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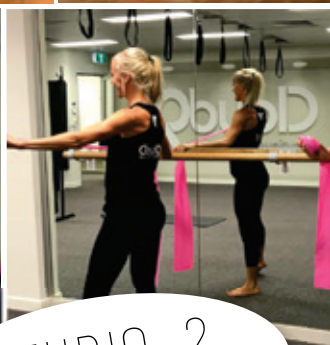
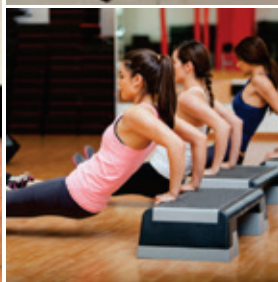
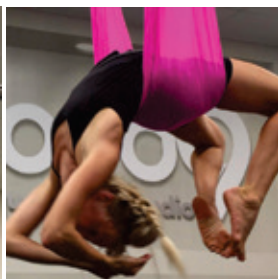
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Tune in to a troubadour's trade

By Philip Woods

Sandgate locals can learn and get a taste of the trade from a travelling musician, when accomplished songstress Abbie Cardwell reveals some secrets in her "My Private Songwriting" workshop, held at the Cardigan Bar on 16th December.



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Abbie is an authentic musical spirit, and she's put the rubber on the road to prove it. Her musical journey has taken her to many places - from Adelaide and Melbourne to Brisbane, and several times to Mexico where she plays with Mexican band The Twin Tones.

Abbie says, "I had been teaching song writing at JMC Music Academy and I loved it. I was really enjoying teaching and I thought, 'Actually, I think can go out on my own and do this'."

Abbie has achieved accolades in the industry, which include winning the coveted Triple J Unearthed competition and the BMA USA Song Award; but she doesn't play for the awards. She plays for the songs, and she teaches the craft for her love of song writing and to inspire others.

Abbie's song writing workshops are for anyone, any

style of music and all levels of ability, from beginner to advanced.

"I've basically created workshops that I would love to attend," Abbie says

"You work from whatever level you are at," Abbie says.

Her workshops are unique. Besides the actual physical workshop, attendees also gain access to future online learning with Abbie, and through the opportunity to network and collaborate online with like-minded songwriters.

She has played at the Cardigan Bar numerous times. "It's such a cool venue, it always just feels like a house party, where you are in the heart of the home."

Abbie plans to deliver full online courses from next year, and currently holds private workshops throughout Brisbane and northern NSW. It's wonderful, although rare, that such knowledge and passion is made available to anyone who's interested.

The best songs are written from experience, and the experience of Abbie's workshop might just add to your experience!

• **Tickets are limited; more info on the event (and Abbie) can be found on Facebook, or at www.myprivatesongwritingworkshop.com**

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AUSSIES CELEBRATE BY THE BAY

**Plans are already well underway for
Australia Day by the Bay on January 26, 2018**

By Brooke Jacobson

Councillor for Deagon Ward, Jared Cassidy and Federal Member for Lilley, Wayne Swan are inviting locals to join the 2018 Australia Day celebrations, which will be held across three different locations in Sandgate and Shorncliffe.

Australia Day will certainly be very special for the people choosing to become Australians, with a Citizenship Ceremony held at the Sandgate Town Hall.

Registration will begin at 9am, with the ceremony, hosted by Sandgate Zonta, starting from 10.30am. Morning tea, hosted by CWA Sandgate, will follow and each new citizen will receive a free native plant to take home.

Upper Moora Park in Shorncliffe will be the scene of a classic Aussie barbecue from 1pm to 3pm. Everyone's favourite clowns Peebo and Dagwood will entertain the crowds, as well as the band 'Demon Drink'. Sandgate Hawks AFL club and the Sandgate Gators Cricket team will be hosting games and activities, plus there will be a free jumping castle and face painting, with the barbecue also being free.

The day will close with the famous Dick 'Tosser' Turner Billy Cart Races in Cotton Street, Shorncliffe from 3pm to 5pm, proudly supported by Cr Cassidy and State Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe.

// Having the program at different locations and times throughout the day means people don't miss a thing on Australia Day," Cr Cassidy says.

Mr Swan adds, "Australia Day by the Bay gives all members of the community the chance to participate locally and creates the opportunity for families to partake in activities that suit them."

And according to Mr Hinchliffe, there's no better way to celebrate Australia Day.

"All the events have become real 4017 traditions," he says.

• For more information on Australia Day by the Bay 2018, please contact the Deagon Ward office on ph. 3667 6011

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MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL 2018

Oi Dipnoi
(Sicily)

Jazz it up



Well, there's some exciting news from the music world! Music By The Sea has revised the format of its 16th annual festival to present one exceptional day and evening of jazz, folk and world music on Saturday, 6th January.

The new-look 2018 program boasts a tableau of five concerts with invited international and national artists who are truly at the top of their game.

We're thrilled to advise that virtuoso jazz pianist Joe Chindamo, performing as a trio with two colleagues, has been confirmed as the headline act with a knock-out concert on Saturday night.

Master musicians Francis Gilfeder, Oi Dipnoi Trio (Sicily), Bungarribee, Andrea Vettoretti and Massimo Scattolin (Italy) will complete a well rounded program.

As an appetiser, perhaps an introduction to Bungarribee will appeal to music lovers hankering for a new sound.

The mix of original work and European classics are arranged freely across world music and jazz, and described by one industry source as being, "north-east of jazz, south-south-west of Europe".

Quartet founder, respected composer, accordionist and pianist Gary Daley said, "Yes, the sound is hard to describe. But the Indigenous word Bungarribee provides an evocative image. One half loosely means a meeting place, a little expanse of water like a pond

or lake. The other half means a bird, like a galah, a currawong or a kookaburra. So, the concept behind the band is a meeting place of music minds."

Artistic Director Zoli Mauritz said, "The 2018 festival continues to actively engage and educate audiences in the intimate setting of our imposing 105 year-old, air conditioned, federation-style town hall.

"For the last 20 years, Music By The Sea has enjoyed performances by some of the world's best, including great Australian artists like Elena Kats-Chernin, Jane Rutter, David Helfgott, Simon Tedeschi and William Barton.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and partners who have helped deliver a fresh new program of such quality and depth."

