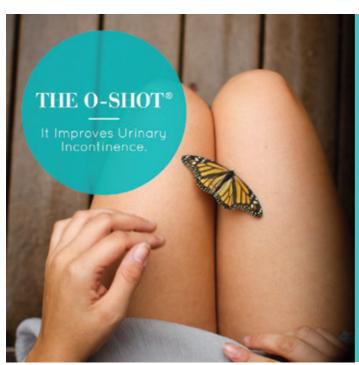
Frank believes it is important to conserve the

Many local schools are getting involved on School Clean Up Day on Friday, March 3.

If you would like to volunteer, find your nearest clean-up site by visiting the website, cleanupaustraliaday.org.au and clicking on 'Join a Clean Up Site'.

Alternatively, if you have found a rubbish hotspot that needs attention, register a new site online or phone 1800 282 329 and get your friends and family involved. All volunteers are encouraged to wear closed in shoes, gloves, hat, sunscreen and eye protection and carry plenty of water. Rubbish bags will be provided.

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THE BLACK MAN PROJECT

When Bayside local Dean Gibson learned a shocking, often under-reported fact, he knew he had to do something.

By Suzi O'Shea and Kylie Thompson

Thanks to Wesley Mission, two worthy projects will become realities. For Dean, it's a chance to bring much-needed change. "We want Aboriginal men to feel strong, and have aspirations and satisfaction in their lives.

"The sad reality is that the national suicide toll is climbing. Aboriginal men aged between 25-29 currently represent the highest suicide rates in the world." It's a fraught, complicated issue needing a multi-faceted solution.

Dean says that ending the cycle starts with empowerment. "There's a real disconnect when it comes to empowering men in our community."

His solution is 'The Black Man Project', a collaborative space to share stories and inspiration. "The Black Man Project is about getting back to basics through the original and most proven form of Aboriginal culture and well-being: storytelling. The stories will empower, inspire, and celebrate Aboriginal manhood in the urban and fast-changing world."

It soon became clear that a face-to-face group wouldn't be enough: the need was greater than a simple gathering could possibly reflect. For the Black Man Project to truly succeed, it needed to be accessible to as many men as possible throughout, and beyond, Queensland.

The project aims to create a website that shares empowering stories of local Aboriginal men so that men in our community can be inspired and spark their own change in their families, friendship circles, or neighbourhoods."

It's an ambitious goal, especially when funding for grass roots projects such as these can be hard to find. So when entries opened for the Wesley Mission Queensland Campaign For Change, Dean leapt at the opportunity. The Campaign For Change is a yearly search for social change initiatives and grass-roots ideas trying to make positive changes within the community. Winners receive \$25,000 in funding, as well as mentoring to give their projects the best chance to succeed. From over sixty entries, five finalists were chosen, and eventually narrowed to two winners: The Black Man Project and Kate Perry's Wiserr network project.

With the website launch coming up, and stories being recorded, it looks like 2017 will be a massive year for The Black Man Project.

Local film-maker Dean Gibson / photo by Paul Neil





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By Susie Laery

'The Sandgate and Districts
Chamber of Commerce' is
calling on the community
to draw on their creative
talents to create a poster
in commemoration of the
'Bluewater Festival' celebrating
its twentieth year.

The Festival is an annual event that was founded in 1997 by the President of the 'Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce', Anne Hobbs. Anne became instrumental in bringing about the festival, which has become a unique and traditional part of the Sandgate community.

Sadly, Anne passed away on the eve of the 'Bluewater Festival' last year. To honour and commemorate the memory and success of Anne, the 'Bluewater Festival' is proud to announce the 'Anne Hobbs Commemorative Poster Competition'. This will become



■ All entries must be delivered to 2nd Avenue Realty, Sandgate by March 31 at 5pm.

an annual competition with prizewinners receiving the 'Anne Hobbs Award'.

Bill Gollan, President of the 'Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce, says. "Holding the Anne Hobbs Commemorative Poster Competition is a fitting way to commemorate such a significant event in the Sandgate community and to honour the role Anne Hobbs played in bringing the 'Bluewater Festival' to life. What better way to acknowledge Anne Hobbs, while recognising and supporting our vibrant arts community," Mr Gollan said.

For Anne's son Luke Hobbs. "The Bluewater Festival was a big part of my mother's life for a number of years, and it's ongoing success always meant a lot to her. For this annual award to be named in her honour is a lovely gesture to have as part of her legacy."

The aim of the Poster Competition is to depict the vibrant history of the festival and capture the true spirit of the Sandgate seaside community. Only original not digital artwork will be accepted.

