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## A Note from the Team

February 2018

# WELCOME TO YOUR FIRST SANDGATE GUIDE OF 2018!

**D**id you make the promise of a New Year, New You? We did too! That's why you'll find a fresh look and feel inside our pages, as well as some brand new sections that put more of a focus on the things that matter to you and the people in our beautiful pocket of Bramble Bay.

We want to hear your voice in 2018, that's why we will soon be launching the 'Your Say' section of the Sandgate Guide, in which you can write to us about the issues and things that make you and our community tick. Email us at [yoursay@sandgate.com.au](mailto:yoursay@sandgate.com.au) and your letter may be published.

Have you Instagrammed some seriously good pics of Sandgate recently? Why not take your keen eye for a great photo out of the digital world and into our pages. Email the team here with your best snaps, and we'll feature the most stunning images each edition.

Our community is brimming with people making their classic houses new again, but it's not always easy to find the right people for the job. Check out our new Local Trades and Home Services section to find the best local, trusted tradies for the job (no matter how big or small).

The Bayside is a haven for healthy living (have you seen how many rippling fit folks traverse the waterfront every day and night?) so each month we'll highlight a health and wellness topic, featuring local practitioners and professionals that can help get your body and mind into tip-top shape.

The Sandgate Guide will also continue to bring you all our popular regular features including the Events Guide and the local Dining Guide.

We hope you enjoy our new-look magazine this year and we're looking forward to another great year of celebrating all things 4017.

— The Sandgate Guide Team



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*See jewellery making  
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much more at this year's  
Gem and Jewellery Festival*



# GEM AND JEWELLERY FESTIVAL

*Story Philip Woods Photo Paul Neil*

**H**umans have a long history of being enchanted by shiny objects, and this tradition will continue on the first weekend in March when the North Brisbane Lapidary Club presents the 34th Annual Gem and Jewellery Festival at Bracken Ridge State High School.

Rachel Aubrey, speaking on behalf of the club, promises a multi-faceted event this year, with over 30 stalls for visitors to fossick about in. "I am excited to learn new jewellery making techniques and swap ideas with other members. Last year I enjoyed cuttlefish casting, lost wax casting and enamelling workshops."

The festival offers handmade jewellery for sale; rough and cut precious and semi-precious gems, crystals, even fossils! There will also be tools and machinery for sale, and demonstrations by the Australian Faceters Guild.

Rachel tells me that this year there will be a greater number of local gem and jewellery traders, offering the opportunity to purchase a unique Queensland gem, plus international specimens.

"They love the community spirit and willingness of members to help each other to produce a final piece."

Since ancient times, we have sought to adorn ourselves with jewellery made from precious metals and gems, with reasons ranging from religious and spiritual protections through to symbols of love, or statements of wealth. Sometimes just because it makes us feel good!

The Gem and Jewellery Festival brings people from near and far together to celebrate and wonder at these beauties offered from the earth. The potential to learn new skills in crafts such as lapidary, silversmithing, or jewellery making is on offer for all who attend the festival.

**"**I look forward to using new skills to 'push the boundaries' and create my own unique finished piece, maybe even enter a piece into a club competition," Rachel says.

The event will also offer a barista to make you a lovely coffee, plus food including home-made sweets and jams!



## Event Details

**March 3-4, 2018**  
**Bracken Ridge State High School**  
**68 Barfoot Street, Bracken Ridge**  
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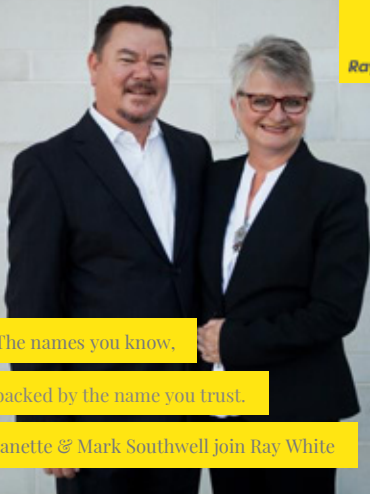


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*Come down and meet new  
Cardigan Bar owner,  
Brett Johnson*

## CARDY CROWD EMBRACES NEW OWNER

*Story Emma Harley Photo Paul Neil*

**D**espite the summer swelter, Sandgate's sippers have donned a new cardigan with gusto as the suburb's popular Cardigan Bar transitions to a new owner in Brett Johnson.

Coming from a diverse professional background including small business ownership, Brett says he feels ready to tackle the new role.

"I have been friends with previous owners Chris and Abby for a long time, and when I learnt the bar was for sale last year, I couldn't sleep that night," he says.

"I called Chris early the next morning with my intentions and offered an immediate deposit.

"I have now owned the bar since December, and it is such an exciting new chapter for me — I am meeting new and creative people each day, I get to listen to talented musicians most nights, and learn the ropes from our amazing Cardy Crew bar staff."

Brett says the feedback has been very positive, with staff and patrons embracing the new ownership.

"I have most certainly been asked lots of questions, but overall the community has been fantastic," he laughs.