For those who enjoy the classical side of music, the 2019 boutique festival will feature music exclusively from the classical genre.

And finally, more good news - the popular FREE Cafe Series will continue, linking the community with morning sessions at Matthew Thomas Cafe and an evening session at Eclectea.

• **Bookings: musicbythesea.com.au**



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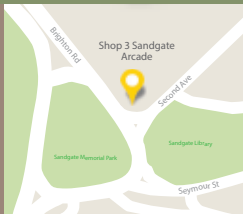
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MYSTERY TOUR

Magical

By Donna Phillips

Piano man Joe Chindamo plays the Beatles during the main show on Saturday night, January 6, at the next annual Music By The Sea Festival.

"It's not a covers gig though," says the man described as one of the best jazz pianists in the world, "but an artistic re-imagining of the Beatles Songbook that will appeal to Beatles and Jazz lovers alike.

"Jazz musicians have used Tin Pan Alley and Broadway for their creative statements and I'm continuing that tradition. And while these are songs that are here to stay, I've transcended this Parthenon of great music as they've acted as templates for my own imagination."

Also recognised as a great improviser and an exciting new force in contemporary classical composition, accompanied by two other musicians, Joe returns to Sandgate as an established concert and festival favourite.

// I always feel this incredible warmth when I come to Sandgate. I have a special relationship with audiences here that I cherish. The festival feels like a family."

Pianist, Joe Chindamo



Having performed five world premiers in this city, in the last year alone, Joe Chindamo has been lauded by music critics worldwide.

"Throughout, his approach is one of unpretentious elegance underscored by superlative technique."

— Jack Bowers, *Cadence Magazine*, New York.

Joe Chindamo Trio

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Music BY THE SEA



Francis Gilfedder

Program

11AM-12PM: Francis Gilfedder

Ease yourself into the day with Journey Through The Gate of Sand. This sublime multimedia tribute to the Sandgate region features soundscapes composed of soft, live music and visual images. Francis is a multi-instrumentalist performing a variety of world wind instruments from Siberia, Hungary, Japan, Laos, India, Indonesia, Thailand, North America and the Philippines.

1PM-2PM: Oi Dipnoi (Sicily)

Valerio Cairone - accordion, bagpipe, vocals; Marco Carnemolla - fret-less bass, vocals; Mario Gulisano - tambourine, Jew's harp, cajon, goblet drum

Born from the encounter between tradition and innovation, this Sicilian trio has a new sound full of personality, light fusion with elements of jazz, and progressive archaic folk.

3PM-4PM: Bungaribee

Gary Daley, accordion/piano - Paul Cutlan, bass clarinet - Oliver Miller, cello - Tunji Beier, percussion

Established by highly respected composer, accordionist and pianist Gary Daley, the quartet is a unique and exotic mix of musical personalities and instruments. Expect original works as well as classics with a twist. Think Debussy, Bach, Bartok and Ligetti filtered through worlds as diverse as African, folk, jazz, Balkan and Karnatic rhythms.



Vettoretti & Scattolin



Bungarribee

5PM-6PM: Andrea Vettoretti And Massimo Scattolin Guitar Duo (Italy)

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8PM: Joe Chindamo Trio

Joe Chindamo Plays the Beatles. Routinely described as one of the best jazz pianists in the world for many years, Chindamo transcends this Parthenon of great music, artistically re-imagining a set from the Beatle's Songbook that will appeal to Beatle's and Jazz lovers alike.

• *Please note tickets are for the full day program and not individual sessions. Program and online tickets: musicbythesea.com.au*

Music By The Sea Festival 2018

Saturday, January 6, Sandgate Town Hall

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Bring in 2018 in 4017

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*This we should celebrate, and what better time
than New Year's Eve! If you are looking for
something fun to do this year in 4017, then look no
further; here are some ideas for your New Year's Eve.*

Where The Gods Come To Play

The BRT, aka The Bracken Ridge Tavern, has an awesome night planned! Their Phoenix Bar will host a 'Where The Gods Come To Play' party. Come dressed as your favourite Mythological god; entry is free, food and drink packages are available and they will have fireworks when the clock strikes midnight!! Get down there! Check out their facebook page or call the venue for more info on ph. 3269 7011.

The Full Moon Hotel

A Tropicana Theme will be filling The Full Moon Hotel this New Year's Eve! There will be three gigs over the afternoon and into 2018, starting with a DJ set from 2pm-5:30pm. Solo artist 'Wilko' will be performing through the dinner service, and 'The Will Day Band' will play live for the night shift till the New Year! Don't miss out!

The Cardigan Bar

The Cardigan Bar will be hopping and jiving with their 60s Night Theme bringing in 2018! Great live tunes and their famous friendly vibe will make a special night for those who make it! Call the Cardy on ph. 0498 089 278, look 'em up on Facebook or visit www.cardiganbar.com for more info.

Land Down Under NYE Party

Club Sandgate at the Sandgate RSL are holding the 'Land Down Under NYE Party', with crowd favourite 'Route 66' bringing the live music, prizes for best dressed, an exciting NYE raffle plus dining specials on the night. Bookings are essential so be quick and contact the club on ph. 3269 2704 or book through www.clubsandgate.com.au

• *Wherever you spend New Year's Eve this year, have a safe and wonderful night. From all of us here at The Sandgate Guide, we hope you've enjoyed the year just gone and wish you all the best for 2018! The Sandgate Guide will be taking a break in January, so see you back in February!*

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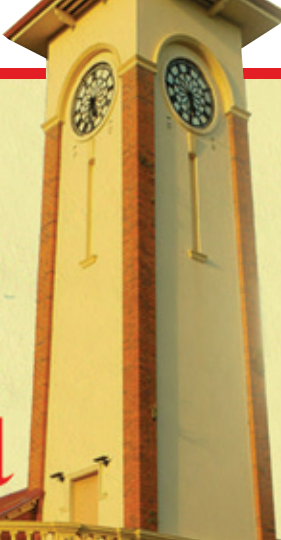
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For ten years running, the Heart of Gold International Film Festival (HOG) has brought some of the world's best short films to Gympie.

Sandgate will now become home to a new event — Sandgate's Got Heart Film Gala; a cinematic experience presenting a selection of HOG's best short and local films (some of which were screened in Gympie this year), and a Q&A session with filmmakers, to be hosted in Sandgate's beautiful Town Hall.