For Kim Mancini who initiated the Bluewater Arts Trail, she says, "the competition provides an incentive for artists to step outside the box and promote themselves as artists. As artists, we all get stuck in what we are doing, and we all need some motivation to lift our profiles".

Kim wishes to emphasise that the competition is not only for artists, it is for anyone in the community, be it a high school student of even a young child.

The first prizewinner will be presented with the 'Anne Hobbs Award' and a prize to the value of \$1000 donated by the 'Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce'.

There will be 200 limited edition copies of the poster printed and these will be available for purchase at this year's 'Bluewater Festival'.

The winner will be announced at the launch of the 'Bluewater Festival Art Trail' to be held at the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club' on Saturday, April 8.

Entry forms are available on the Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce website at sandgatechamber.com.au (click on 'Bluewater Festival' under Events).

We live in a day and age where life has become so busy that many of us are unaware of who our neighbours are.

Everybody needs a good neighbour.

By Susie Laery

This sad truth is a reality for many, and the importance of community and neighbourhood connectivity has become lost in our busy everyday hustle and bustle.

'Neighbour Day' is a national celebration that encourages connections and friendships between locals and is a great opportunity to get to know others in your neighbourhood.

'Neighbour Day' is celebrated on the last Sunday in March every year with the aim of fostering strong personal connections that last the whole year round. Every day can be neighbour day. This year it is being celebrated on 26th March with a number of local events and activities being held in the Sandgate area.

Local awareness of 'Neighbour Day' is being driven by members of the 4017 & 4036 Disaster Recovery Project. This project aims to encourage locals to support each other in times of emergency.

Matilda Marsh, Community Partnerships Worker at SANDBAG says, "We are encouraging people to extend an invitation of a cup of tea to their neighbour, attend one of the community events being organised locally, or organise their own event. Some streets and neighbourhoods have organised a morning tea in a local park, whereas others might meet for tea or drop off a kind note for a neighbour."



How well do you know your neighbours?
/ photo by Paul Neil

Introducing yourself to a neighbour can make all the difference. It's reported that people living in highly connected neighbourhoods enjoy, overall, higher levels of physical and mental health, with the converse also true

'Neighbour Day' highlights the importance of reaching out to vulnerable or isolated members of our community," says Matilda.

Brisbane City Council has put together tea and biscuit packs that are available to the public from various locations around Sandgate:

SANDBAG, Sandgate Community Centre, 153 Rainbow St, Sandgate.

Sandgate Library, 1 Seymour Street, Sandgate

Bracken Ridge Library, 77 Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge

The Guardian Pharmacy, Cnr Craig and Nathan Streets Brighton

26 MARCH - Community Morning tea at Nell Jones Memorial Park, Perkins St Sandgate from 10am 26 MARCH - Picnic and Bracken Ridge Lions Train Day at McPherson Park, Denham St Bracken Ridge 19 MARCH - BBQ plus come and try day at Brighton Bowls Club, Northcote St Brighton





The Sunday morning hustle and bustle that is the Sandgate Makers Market is about to grow, with a callout for more boutique vendors.





/ photos by Paul Neil

The Makers Market, an extension of the Sunday Farmers Market, is held every weekend at the Seymour St precinct, outside Satori Organics Wholefoods Cafe and Juice Bar.

With both markets growing in popularity, Satori Organics cafe manager and Makers Market coordinator Lea Moate is inviting more makers to apply.

"We want to focus on food and beverage," says Lea.

"So cheeses, preserves, oils and grains; they're the kinds of things we're looking for, so that it isn't just any other Sunday market with clothes and craft."

Lea says Satori Organics owner and Makers Market founder Lindy Goodall has grown the market with the same vision she had for her cafe.

"We serve vegan and vegetarian, all spray-free and sustainable. We recycle everything. And that's the kind of vibe we want to spill out onto the footpath on a Sunday morning.

"We're primarily looking for bespoke food and beverage makers, however those selling handcrafted goods like bouquets, hand made linens and hand crafted jewellery are also welcome to apply. We're finding a lot more people are doing little projects on the side, and we want to give these people a platform where they can come and sell their products to the local community."

Indeed, there is something wholesome about Markets – they are like a window into yesteryear, when local artisans and travelling merchants gathered in a town centre to sell their wares.

Although reformed over centuries to suit our changing tastes and culture, the stalls, gormet produce, fresh herbs and homemade preserves still bestow upon us both countryside serenity and childlike wonder.

Visitors to the Sandgate Farmers and Makers Markets can enjoy a range of homemade food products and Queensland-grown produce.