"People are definitely missing Chris and Abby, which is only natural as they are wonderful people who have created a unique meeting place in the Cardigan Bar, so I'm excited to be continuing their legacy."

Brett says the strong sense of community is the backbone of the venue.

"I think people welcomed the relaxed and unpretentious concept from the outset and felt at home there, developing strong relationships with their staff — you are more likely to receive a hug than a 'hello' if you're a regular," he says.

"I definitely feel the deep camaraderie here, and I hope I can play my part and continue to offer the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere that the Cardy has been renowned for."

This sentiment is one shared by previous owner Chris, who credits the community for the success of the bar over the past five years.

"There are simply no words to describe the fun, laughter, sleepless nights, agony and ecstasy we have had while owning the Cardigan Bar," he says.

"Needless to say, we are so very grateful for the amazing times we have had with the fabulous people that make up the 4017 tapestry.

"We ask only one thing of the Cardy crowd — to get down there and support Brett and give him a go, as you did for us many moons ago.

"Congratulations Brett, we'll be back!"





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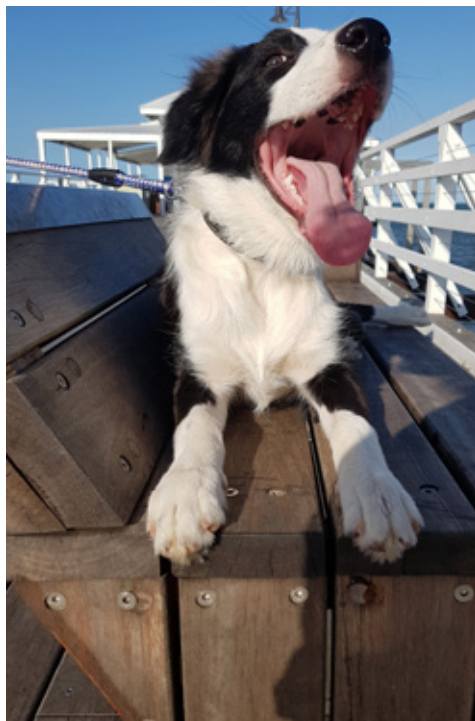


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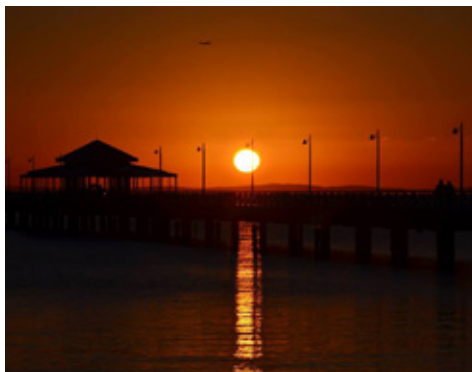




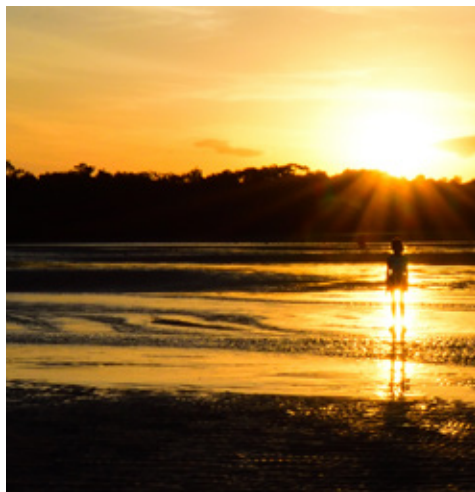
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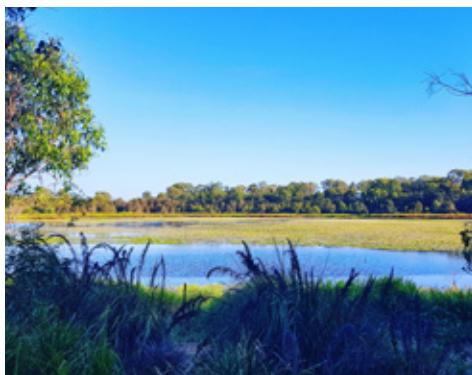
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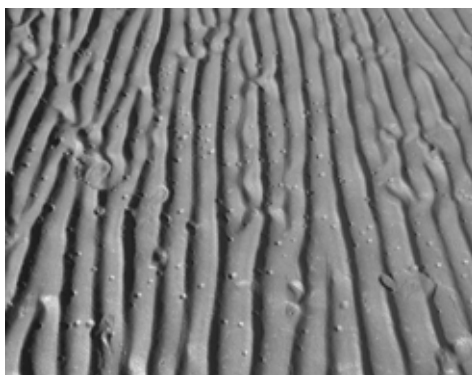
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*Roosters' junior players check out the newly laid field.*

## 50 YEARS OF FOOTY, FAMILIES AND FUN

Story *Emma Harley* Photo *Paul Neil*

**B**ramble Bay's favourite flock will celebrate half a century on the field this year as the Brighton Roosters Rugby League Club prepare for what will be a transformative season in 2018.