Councillor Jared Cassidy is already excited, "The Sandgate Town Hall has been an iconic venue for over 100 years and plays home to art, drama, music and now film for our community. Bringing events like this to the community will also support local businesses, bringing more people to visit our seaside village. It's a big win for our local area!"

Artistic Director of HOG, Emily Avila says each year hundreds of submissions are received and viewed by a panel before final selections are made.

"It is the loveliest film festival in Australia...full of carefully-crafted short films from every corner of the world, specially selected for their emotional resonance and power," Emily says.

Event organisers Catherine Cox and Leanne Palmer hope that this will become a warmly anticipated annual event.

"The HOG in Gympie is such a delightful film festival with so many wonderful short movies. I felt extremely honoured when my short was selected for screening," Catherine says.

" We hope many people from 4017 and the rest of Brisbane will attend the gala and love it."

So count on there being lots of smiling, laughter, perhaps a soulful tear or two, and a feeling a rekindled joy in humanity during this new event. Feel welcome to stay for a post-session drink and talk about your favourite movies.

Sponsorship will be sought from local businesses to fund initial costs, with the profits from door sales being donated to a local charity.

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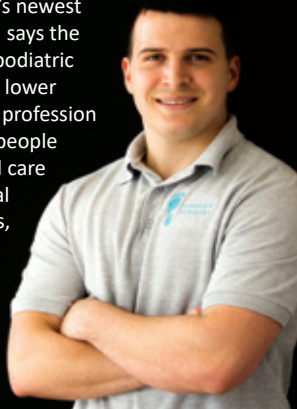
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Brighton stylist Joy Dickinson is the newest fashionista on the local scene, bringing her brand of style to locals with new shop Style Made Easy. Offering a wide range of clothing and accessories, Joy also prides herself on her personal styling services. "It's great for the Sandgate community as it's a place where women can not only buy fashion, but also receive professional advice on what works for their body shapes," she says. "When you feel good about how you look, you are confident and confidence is beautiful." Some of the brands available include Embellished Kaftans, Genison, Live in Paradise, Ellis & Dewey, Alessi, and A Little Birdie Told Me.



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celebrate Christmas Hawaiian-style



By Christine Chamberlain

Dress in your floral shirts, grass skirts and flower leis and celebrate the festive season with Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) Brisbane.

Escape to a tropical paradise when Christmas in Hawaii comes to VMR Cabbage Tree Creek headquarters at Shorncliffe on December 16.

VMR senior crew member Paul Hollingdale says everyone is invited to enjoy a spit roast dinner and dessert before dancing the night away to the sounds of Purple Martini.

"We have a great location on the bay at Shorncliffe, complete with coconut trees and a nice summer breeze to enjoy the views of Moreton Bay from our new covered balcony," Paul says.

"Of course, no Hawaiian Party would be complete without a complimentary Mai Tai on arrival."

VMR Brisbane is a non-profit volunteer organisation whose primary purpose is to provide marine search and rescue services to the boating public in Moreton Bay and surrounding waterways.

Paul says the end-of-year event is a huge thank you to all crew members, associate members past and present, and valued supporters and sponsors however, anyone who has an interest in boating safety and Moreton Bay is very welcome.

"We hope to make it an annual event with a different theme each year," he says.

There will be more than \$3000 of prizes to be won on the night, including a two-night cruise for two on board Sea Princess, a luxury two-night stay at Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort, and an overnight stay at the Mercure Clear Mountain Lodge including breakfast.

Money raised on the night will go back into the work VMR does for the Moreton Bay community every year.

"The majority of our fund-raising comes from the generosity of local businesses, community organisations and, of course, our very own volunteers to ensure the continuity of the valuable search and rescue services we offer.

"It's going to be a fun night out and you'll be supporting a very worthy cause."

The party will be held on Saturday, December 16, 6.30pm - 11.30pm at 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, drink on arrival, entertainment and a chance to win a prize. Children under 12 are \$15.

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MERRY & BRIGHT

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and Sandgate residents are gearing up for the annual Carols By The Bay celebration on December 7.

By Brooke Jacobson

The Sandgate Rotary Club has hosted the event for many years. But when the club announced their closure, the area's local politicians stepped in to ensure the Christmas party continued.

Federal Member for Lilley, Wayne Swan, State Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe and Councillor for Deagon Ward, Jared Cassidy banded together to ensure this important community event remained on the local Christmas calendar.

This year's Carols program will feature the combined choirs of Brighton, Nashville and Sandgate State Schools, accompanied by the Pine Rivers Municipal Brass Band and Multitude Choir.

"This local event is such a pivotal part of our community and it is great to see our local schools



working together as a team," Cr Cassidy says.

"It is such a fun night for not only the school families, but the broader community, as everyone is welcome."

Mr Hinchliffe says it's a special time of year.

"This event is a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate."

And according to Mr Swan, it's something he looks forward to all year.

"Carols By The Bay is not only a fantastic festive event, but one of the most enjoyable events our community has to offer and it continues to be enjoyed by all who attend, each and every year," he says.

Carols By The Bay is on Thursday, December 7 at the Einbunpin Lagoon parkland and kicks off at 5pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle, coffee, popcorn, lollies and a very special visit from a man in a red suit.

In the event of bad weather, it will be held in the Sandgate Town Hall.

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Christmas Lunch for Everyone!

*Jane Grant, Santa and
Kylie Lamb from Sandbag*

By Philip Woods

This Christmas Day, local not-for-profit organisation SANDBAG Inc. is making sure that everyone in the community has somewhere to go and someone to share Christmas lunch with.

For over a decade, SANDBAG Inc., with the help of the local community, has offered a Christmas Day festive feast to folks in need in the area.

Community Support Worker Garry Hunt has been involved in organising the event for several years.

"It's always a great day. We have people attending who are homeless or isolated socially, people who have financial stress or difficult home situations, refugees and other people away from their families at Christmas.

"Everyone is welcome," Garry tells us.

The SANDBAG Christmas lunch has grown every year since it began, and this year is moving to a bigger and better venue, The Sandgate Town Hall.

"Last year, over 150 people of all ages attended the event," Garry says, "they all enjoyed fabulous food

and received gifts from Santa. Some people attend the event on a regular basis; they just like being with other people on Christmas Day. It has a positive affect on everyone involved and is great for the community."