If you would like to have a stall at the Sandgate Makers Market, contact Lea or Lindy for further information.

■ Info: admin@satoriorganics.com.au.

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



Sunday 5th March is Clean Up Australia Day. I encourage the local community to roll up their sleeves and participate in one of the many registered local clean up sites. For more information on how you can get involved, head to the official Clean

Up Australia website for details - http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/get-involved/ It's great to see so many local sites registered.

The North Brisbane Lapidary Club Inc will once again host their Gem & Jewellery Festival at Bracken Ridge High School on Saturday 4th March and Sunday 5th March. There will be displays and sales of gemstones, jewellery, crystals, minerals, opals, pearls, fossils, beads and jewellery tools.

The Salvation Army are holding a Twilight Community Market night on Saturday 25th March from 5 pm to 8 pm at their Church grounds on the Corner of Handford and Roghan Roads, Taigum. I'll be having a joint stall with Stirling Hinchliffe so please come and say hello if you visit the markets.

The Sandgate Pool is one step closer to receiving its upgrade with a contract awarded to extend the water play area. Work will begin around April and will include a new slide, water tipper bucket and water spouts. Council and the Lessee are continuing to develop the final plans for the rest of the upgrade including a new 25-metre pool and other brand new facilities.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



It's fantastic to see local community organisations like SANDBAG benefit from the latest round of Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding.

The latest round of funding will provide more accredited training and other support

for up to 66 job seekers across the 4017 through the delivery of two new projects through SANDBAG worth over \$640,000.

These projects will have a real, positive impact on individuals, their family and our community by offering a Certificate II in Cleaning Operations and a Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management.

It's exciting to think about the opportunities these projects will bring for local job seekers.

Do you have a taste for exciting events? I am calling on 4017 residents to register their interest in volunteering for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Applicants need to be available during the Games from 4 – 15 April 2018. Be 16 years or over at the time of application. Apply online via gc2018. com/volunteer. The application process can take up to 30 minutes to complete. Volunteers will receive a uniform, training and public transport during the Games. Volunteers must have their own accommodation during the Games. Volunteer shifts will be from 6 – 10 hours with meal breaks included. This global event is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our State!

Cr Amanda Cooper



Calling all green thumbs to come along and get involved with two Community Tree Planting Days in Zillmere later this month on Saturday 11th and 18th March. Here you can help grow our urban forest and achieve our

shared vision for a clean, green Brisbane!

This is the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbours, plant trees in local streets and enjoy

a sausage sizzle and cold drink. All participating volunteers will receive three free plants for their garden and a pack full of sustainable living ideas, including how to care for your own trees. These events will run from 9-11am each week, and the group will be meeting at Len Trezona Park, Zillmere (opposite 8 Tolmie Street).

If you or your business would like to get involved, or you would like further information about these events, contact my office on 3667 6000 or via brackenridge.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au.

Sandgate Pool to Receive Water Play Upgrade

Councillor for Deagon Ward Jared Cassidy, has said the long awaited upgrade to the Sandgate Pool is about to get underway with the upgrade to the water play area set to start in April.

"This first step in upgrading the Sandgate Pool is really exciting news for local families" Cr Cassidy said.

"The water play area will receive a \$500,000 upgrade this year, beginning around April and continuing through the winter months. Kids will see new water sprays, slides and a tipping bucket".

"Local families will be able to enjoy this fantastic new area when the pool re-opens after the winter closure".

These upgrades have been a long time coming and while I know locals have been very patient in waiting, they have waited long enough".

"Locals have been really pleased since we have announced this upgrade with the feedback that families can't wait to start using this new area!"

Council and the Lessee are continuing with plans to upgrade the facilities to meet contemporary standards with a new 25 meter heated pool and upgraded change rooms, showers, toilets and learn to swim facilities.





Smooth strummer hits the sand.

acts hitting the stage at the first Scarborough Originals show 1 April.

Starkie, whose vast musical influences derive from his family's immensely eclectic love of music, says the chance to play the first Scarborough Sounds is an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I'm not only honoured to play the first Originals event for Scarborough but knowing this event is available for the local musicians and music lovers from young to old in the Redcliffe area and beyond makes me proud to be a part of it," he says.

"The event not only highlights local original artists - giving them a stage to perform their art, which alone is just amazing - it will be located at the Scarborough Beach, allowing attending audiences not only a beautiful arena but a huge selection of local restaurants and cafés.

"I'm just so excited for this family event to be coming to my home town and am excited to be given the opportunity to share my music on its first event."