Club President Dylan Slater is excited about the changes to the club ahead of its milestone season.

"The club has undergone a facelift with a number of loyal volunteers helping throughout the offseason with the club and bar facilities as it receives a makeover," he says.

"One of the biggest improvements is the field itself, which has recently undergone a \$110,000 upgrade to improve the playing surface.

"Ten years ago the field was capped, and with the volume of football played over the past decade, the club is very proud that it held out so long — the field now is one of the most premium playing surfaces in Brisbane.

"Head groundsman Kenny Lake has worked tirelessly to ensure the grounds are in tip-top shape for the beginning of round one."

Dylan says there are many other changes in store for Roosters club members and fans.

"The Roosters have recently joined forces with the Murri Taipans and the Sandgate Brighton Gaters," he says.

"The three clubs combined hope to provide a pathway from under-6s all the way through to the Brisbane Rugby League competition.

"Nostalgia will play a part this season from the original retro jerseys the players will wear from the club's earliest years to the special Old Boys Reunion Night, Back to Brighton weekend and family fun days."

Dylan is proud of the reputation and community spirit the club has maintained over the past 50 years.

"Life members, former players, families and current players are all very excited about the club's celebrations planned throughout 2018," he says.

"It's a testament to our family club that it has seen five decades of rugby league and has been a stalwart for our sport throughout this region.

"We're very excited about the changes and encourage everyone to bring their family and friends down to enjoy dinner, the footy and experience the pride we have in the red, white and blue."

For more information on the club or its 50th season celebrations, visit the Brighton Roosters Facebook page or phone 3269 1234.

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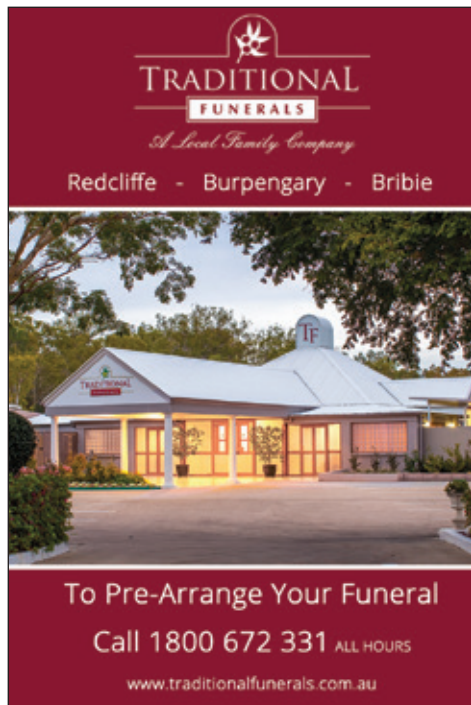


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## ► February: The Necks

Good news! The Necks are back! After a wildly successful US tour, and another three through Europe last year, the cult band will start their Oz east coast tour in Sandgate early this month. And you're invited — though we know we couldn't keep you away!

“One of the greatest bands in the world” — New York Times

### THE NECKS

**Saturday, February 3**

**7.30pm, Sandgate Town Hall**



*Music By The Sea*

## LEGENDARY ARTISTS IN RESONANCE

*Story Donna Phillips Photo The London Klezmer Quartet*

## ► March: The London Klezmer Quartet

**H**ighly recommended! The London Klezmer Quartet, in demand on the global folk, world and pop music scenes, introduces the celebratory and soulful music of Eastern European Jews.

Formed in 2009 by a group of Klezmer specialists keen to explore the field of almost-lost wedding music — Ilana Cravitz, Susi Evans, Carol Isaacs and Indra Buraczewska perform with violin, clarinet, accordion, double bass and vocals.

Their publicity states that they play old and new traditional material, guaranteed to move audiences with toe-tapping Bulgars and festive Freylekhs — to tears with sorrowful doinas — and back again in moments.

The subtleties of the original tradition combined with this kick-the-chairs-over ability to party have ensured the band is already popular throughout the UK, with five sell-out tours in Australia, and performances in Brazil, Germany, Holland, Latvia, New Zealand and Switzerland.

In this country, they have performed in six states, headlined at the National Folk Festival in Canberra two years running, and wowed 'em at the Port Fairy Folk Festival in 2013.

The quartet has also spiced-up the mix by recording and touring with The Indigo Girls (US), Sinead O'Connor (Ireland), Natacha Atlas (Egypt), She'Koyokh (UK), and Ahmed Mukhtar (Iraq).