Volunteers are an integral part of making the whole day happen, and donations of gifts from the community in the weeks leading up to Christmas are essential.

"Last year we almost ran out of gifts for adult men and women. Donations of Christmas presents for babies, boys and girls of all ages, teenagers and adults can be dropped off at the Sandgate Community Centre; at the Office of the Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe (2 Fifth Avenue, Sandgate), or Councillor Jared Cassidy's Deagon Ward Office in Cliff Street, Sandgate," said Garry.

So when you're battling the crowds this season to get your Christmas shopping done, add another gift (or two) to your list!

Share the Christmas spirit and make the season special for someone in need!

• **Lunch begins at noon on 25 December, and the hall is open from 10:30am; contact Garry Hunt or Showmi Osi-Efa on 3869 3244, or ghunt@sandbag.org.au for more details.**

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Market co-ordinator Rachel Rees says the day will include many highlights, with the main attraction being the choir performance with their largest number of members on record.

"The choir segment is gearing up to be huge this year and even though practices are just starting, you can't help but feel that this year is going to be something special," she says.

"We are really hoping our community will come and sing along with this amazing group, the way we all used to when we were kids.

"Even though we still have amazing dance and visual performances at the event, our real focus is that community feel that embodies 4017.

"The sing-along carols are one of the few times every year you can be sure everybody is gathered together, which is what makes 4017 the best place to live and raise a family.

"We want to embrace that this year." There is something for everyone this year, including market

stalls, carnival rides, art and crafts, sweet shops and more.

"We have a great variety of food trucks to suit everyone's needs, and the coffee is good enough for even the most extreme coffee snob," Rachel jests.

"Every year is fantastic and has a real community feel to it — last year, we even had a couple get engaged live on the big screen.

"It's wonderful to see little children over the years growing up and having different roles in the production, there is something for everyone who wants to be involved.

"Families come to the event because it is a Christmas tradition akin to opening presents on Christmas morning or a long lazy lunch with an endless bowl of fresh prawns. We are so pumped to be doing something that adds value to the family lives of people in our community."

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Sandgate Unites for Christmas with **JINGLE ALL THE**

The spirit of Sandgate will shine throughout the bay this December

By Susie Laery

IT'S TIME TO GET MERRY

this December as 'The Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce' bring us the annual 'Jingle all the Bay' festivities to the Sandgate Village. Last year was the first 'Jingle all the Bay' and due to its popularity and success, the event will now become an annual occurrence.

"From December onwards, the Sandgate CBD will be a sea of Christmas lights," says President of The Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce, Bill Golan.

'The Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce' will be lighting up the trees on the high street of

Sandgate, and business owners are encouraged to decorate their businesses too. "There will be a competition for best dressed shop, judged by the chamber and a people's choice award too," says Bill.

The Christmas message this year from the chamber is 'buy local'. Bill Golan is a firm believer in this message.

"The Christmas festivities is about celebrating our community and showcasing all the great businesses within it," says Bill.



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“Support your local businesses and they will support you.”

The festivities culminate in a street party on Friday, December 15th. Brighton Road will be closed off to traffic from Keogh Street to the roundabout from 6pm to 9:30pm.

There will be a Christmas Parade with Santa arriving by boat. Children are encouraged to dress up as fairies and elves to celebrate this special time of year.

The Christmas Street Party will feature food trucks, live music, and businesses showcasing their wares.

A new initiative this year is a live art competition where the public will get to watch several well-known local artists create a canvas painting over a two-hour period. At the end, the paintings will be auctioned to the public and the artists will receive a percentage of the sale.

Well-respected local artist, Pete Martin says, “This will be a real draw for the public and unveil some of the mystery around how paintings are created.”

Artists will paint a Sandgate scene, which will be selected by random draw.

- **For more information visit www.sandgatechamber.com.au or follow the Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce on Facebook. For details about the Art Competition contact Pete Martin on ph. 0419 679 709**

Jingle All The Bay Street Party

Friday 15th December, 6pm
Brighton Road, Sandgate

Lights ignite festive spirit

By Christine Chamberlain

Welcoming family will be the focus of this year's much-loved Christmas Lights display at Sandgate Uniting Church.

Thousands of hand-crafted Christmas decorations will light up Board Street from 6 December and continue to sparkle until 24 December.

For more than 25 years, thousands of locals and visitors have been delighted by the award-winning Christmas lights display, and this year will not disappoint says Sandgate Uniting Church Minister, Reverend Anne Hulbert.

This year's theme for the display is 'Welcome to the Family', and Reverend Anne says the congregation loves welcoming in the community to enjoy the lights and other activities every year.

"I love seeing the overall effect when the lights are first turned on prior to judging. It amazes me to see how well the individual displays come together as a whole, highlighting the theme we choose each year."

The spectacular display of lights would not be possible without lots of hard work behind the scenes in preparation. A theme is chosen mid-year and then work begins.

"We have a team who ensure each piece is working well - whether new lights are needed or be replaced, whether the backing boards needs repainting, and what needs to be collected to use."

This year, one of the local schools collected thousands of coloured bottle caps that are now attached to the backing boards of some of the designs. Children from another local school have drawn pictures about families that will be displayed in the chapel.

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“Once again there will be something new as well as some of our favourites displayed differently,” Rev Anne says.

As well as the external lights display from 7pm to 10pm nightly, the church food stalls and indoor displays open from 6pm each evening. Free nightly entertainment will commence at 7 – 7.30pm.

A special Christmas Carols service will be held on 17 December at 7pm.

• **For a full schedule visit the church's website, sandgate.unitingchurch.org.au.**

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Cat Pritchard / photo by Paul Neil

With the festive season upon us, Sandgate locals are set to bring Christmas cheer to their community by stocking up on Christmas gifts and goodies locally, supporting the area's artisans, food manufacturers and retailers.

Brisbane Computer Solutions owner Norton Seron says it is important to support small operators as they are the lifeblood of any community.

"As soon as the big players move in, businesses close and the town loses its soul and feel," he says.

"The less support there is, the less shops there are and it forces people to go elsewhere.

"If we want a vibrant, healthy community, we must support local business."

Norton says shopping locally also allows businesses to give back to the community.