Photo by Tracie Tee Live Events

Starkie will be joined by his bandmates Joshua Gordon and Matt Newton, with the trio delivering a mix of folk, reggae and blues music.

"After only forming this project this year we are excited for what's ahead with some really cool opportunities presenting themselves organically," Starkie says.

It really just makes the journey that more honest and real, and being given the opportunity to play at the first Scarborough Originals leaves us truly more grateful."

And how does Starkie feel about the perfect amalgamation of good mates, great music and a glorious setting?

"It's a very honest feeling I get, after years of gathering much experience from other projects being able to allow myself the opportunity to do my own project with my amazing musicians and friends that I'm so luckily surrounded with," he savs.

Cheyne Starkie Trio play the first Scarborough Originals on April 1 at Scarborough Beach Park.

For more information, search Scarborough Originals on Facebook.

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Crowds of the Beach

February is one of the hottest and most humid months of the year in Brisbane.

Holidaymakers at Sandgate, ca. 1920-1930



By Lisa Adams

Flocks of people vacate the city on the weekend in search of the cool water and refreshing breezes that the beach can provide. In 1893, Sandgate was one of these beaches. An excerpt from the Sandgate Telegraph describes one of those hot, humid days:

It is a long time since Sandgate presented such a lively appearance as it did yesterday. In anticipation of increased traffic, extra trains had been put on by the Railway Department, and the accommodation provided proved none too large for the numbers of persons who visited the watering place.

From an early hour until well into the afternoon, train after train arrived, each and all of them crowded with men, women and children.

The excursionists lost no time in getting to a camping place, the majority of them settling down in the reserve close to the pier.

The scene in the afternoon was a particularly animated one. Groups of people were scattered all over the reserve, the older folks seeking

shade under the trees, while the juveniles enjoyed a bathe in the sea or searched diligently amongst the rocks for oysters. Early in the afternoon, there were indications of an unusually hot day, but few persons expected such a scorcher. The weather in Town was oppressive, which probably induced people to flock to the seaside in the hope of getting a refreshing breeze. Those who visited Sandgate with this expectation were woefully disappointed, for it was almost, if not quite, as hot there as in town.

About 4 o'clock a breeze from the sea made an attempt to conquer the westerly wind, but with only partial success. Nevertheless, the slight improvement in the atmosphere was relished by the crowds of visitors who remained behind and determined to make the best of it.

It is estimated that 2000 persons visited Sandgate yesterday by train, and this number was largely increased by visitors who drove down in private vehicles.

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Local Trends for 2017

With the year now rolling along and the cooler weather fast approaching we are now seeing a lot of buyer demand for older homes up to \$350,000 suitable for major renovations and in some cases knock down and rebuild.

The trend is particularly pronounced in Deagon and Sandgate with properties selling within days of hitting the market and renovators are now jumping from project to project.

With homes in this price range, hidden structural flaws in houses are very often being found by the buyer's inspector, and as a result, prices are being renegotiated, costing seller's money or in some cases costing them the sale entirely.

There is a definite trend for home sellers to arrange their own home inspection first, to prevent any unpleasant surprises during the

REAL ESTATE in the 4017 AREA

negotiating period and to prevent buyers marking up the repair costs for their own benefit.

In these cases, sellers are saying it's better to have their own report done, rather than simply taking a buyer's word for it. They can produce a report that certifies your house as pest-free and without any need for maintenance, to help attract buyers. Buyers may have greater confidence in making an offer on your property because they will have an official document from an unbiased third party certifying the home's true condition and attesting to its value.

Mathew Anderson
Anderson Family Real Estate

Suburb Snapshot (houses) — Number of Streets in Deagon: 78

Top 5 Streets by Median Value: Lowest 5 Streets by Median Value: STREET NAME **MEDIAN VALUE** STREET NAME **MEDIAN VALUE** Eva Street \$605,160 Braun Street \$347.606 Stockham Road \$553,456 Nearra Street \$352.024 **Emily Street** \$530,950 Beerwah Street \$363,414 Station Road \$502,492 **Board Street** \$382.347 Kift Street \$495,020 **Burralong Street** \$386,307

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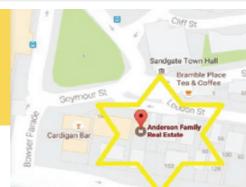
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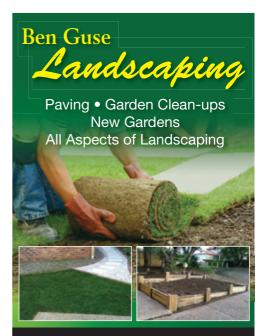
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