“The most dexterous and interesting of contemporary klezmer ensembles.” — Folk Roots Magazine

“When Buraczewska sang, all the earthiness, profound melancholy and celebratory joy you could desire came surging to the fore via her vast, singular contralto.” — Sydney Morning Herald

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**Saturday, March 3**

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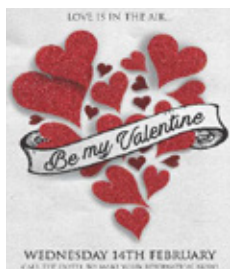
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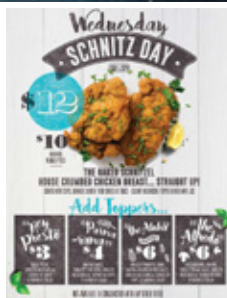
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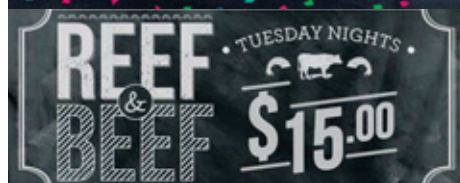
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with Photographer



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Huge crowds saw Sandgate Hawks kids and coaches in the Christmas parade down Sandgate's main street at 'Jingle all the Bay'.



Kel Neil dives deep to cool off from the summer heat wave at the Emily Seeborn Aquatic Centre at Fitzgibbon.



Happy New Year to all from Mark Philpott and Neil Butland who partied hard at Cardigan Bar until the wee hours.



Girls and guys from our own Multitude Choir have a final rehearsal before their turn on stage at 'Carols By The Bay' in Einbunpin Lagoon Park.



Sue Van Neikirk and Lyndi Bright were spotted out 'n' about celebrating holiday time at the 3rd Avenue Pop Up Art Exhibition in Sandgate.

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# EXPO EMBRACES WELLBEING

Story *Christine Chamberlain*

Photo *Paul Neil*

**A**n expo showcasing and celebrating the wide variety of health and wellbeing professionals in our community will be held in Sandgate next month.

Sandgate's Wellbeing Expo will see the Sandgate Town Hall transformed for a full day of health stalls, workshops and talks on Sunday, March 4.

Engagement Psychology owner Lisa Johnson is coordinating the expo, and as a local psychologist and organisational wellbeing consultant, she shares a passion for connecting the community through health and wellbeing.

**"**Sandgate and local surrounding areas have such a diverse and talented range of health-related services, businesses and professionals," Lisa says.

"I wanted to strengthen the linkages between these services and professionals and offer an uplifting, inspiring and educational event to showcase our unique talents."



*L-R: Local professionals featuring at the Expo; Kerry Jeffs, Lisa Johnson, Amy Van de Belt and Pam Hird.*

With more than 20 years in the health industry, Lisa believes this expo is very important for our community.

"Our lives can be so busy, consuming and stressful at times," she says.

"We live in such a beautiful location with such talented and diverse individuals. We need to come together more frequently, connect and share the richness of our supportive and caring community."

Expo stalls will cover a wide range of health areas including nutrition and food, emotional and psychological support services, exercise, dance and yoga as well as spiritual, and much more.

The expo will run from 10am to 4pm and include giveaways, raffle and lucky door prizes. Half of the money raised by the raffle will go towards supporting the invaluable work of SANDBAG, Sandgate's Community Centre.

There is still time to be involved, so if you would like to have a stall, workshop or volunteer to assist at the expo, email Lisa at [health.holistic@optusnet.com.au](mailto:health.holistic@optusnet.com.au).

Pre-purchased tickets for \$15 are available online until February 23. Tickets will be \$20 on the day. Children's tickets are available at the door for \$5 (under 8 are free).

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**FOR TICKETS VISIT [eventbrite.com.au/e/sandgates-wellbeing-expo-tickets-41042130116](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/sandgates-wellbeing-expo-tickets-41042130116)**

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*Cherie Gorringe recommends  
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## THE HIPPOCRATES DIET

*Story Annelise Stephenson*

“ Hippocrates, born around 460 BC, coined the famous saying, “Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.”

Considered the greatest physician of his time, Hippocrates understood the importance of nourishing the human body with healthy, wholesome food. The body, if fuelled correctly, can achieve optimal health, and many diseases and sicknesses can be avoided.

Naturopath and Food and Nutrition coach Cherie Gorringe, from Evolve Your Health at Sandgate, offers excellent advice regarding eating for optimal health. She explains that our food is becoming deprived of essential vitamins and minerals due to modern farming practices, pesticides, toxins and even the chemicals in our water supply. We no longer entirely rely on getting our basic nutrition from food as easily as we used to; but, it's not all bad news. By being aware of what is in our food, and how to eat properly, we can still incorporate nutrient-dense foods, which are healing to the body.

Cherie recommends we read the labels on our food; know where the food comes from and exactly what's in it. Avoid genetically modified corn products, choose organic wherever possible, and when it comes to fruit and vegetables, try to pick those with thicker skins, such as bananas and pineapples, as they are less affected by chemicals. Add clean sea vegetables to your diet, such as wakame, dulse, nori and kelp, and use a good quality Celtic sea salt.

Cherie also recommends investing in a good quality water filter as it will help remove chlorine and any pharmaceutical residue in the water supply. Eat organic meats that are ethically sustained, and when grocery shopping, stick to the fresh food area of the supermarket. As for kids, feed them a rainbow each day; that is, a range of different coloured fruits and vegetables that contain a variety of nutrients that their growing bodies need.