"As the owner of a local business, I don't just have four staff depending on me, I have four families depending on me and the business to help raise children, pay rent or mortgage and buy groceries," he says.

"These staff reinvest in the Sandgate community just by living here and raising families, and this benefits everyone in the community."

Willow Coffee & Gifts owner, Megan Fellowes says small business provides a level of customer service unique to smaller operators.

"Customers already have a relationship with the business owner, who is willing to go that extra mile to meet their needs," she says.

"Small businesses can also provide better consumer choices, such as stocking locally made products or partnering with other local businesses to provide services.

"By supporting local businesses, you are not only supporting the business owner, but also other local businesses supplying that business - for us, these other local businesses are 4017 mums who make our handmade children's clothes, candles and earrings."

Cat Pritchard is the owner of local business Indulgence at Shorncliffe, which produces chemical-free body products and soy candles.

She says shopping locally is important as it means supporting artists and creators from the area.

“ It gives the shopper a sense of being part of a community, but importantly the ability to contribute to a local's dream and to see them grow,” she says.

"They need the local support and encouragement to stay in business and support local activities.

"Sandgate has a great local following and I have found my followers are very loyal and happy to support me, which reminds me they were there at the beginning of my journey."

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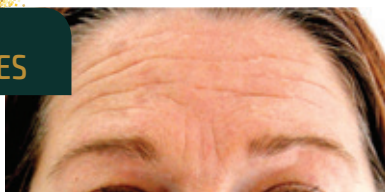
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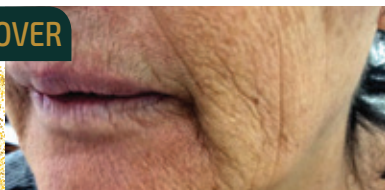
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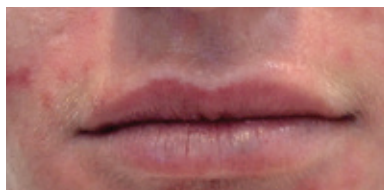
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SATURDAY 2

Facin the Crowd
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Barry Charles
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Peter Crawford Duo
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

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Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SUNDAY 3

Liam Bryant
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Sadie and Jay Duo
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

West Texas Crude
Cardigan Bar 4pm

FRIDAY 8

Michael Pack
Club Sandgate 6:30pm

Andy Ellem
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 9

Swizzle Trio
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Sadie and Jay Duo
Cardigan Bar 7.30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Brooke Schubert Duo
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 10

Pub Piano Singalong
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

Jack McKenna
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

Leni Peirano
Cardigan Bar 4pm

FRIDAY 15

Mad Murphy
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

The Go Sets
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Peko
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 16

Leo Altarelli
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

The Sparkz Trio
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Noah Fontini
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

Soundscape
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

SUNDAY 17

The Febs Duo
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

SUNDAY 17

Nigel Jones
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

Mike Ling
Cardigan Bar 4pm

WEDNESDAY 20

Po Childs (The Lone Stranger)
Cardigan Bar 4pm

FRIDAY 22

David Gray
Club Sandgate 6:30pm

SOUL CUTZ
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7:30pm

DiVersions
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Steve Hargreaves
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 23

Mike Winkworth & The Rebels
Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Abbie Cardwell
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Jamie-Lee Fox Duo
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

Tom Roberts
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SUNDAY 24

Wilko Duo
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

TUESDAY 26

Reece Freeman
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

FRIDAY 29

Roy Morris
Club Sandgate 6:30pm

FRIDAY 29

House DJ

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 6:30pm

Biggy P

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 30

Dance On

Club Sandgate 7:30pm

Shanon Watkins Duo

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

SATURDAY 30

Mark Chomyn

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SUNDAY 31

NYE Tropicana - various artists

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NYE Party & Fireworks @

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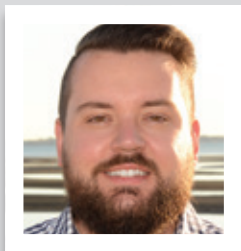


SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

Sadie and Jay Duo - Cardigan Bar 7.30pm

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



The festive season is well and truly upon us now and I've enjoyed joining community groups and residents to celebrate another big year in the community. I'm looking forward to hosting Carols by the Bay alongside Stirling Hinchliffe and Wayne Swan with

students from Brighton, Nashville and Sandgate State Schools coming together to sing carols for the community.

I have had the pleasure of attending and assisting with school awards nights across the Deagon Ward over the past few weeks. I would like to wish our local school families all the best for the Christmas break, particularly those year twelve and year six students who have left their schools for the last time this year.

I'm looking forward to joining Wayne Swan in hosting Australia Day by the Bay 2018, a great way to kick off the year! We will continue with a stand-alone Citizenship Ceremony in the Sandgate Town Hall, a free community BBQ and band at Upper Moora Park and our community favourite – Billycart races in Cotton Street.

Please contact my office for further information on ph. 3667 6011.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



For many Queenslanders, getting in the car and travelling during the festive season is something we have enjoyed for generations. However, with more people on the roads, the risk of being involved

in an accident increases. More congestion, driving in unfamiliar environments and over long distances mean that we all need to pay more attention to our driving, and the driving of those around us.

I urge all residents thinking about driving long distances over the festive season to familiarise yourself with the Queensland Government's 'Join the Drive' website at: www.jointhedrive.qld.gov.au. Join the Drive has a range of useful tips on how to stay safe on the roads over the festive holiday.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. I hope you have the chance to catch up with your friends, family and loved ones. Together, let's make this festive season a fatality free one on the roads.