By asking questions about food, sourcing organic where possible, we'll limit the toxins we put into our bodies and will be improving our health one small step at a time.





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## YOGA WITH YOUR PIERS

Story *Brooke Jacobson* Photo *Paul Neil*

**T**ake a deep breath and finally stretch into those New Year's resolutions with a special sunrise yoga class at the Shorncliffe Pier.

Hosted by Urban Bliss Yoga, the Sound Off At Sea event will take place on Sunday, February 4 at 5.15am.

Urban Bliss Yoga founder Nicola Bone says the class is a great way to shake off the party season and greet the year.

"Our motto for the event is saluting the sunrise, and it's perfect for anyone who really wants to just stop and take a breath after the busy festive season," she says.

"The Shorncliffe Pier is such an iconic location, and we just can't wait to have more than 200 yogis there for the occasion."

Nicola adds you don't have to be a yoga expert to attend. Sound Off At The Sea is for everyone.

"This event really is for all ages, all levels of yoga experience — even if you've never done yoga before," she says.

"It's such a beautiful way to stretch your body, at a gorgeous location."

Nicola will be leading the class, with participants given wireless headphones to wear during the event so that they can hear her instructions and the music.

There will also be six other yoga teachers on the pier to assist local yogis who may not have a clear view of Nicola.

Class participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat.

The event is in its second year, although in 2017 the class was held at sunset.

"We thought we'd try something a bit different this time," Nicola says.

"You can't really beat seeing the sunrise as you breathe and stretch at that beautiful location on Moreton Bay."

Sound Off At Sea will be held on Sunday, February 4 at 5.15am. It's a 60-minute class, and participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at [www.facebook.com/urbanblissyoga](http://www.facebook.com/urbanblissyoga) or at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sound-off-at-sea-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sound-off-at-sea-tickets)



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*Catherine Cox will feature her short film 'A Jaunty Jaunt' at the inaugural Sandgate Film Gala on March 24.*

## STORYTELLING ON THE SCREEN

**F**ilmmaker Catherine Cox is one of the local artists whose short movie will be screened at the upcoming Sandgate Film Gala on March 24.

Catherine has lived in the area for twenty years. That's got to be local right? After raising three boys, she has turned her focus to film. Having previous experience in graphic design and media, creating experiential, interactive and immersive works, she recently set her sights on developing her filmmaking skills.

Her short film, *A Jaunty Jaunt*, was accepted and screened at Gympie's Heart of Gold International Film Festival (HOG) in 2017. As an emerging filmmaker, this is an extraordinary acknowledgement of her talents. HOG sets a high standard, with specific criteria, and is held in utmost regard by both the industry and audiences alike.

Set in the 1880's (with a twist), and filmed in Shorncliffe and Sandgate with some of Brisbane's oldest, loveliest buildings as backdrops, *A Jaunty Jaunt* is a delightful journey encompassing old world charm, light-heartedness and humour.

With bold and unconventional European immigrant parents, Catherine's childhood was spent between the rugged Central Queensland Gemfields, and

the alternative region of Nimbin, in northern NSW. With a mind further broadened by travel, and her sharp perception and imagination, stories form, drawn from past experiences and innovative ideas, conveyed with a depth of emotional understanding.

Catherine has a strong vision for what she wants to create in film. "My desire is to bring a unique, fresh perspective to storytelling," she says.

Along with fellow local filmmaker Dean Gibson, Catherine will be a participant in the Q&A session as part of the main screening event on the night. You will find out more about their creative processes, projects in the pipeline, and other interesting tidbits. Both of their films will be screened, followed by the best of HOG 2017.

Keep updated by visiting the Facebook page, [SandgateFilmGala](#).

**Tickets are available online now at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)**

Look out for the next article in the Sandgate Guide in March, and...

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## STILL MOVING FORWARD

*Story Emma Harley Photo Paul Neil*

**I**t was the end of an era last month with the closure of iconic Sandgate landmarks the RSL Memorial Club due to debt.

Sandgate RSL Sub Branch vice president and senior welfare officer Peter McNamara says the closure was a huge loss for the community, but the Sandgate RSL Sub Branch is focusing on moving forward.

“At present, the Sandgate RSL Sub Branch is actively searching for a new tenant and also looking at every way we can assist the community in this situation,” he says.

“We have had two companies looking at the site, and one has expressed a deep interest in further discussions with both Worrells and Sandgate RSL Sub Branch, so there is definitely more to follow in this matter.

“It would be ideal if that tenant was a like-minded business or club of some nature that would fill the gap for entertainment and social climate that the Sandgate area is needing.

“Should that not eventuate, we are willing to consider all options, but our primary concerns are for the like-minded club-type of tenant, who will employ that labour, that were, unfortunately, the main victims of this situation.”

Peter says that the role of veteran affairs will continue in the community as it always has, both in events and veteran support.

“We have our duty to continue our pensions and welfare work to support the needy amongst the veterans and families within the community,” he says.

“And the closure of Club Sandgate will have no effect on our major commemorative services this year.