Cr Amanda Cooper



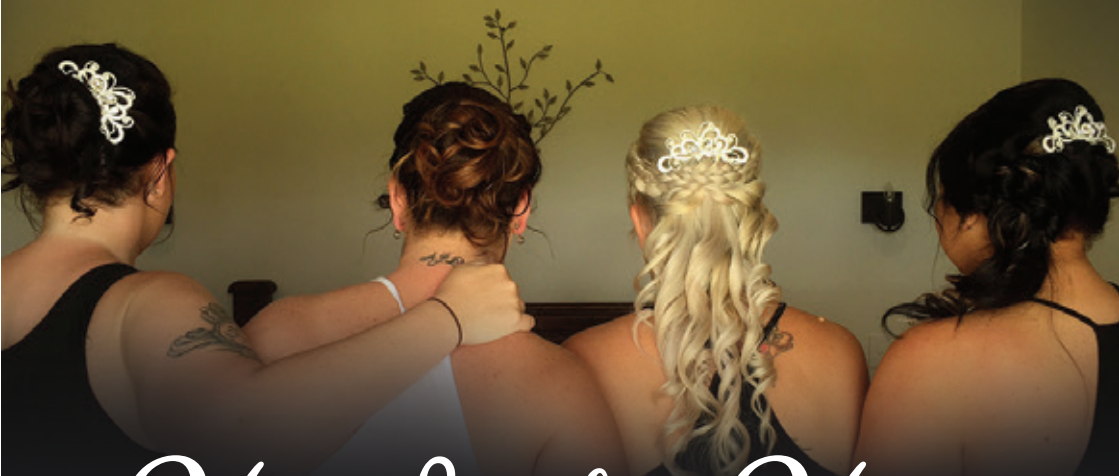
As the academic year is fast drawing to a close, well done to all of our successful, senior graduates. I hope all of you enjoy a well-earned break before embarking on your chosen endeavours.

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.

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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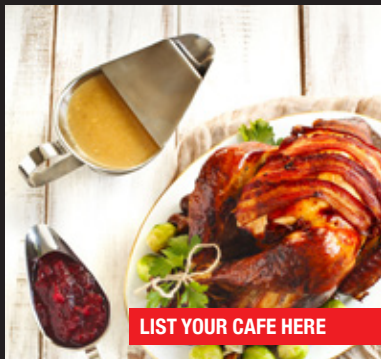
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EVENTS & Notices

EVENTS

MUSIC BY THE SEA

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Where: Sandgate Town Hall

When: Saturday 2nd December

Time: 7.30pm

Music By The Sea invites you to a FREE Community Concert celebrating its 20th anniversary with favourite artists, Andre Reginato, Sarah Hopkins, Mark Cryle and Carmel Newman, and a host of folk musicians.

LUSH

Where: Sandgate Town Hall

When: Friday 1st December

Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Tickets for the Friday 1st December event are available from \$30, with a Dinner and Show package option for \$50, offered at Bramble Place Tea and Coffee.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com (search Lush)

NEW GROOVE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Where: Sandgate Town Hall

When: Sunday 10th December

Time: 2 – 4pm

Cost: Adults \$15; Concession \$10; Under 17 Free

New Groove Jazz Ensemble is a melding of new and old. We'll lull you into a false sense of security with some cool jazz standards before knocking your socks off with the great charts from the past. New Groove Jazz Ensemble performs on the second Sunday of every month at the Sandgate Town Hall starting at 2pm. Dancing is encouraged!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

KITESURFING SANTA

Where: Arthur Davis Park Beach

When: Sunday 17th December, 12–1pm

Come down to Arthur Davis Park and see Santa take to the water, with a Santa Kiting Day, hosted by Surf Connect. This is a free event.

LITTLE LIGHT UP –

CHRISTMAS @ THE CORNER

When: Friday 1st December

Time: 5.30 – 8.30pm

Where: Bowser Parade shops, Sandgate Christmas Markets, foodie delights and live music on the popular Sandgate corner. Come and see the unveiling of their precincts Christmas window display, and enjoy the community Christmas event.

CHRISTMAS ON NORTH ROAD

Where: Bramble Heights, North Road, Brighton (opposite Brighton State School)

When: Friday 1st December

Time: 3 – 5pm

The Bramble Heights shops invite everyone to a free Christmas afternoon to say thank you for your support in 2017. Bring the kids for an afternoon of free sausage sizzle, face painting, and say hello to special guest, Santa! Bring a present to donate to Friends with Dignity to help those who will spend Christmas in a refuge, and go in the draw to win a hamper.



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EVENTS & Notices

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BEE FRIENDLY FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Where: Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre

When: Friday 15 December, 10am

Bookings essential. In this practical workshop you will hear a story about bees and their lives and different roles in the hive. Learn about a variety of bees, including native bees, their importance for pollination, see how backyard beekeeping works and get a sweet reward - honey! Be inspired by bees, the most amazing creatures. Without them we would only have half of our food. During this workshop you will not work with live bees. Suitable for 5-12 years old. This is a free event

BRACKEN RIDGE LIBRARY

What: Floral Design for Beginners

When: Saturday 9th December, 10am

During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of creating a floral arrangement for home, gifts or functions. Horticulturalist Noel Burdette will call on his background in floristry to teach the basics in colour, texture and design. Participants will leave with their own floral masterpiece. Bookings essential.

SANDGATE LIBRARY

Where: Christmas Storytelling

When: Thursday 21 December, 10.30am

Ho Ho Ho! Come join us for a Christmas celebration of favourite festive stories, and make your own Christmas tree decoration to take home. Ideal for children 2-5 years old. This is a free event.

KITESURFING DEMO DAY AND JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY

Where: Surf Connect, opposite Arthur Davis Park, Sandgate

When: Sunday 17th December

Time: 12 – 3pm

Come and demo the new Liquid Force kitesurfing gear. Juniors can come down and find out what kitesurfing is all about and sign up. Try the kite simulator and learn how to fly a kite.

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YOGA: CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Where: Voodoo Yoga, Sandgate

When: Thursday 14th December

Time: 9am – 12pm

Cost: \$35

For ages 5 – 12 years. During the workshop, kids will have the opportunity to create their own gratitude boxes and will learn yoga poses and breathing techniques to help with the silly season.

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Moe Akgun and Samantha Shellard took me out for an adventure ride in Shorncliffe in 'Bonnie', their vintage 1928 Chrysler automobile.



Paul Harris from Sandgate RSL Sub-branch, holds our flag with pride on Remembrance Day in Sandgate War Memorial Park.



Happy Christmas from Kendyl and Payton. It's been a year (and Kendyl is now walking) since their Christmas pic appeared here last year.



It's the Sacred Heart School Disco and Year 6 girls, Indie, Ella and Bridget hit the dance floor in fancy dress and sing along with the Katy Perry tribute band.



Susie and Ian Mogridge were out for dinner and a great night with friends, under the stars and a full moon, at The Long Table, Shorncliffe Pier.