“This year celebrates the Armistice — the end of World War One, the war to end all wars, and our commemoration of this will be a solemn and respectful experience starting with the Anzac Day commemorations and concluding on the 11th November at 11:00am, when the official end of the war was signaled 100 years ago to the day.

“Veterans Day on the 18th August will also be remembered with a solemn service that veterans of the community will be encouraged as always to attend.”

Peter says they must continue to grow the membership by engaging with the community to help take the RSL forward.

For more information or to stay up to date with the latest developments, visit: [clubsandgate.com.au/sub-branch](http://clubsandgate.com.au/sub-branch)

# Great performances

SUBMITTED STORY

## in December 2017 piano concert



*Kathy Vu has been teaching classic piano for over 25 years. This year the students performances really made her proud.*

Mozart, Beethoven and Debussy were among some of the music wafting through the air around the Sandgate Town Hall on the first Sunday afternoon of December last year. The students of Kathy Vu shared with their proud and supportive family and friends what they had learnt all year. Not only were the performances entertaining, they demonstrated their skill, dedication and hours of practice.

No-one would have guessed that two weeks earlier, things weren't going so smoothly. Unfortunately, Kathy had been very sick, some students changed songs, others needed intensive practice while a few had to work on stage fright nerves. Kathy, who won Piano Scholarships for 2 years and graduated from the Conservatorium of Music in Brisbane has been teaching classic piano over 25 years, commented, "As the students' playing improved, I could see their confidence and sense of accomplishment grow. On concert day, they didn't need any encouragement

from me; they knew they had performed beautifully."

Kathy is particularly proud of her student, Mika Atkinson, who has been selected to study at Conservatorium of music, Griffith University in 2018. All of Kathy's students performed exceptionally well with an outstanding performances from Percy Page, aged 7 who memorized two big pieces ("Amelia" and "Bumble Bee") exceptionally well. Other highlights were Florence Power, aged 9, sang and played beautifully "Over the Rainbow", Milla Vo, aged 12, played "Blue Danube", May Carroll, aged 7, played the whole two movements of Mozart's Sonatine without missing a beat and Ella Davies, aged 6, played "Jingle Bells" & "the Little Indian Song" without any fear. Kylie Punter, also aged 6, played "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" without any mistakes and Leticia Gunton, performed on stage for the very first time and delightfully played "Turkish March".



Students performed in 2017 Concert: Rosie Lam, Ella Davies, Charlotte Jarrett, Indianna Andersen, Courtney Kilduff, Xavier Croad, Spencer Toth, Charlton Toth, Ginelle Tan, Lisa Tran, Alba Hudson, Kylie Punter, May Carroll, Hamish Cross, Lulu Parker, Gisele Tan, Shrestha Chandra, Percy Page, Leo Gorringer, Mikaila Austria, Franky Manning, Lauren Whillans, Jake Christmas, Jack Ledger, Florence Power, Harry Bennett, Daisha Donley, Nidhi Kodate, Noriko Abiko, Alex Vergara, Milla Vo, Caitlin Bennett, Cindy Tam, Davi Bennion, Anne Tayag, Tom Vo, Angela Stewart, Georgina Smith, Leticia Gunman, Julia Lean.





*Florist Kylie Nikkinen of The Flower Hit getting ready for Valentine's Day*

## PETAL TO THE METAL

Story *Emma Harley* Photo *Paul Neil*

**V**alentine's Day is fast approaching and love is in the air for millions of loved-up Aussies, with floral gifts the number one present of choice around the country.

Shorncliffe local Kylie Nikkinen has owned popular flower delivery business The Flower Hit for almost five years, so we asked her what Valentine's Day is like on the other side of the bouquet.

**Is Valentine's Day the busiest day of the year for you?**

It certainly is — it's right up there along with Mother's Day. I love any excuse to write some soppy cards with loved-up poems and deliver flowers to hopeless romantics — what's not to love?

**What is the most popular Valentine's Day order?**

A double Flower Hit accompanied by chocolates and wine.

**What is the most extravagant order you have created?**

We once delivered a triple Flower Hit (which is our largest size) every day for a whole week leading up to Valentine's Day. The last bouquet, he personally delivered along with a proposal of marriage, and she said yes!

**What is the most unusual request you have received?**

We do not get many unusual requests, but some of the messages on the cards make us laugh.

**Your personal favourite Valentine's Day order?**

We have a regular delivery to a beautiful lady in a retirement home each Valentine's Day that we thoroughly enjoy. The look on her face when she sees her flowers and reads the card makes our day.

**Your favourite flowers for Valentine's Day?**

Roses are always my favourite as they just scream 'love', however, I don't always stick to tradition.

**What is Valentine's Day like for you behind the scenes?**

We order our flowers in advance and have a plan for the day — updating our website and organising the orders as they come in. We always cap it off as we can only cope with so many orders, and it is important to us to concentrate on our customers receiving quality flowers and service, compared to just smashing out as many as possible. We always work late the night before as it is such a busy day, but thankfully no more all-nighters — we have become more organised these days.

**How do you wind down after your Valentine's Day rush?**

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## **Married Couple**

**NAME:** Lesley

**HOMETOWN:**  
North Yorkshire, UK

**QUOTE:** Being proposed to by Andy on Valentine's Day.



**NAME:** Andy

**HOMETOWN:**  
North Yorkshire, UK

**QUOTE:**  
Proposing to Lesley on Valentine's Day in 1969.

## **Friends**

**NAME:** Jodie

**HOMETOWN:**  
Albany Creek

**QUOTE:** For Valentine's Day last year, my partner bought me a Tiffany necklace with his name engraved on the back.



**NAME:** Shaunie

**HOMETOWN:**  
Albany Creek

**QUOTE:** My boyfriend took me to a castle in Scotland for Valentine's Day one year.



## **School Mates**

**NAME:** Kurt

**HOMETOWN:**  
Brighton

**QUOTE:**  
My wedding was awesome, just a tonne of love every step of the way.



**NAME:** Nadia

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**QUOTE:** My husband surprised me on our first anniversary by organising a secret getaway – he even sorted out my work leave without me knowing.

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## FALL IN LOVE WITH ART AT VALENTINE'S FORESHORE POP UP

Story *Brooke Jacobson* Photo *Paul Neil*

**I**f you're looking for the perfect gift to set someone's heart a-flutter, get along to the **Valentine's Foreshore Pop Up**, hosted by Sandgate Art Society (SasArt) on February 10.

Local artists, including painter Sandra Walshe, will be exhibiting their work on the Sandgate foreshore on Flinders Parade, opposite First Avenue.

"I go through phases with my art," Sandra says.

"I've been through a floral phase, realism and now it's really more abstract expressionism. I work in all different mediums as well, but mostly oils."

Sandra says the artists involved in the foreshore pop up loved meeting members of the public during the last event.

"We have such a talented, artistic community here," she says.

"And you couldn't ask for a more beautiful backdrop [for an art show] than the Sandgate foreshore."

SasArt president John Blackley says the group has two foreshore pop ups a year, one in summer and one in winter. The event is now in its fourth year.

"I originally got the idea from the Swells festival at Currumbin," he says.

"The foreshore pop up features work by all local artists, and if you're looking for an original, handmade piece for a gift, this the event for you.

"We see a lot of people on the foreshore out walking their dog or jogging, and they may not necessarily be people who have bought art before, but they stop and have a look, and it's great for the artists to get their names out there.

"We're very excited that this is our first event for 2018 and it will be leading us up to our Easter Art Show at St Pat's."

Up to a dozen artists will be showing their works on the foreshore, including paintings, sculpture, pottery and 3D driftwood art and of course, everything is for sale.

Sandra adds, "I think a lot of people now are trying to avoid buying mass produced things; there's a real movement happening and buying local art is a great way to support that."

The Valentine's Foreshore Pop Up will be held on Saturday, February 10 on Flinders Parade, opposite First Avenue in Sandgate from 7am until noon.

For more information, go to the Sandgate Art Society Facebook page. SasArt meets on Monday evenings at Artrageous in Loftus Street, Deagon.

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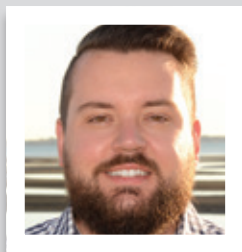


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# A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Cr Jared Cassidy



I want to wish Deagon Ward residents a Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and are feeling energised and ready for a big 2018.

With the start of the school year upon us, please be mindful of

school zones to ensure the safety of the children in our community. A new Enhanced School Zone (ESZ) has been installed on Sandgate Road outside the Boondall State School.

The installation of the ESZ will slow motorists and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. ESZ signs will be in operation between 7am-9am and 2pm-4pm on school days. From the start of the 2018 school year, a reduced speed of 40km/h will apply during these times.

Now that the Sandgate Pool development application has been approved, we can look forward to the upgrade of this important community asset. With the addition of the new ten-lane, 25-metre indoor heated pool, residents will be able to use the facilities all year round, not just in the warmer months.

## Stirling Hinchliffe MP



Like you, I know that our local not-for-profit organisations are the backbone of our community. In February, I'm urging all local not-for-profit community groups to apply for funding under the next round of the Palaszczuk Government's Gambling

Community Benefit Fund.

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Local organisations continue to benefit from this grant, for example, Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane, the Brighton Roosters and Singh Sabha Brisbane in Taigum have recently benefited from grant funding under this initiative.