Baby's coming soon! Victoria and James Laird are getting their nursery ready for a very special arrival. Is it a boy or a girl?

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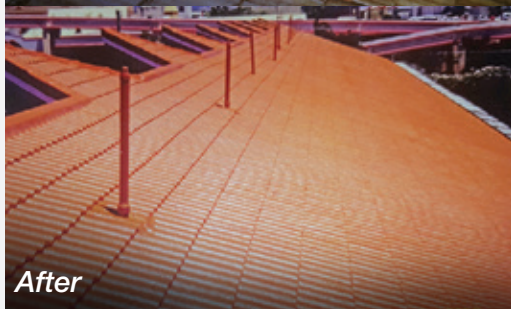
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After



Before



After

Bracken Ridge Plaza is undergoing a facelift and residents are eagerly awaiting the changes.



Plaza Makeover

By Brooke Jacobson

Built in 1994, the centre is anchored by a Coles supermarket and features 24 specialty stores. It's also a medical hub for the community, with a doctors' surgery, dentist, physio, optometrist, pharmacy and pathology lab offering their services.

Property Manager, JLL's national marketing manager, Angela Gore, says the changes to the centre will make a huge difference for the local community.

"Bracken Ridge Plaza is undergoing a much-needed makeover, which includes brand new amenities, improved natural lighting and upgrades to the interior and outdoor dining areas," she says.

"The works also include the reconfiguration of the car park to improve traffic flow and ease parking."

The centre is already a popular meeting point for residents, with a number of food outlets including a butcher, as well as dine-in and takeaway options.

Due to be completed by the end of the year, the works also include replacing the mall tiling, an

upgrade to the centre's ceiling and an extensive overhaul of the façade, including a new dining structure. The external paving will also be replaced.

“ The refurbishment is an indication of the landlord's commitment to the centre's loyal and long-standing customer base,” Ms Gore says.

"The works will provide a modern and convenient shopping experience."

New tenants are also on the cards for the centre, but JLL are keeping those details under wraps for now.

"New tenants will be announced closer to the launch of the refurbishment," Ms Gore says.

She says customers can expect minimal disruption during the makeover, as most of the construction work will take place at night.

• For more information on the refurbishment and upcoming events at the centre, visit their website at brackenridgeplaza.com.au

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Pier kiosk plans unveiled

By Christine Chamberlain

A pop up café overlooking the Shorncliffe Pier is one step closer with the unveiling of plans for the new kiosk

The Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group (SAND-BAG) reveals the shipping container design will have a coastal feel to complement the existing features in the park and surrounding areas.

SANDBAG was awarded the contract to construct and run Shorncliffe Pier Kiosk at Lower Moora Park by the Brisbane City Council in August. The plan is to have the kiosk up and running by early 2018.

The 15-square-metre building will sit on a concrete slab on the grassed area to the south of the existing toilet block near the pier.

The pop up café will serve great coffee, cold drinks, ice creams and tasty, quick café-style food.

The kiosk opening hours are still being finalised but will likely operate five days a week, from Wednesday to Sunday. Proposed opening times are 7am on weekdays, 8am on weekends, with a consistent closing time of 1pm. These opening hours are subject to change and will be based on feedback and demand from the community.

As SANDBAG is a community-based not-for-profit organisation, all profits from the business will be reinvested back into programs they run in the community. These include programs such as Domestic and Family Violence; Disability Support; Individual Support and Community Connection; Employment and Education and Training, and Multicultural Development and Support.

SANDBAG chief executive officer Alisa Hall says SANDBAG is really excited about this opportunity to offer a pop up café at this popular 4017 destination.

She hopes with the support of the local community and visitors it can be a huge success and evolve to suit the community's needs.

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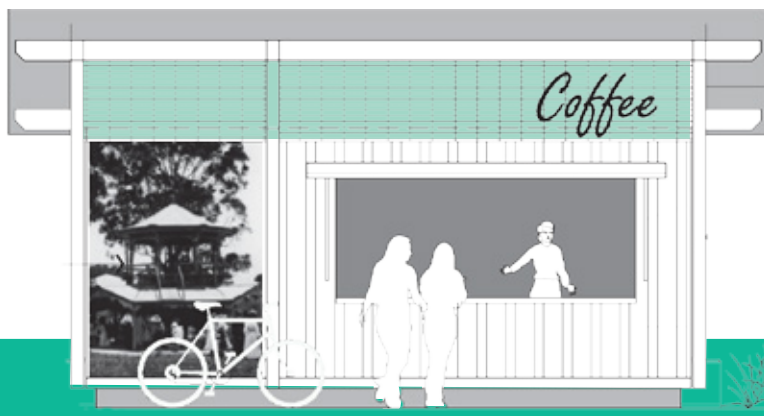
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The kiosk planning committee is still welcoming feedback from the community so please contact Sue Batten on 3269 1952, sbatten@sandbag.org.au. Alternatively, a community online survey can be assessed at surveymonkey.com/r/FSNSPWX.

• **SANDBAG is also seeking help from the public with the construction of the kiosk. If you can help with the supply of materials or labour, please contact Sue.**

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School Holiday

FUN

By Philip Woods

The kids are home for the next couple of months, and bless 'em; we all know that they won't always enjoy such lengthy holidays to cut loose and have fun!

There's a lot you can plan around Sandgate to keep your youngsters busy, and to give you some free time to do the Christmas shopping this year during the school holidays. Here are a few ideas!



Kids Yoga and Mindfulness Workshops

Try a 3 hour 'Kids Yoga and Eye-Pillow Making' workshop on 19th December from 9:30am with Kate Chisholm, or the 'Girls Relax! Tweens Yoga and Massage' session for girls aged 9-12 years where participants learn relaxation techniques; held on 17th January. On 13th December 'Parents Pilates While Your Kids Yoga' is held from 9:30am. Contact Ainsley on 0411 814 034 or email ainsley@beinggrounded.com.au to book.

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Woodwork For Fun

Local community organisation SANDBAG will be hosting their popular 'Woodwork For Fun' activities for children of all ages, at the Community Centre on Rainbow Street in the second week of school holidays. Kids will be assisted to build woodwork presents for their parents or grandparents for Christmas. There's lots more happening at SANDBAG too, so call Daniel on ph. 3869 3244 to find out more!

• *Childhood is a time for adventure and experience, so make some plans for your kids' holidays to give them something to remember!*

Seaside Playground

If you want to get outdoors, try the Seaside Playground at Decker Park in Brighton. There's shade, a soft-fall playground, cognitive play equipment, climbing forts and more. Or to cool down on a hot day, pop into the Sandgate Aquatic Centre on Flinders Parade; there's a wading pool, playground area, water-slides, basketball court and kiosk.

Bracken Ridge Library

Bracken Ridge Library is hosting a range of activities for kids this summer, including 'Red Rocket 3' live children's band from 9:30am on 14th December (in Town Hall), 'Christmas Storytime' on 21st December with festive stories, and kids make their own Christmas tree decoration to take home; plus the 'I Want To Be In a Book' workshop with Megan Daley on 6th January. Contact the library for more info on ph. 3667 6022.

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Ghosts of MORVEN

"Morven", in Park Parade Shorncliffe, originally built in 1864, still stands majestically today within the precinct of St Patrick's College.

Sandgate Historical Society

This grand, gracious, french-provincial building was originally built on 3 adjoining 1-acre lots of land, each three cricket pitches wide and ten long. The original building built in 1864 by John McConnel, grazier, was called "Cressbrook". He was elected to the first Legislative Council of Queensland from 1862-1868, and decided to build a seaside house for his family at Shorn Cliff (as it was then known).

Mrs McConnel planted two Norfolk Island pine trees in the front of her home. The trees grew so large they could be seen from near Moreton Island and served as prominent landmarks for fisherman to find Cabbage Tree Creek before any navigational aids like beacons or GPS. The trees were marked on early maritime charts.

In 1880, the property was sold to David Brown who renamed the mansion "MORVEN" after his home town in Scotland. The building was originally one storey, and in 1886 the second storey was added, and the bay windows. The mansion features a grand central cedar staircase, 28 rooms and a water well inside the house. There was an underground

passageway leading to the waterfront, designed to escape any attack by the local Aborigines.

Edward G Blume purchased the property in 1910 as a seaside holiday house. He later allowed his mother-in-law, Mrs Craven, to take up permanent residence with her two unmarried daughters, who conducted it as a high-class boarding establishment, providing entertainment and dances for resident guests.

The boarding house closed after Mrs Craven's death in 1932 and the daughters lived there privately until 1942.

The mansion fell into disrepair, overgrown, and derelict.

At night, a light was sometimes seen from one of the windows of the "Haunted House". Local children became brave enough to creep to the side of the overgrown building to peep into the dusty windows, careful not to disturb the "ghosts".

It was not until 1951 that the Christian Brothers purchased the property for \$25,000.00.

MORVEN has been magnificently restored within the larger St Patrick's College Complex with

".... such classrooms, high, spacious, with large bay windows, that showed like masterpieces, blue seas and purple hills..."



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IN THE UNDERGROWTH...

The Buff-banded Rail (*Gallirallus philippensis*) is one of many species attracted to the abundance of wetland areas around Sandgate.

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Though usually of a timid disposition,

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As a largely terrestrial omnivorous scavenger, this rail is mostly seen seeking food, singly or in pairs, by moving through areas of low vegetation. Their diet consists of invertebrates, small vertebrates, seeds, and fallen fruits. They are most active in the early morning and evening.

Breeding occurs from September to January, with nests placed in dense vegetation close to the water. Two broods of four to eight eggs may be hatched and raised each season. Both parents incubate the clutch. At this time, and with the emergence of the downy black chicks, they are most vulnerable to attack. Domestic dogs and cats pose a significant

threat to individual birds in areas adjoining urban settlement.

Despite predation and loss of habitat, they are considered to have a secure conservation status over most of their range. Recent and regular sightings are reported at Dowse Lagoon. They are also recorded at other reserves and Curlew Park, and have even been noted as an unexpected visitor at the Garden Gate Community Nursery, one rainy June day last year.

Similar in appearance, though slightly smaller and rarely seen, is the Lewin's Rail. More often its "tek tek" call tempts avid bird-watchers to linger, hoping for a sighting.

Next time you're planning a walk at Dowse Lagoon, slip some binoculars in your bag. If you're lucky enough, you'll be rewarded with an up-close view of these delightful birds and their daily habits. And if not, you will definitely have no shortage of other birdlife to observe.

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The owner and chief instructor of Surf Connect, Padi Kotwall, says the sign-on day is to introduce people to the sport so they can really know what it's all about.

// We have now put over 15,000 students through our school, whether for standup paddling, kayaking, windsurfing or kitesurfing," he says.

"Kiteboarding is a surface water sport combining aspects of wakeboarding, snowboarding, windsurfing, surfing, paragliding, skateboarding and gymnastics into one extreme sport.

"It is in the forthcoming junior Olympics so we thought this would be a great time to start this development program. We are also hoping to

discover talents that could even be the next Olympian for Kitesurfing!"

The sign-on day will give kids the opportunity to get their feet wet without ever leaving the safety of land.

"People can get an insight into what kitesurfing is all about and have a go at our virtual reality simulator," Padi says.

"If they like what they see they have the opportunity to join our training program.

"Many people see them flying on the water, but not many have an insight or opportunity to have a go. This is their chance.

// It is a way for kids to stay healthy, get outdoors and take part in a very active sport. It encourages a healthy lifestyle, let alone the excitement and adrenaline they will encounter!"

The Kids Kitesurfing Sign-on Day is on Sunday, December 17, from noon–3pm at Sandgate Beach. Contact Surf Connect on ph. 3137 0500 or email info@surfconnect.com for more information. You can also see the event listing on Surf Connect's facebook page.



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House prices, on average at the end of this year.

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| Bracken Ridge..... | \$495,000 |
| Brighton | \$515,000 |
| Shorncliffe | \$785,000 |
| Deagon..... | \$461,250 |

This was an increase in each suburb compared to 2016. Home values in the fourth quarter continued to climb showing a great end to 2017 and welcoming in what we believe to be an amazing 2018.

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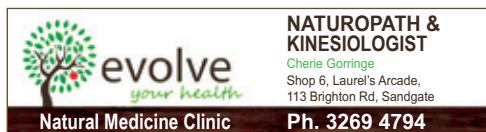
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