To apply, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund's online grant portal has a wealth of information at your service and can be accessed at: [www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au/#/welcome](http://www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au/#/welcome)

I also invite all community organisations seeking to find out more about this grant or how to apply to contact my electorate office on ph. 3639 9100 or via email [Sandgate@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sandgate@parliament.qld.gov.au)

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## THURSDAY 01

Open Mic  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

## FRIDAY 02

Double Jack  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

Alex & Bec Crook  
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Mark Chomyn  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SATURDAY 03

Booksy & Co  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

Daryl James at Cardigan Bar  
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Music By The Sea Presents  
The Necks  
Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

Shane Wilkinson  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SUNDAY 04

Children's Magician  
& Balloon Artist  
Full Moon Hotel 11:30am

Kel Harper  
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

Nathan Bruen  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

Rock and Roll Sunday  
w/- West Texas Crude  
Cardigan Bar 4:30pm

## TUESDAY 06

Music By The Sea Festival 2018  
Sandgate Town Hall 11am

## THURSDAY 08

Open Mic  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

## FRIDAY 09

SOUL CUTZ  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

Cheyne Starkie Trio Live  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Peko  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SATURDAY 10

Irish Sessions  
Cardigan Bar 3pm

Business Time  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

The Dreggs  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Ben Stewart  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SUNDAY 11

Craig Atkins  
Cardigan Bar 7am

Pub Piano Singalong  
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

Jeff Carter  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

## THURSDAY 15

Open Mic  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

## FRIDAY 16

The Sirens plus Andrew Palmer  
EclecTea 6pm

DJ Jordan  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 6pm

Moondog Blues  
Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

Jimmy D  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SATURDAY 17

Vital Juices Record Market arvo  
EclecTea 3pm

Two Smooth  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

Andrea Kirwan  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Noah Fonoti  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SUNDAY 18

Children's Magician  
& Balloon Artist  
Full Moon Hotel 11:30am

Fabio Tolli  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

Kel Harper  
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

## THURSDAY 22

Open Mic  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

## FRIDAY 23

DJ Jordan  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 6pm

Malcom Smith From Wesson  
Super-Mare - EclecTea 6pm

Cheyne Starkie Solo  
Cardigan Bar 7pm

Mark Chomyn  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SATURDAY 24

Midnight Groove  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

Tyrone Drahm  
Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## SUNDAY 25

Andrea Kirwan  
Full Moon Hotel 2pm

Dan England  
Phoenix Bar & Lounge 2pm

Rub a Dub Kitchen  
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**Synonymous with summer, fish and chips are an Aussie staple and Sandgate's newest eatery, Beach N Brew, has made quite an impact on the local fish and chips scene.**

**A**fter scouting for the perfect Sandgate location for some time, owner Matthew Stephen says he knew the Rainbow Street location was perfect when it became vacant in late 2017.

"I grew up and still live in the Sandgate area and was looking for a second venue for our popular Eatons Hill Beach N Brew," he says.

"When the location became vacant, I knew it was in need of a revamp, so I contacted the owner of the building and went from there."

Coming from a long line of food connoisseurs, Matthew and his family have been a part of the hospitality industry for generations, which propelled his decision to start the Beach N Brew establishments.

"I was born into the food industry, and my parents started the very popular local Sandgate restaurant Raphael's, before selling in 2000," he says.

"Although I am a construction tradesman, I am from a family of chefs, and it is an important part of my life."

Matthew says there's nothing he likes more in life than a challenge and great fish and chips, which is exactly the combination he signed up for in Beach N Brew.



"We offer not only fish and the best chips and gravy in the area, we also have an all-day breakfast menu, coffee and snack packs — if you can eat our Sandgate Snack Pack in under 15 minutes, it is free," he says.

**//** We even have a special burger menu designed by our customers, and they seem to be flying out of the door.

"We encourage patrons to leave their own specialty burger recipe, and we make sure it gets a run on the menu."

Matthew says the support and feedback from the community since opening has been wonderful.

"The Sandgate community [is] unbelievable — they do their best to support local small businesses, and we all really appreciate that," he says.

"We would love people to come down and give us a try, and leave some feedback about what they would like to see in the store — we are there to serve our customers, and with their feedback and support, we will only continue to grow and improve which will enable us to employ more locals."



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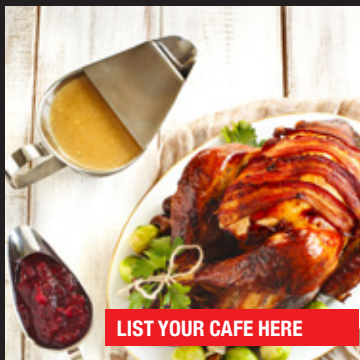
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### UNPLUGGED CAFE

SANDBAG's Unplugged Cafe is on the 1st Friday of every month and has been running for over 10years!

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Organiser Bob Carroll says the expo has seen an increase in exhibitor bookings this year, making it one of the biggest events in Queensland.

This increase is driven by the boom in the traditional family camping holiday, with people on the lookout for the ideal, caravan, camper trailer, boat or four-wheel-drive for their outdoor adventures.

**“**It is all about families, and families are looking for ways to get their kids to disconnect from technology and get active,” Bob says.

“These sorts of holidays do that brilliantly, but they are also very affordable and let’s face it, all kids, and lots of adults, love getting out and enjoying the great outdoors.”

Last year’s expo saw more than 18,000 people come through the gates, and this year promises to be bigger and better, Bob says.

“People will be spoilt for choice with more than 80 major leisure vehicle manufacturers showcasing the very latest offerings.”

Other highlights include the Peninsula 4x4 and Outdoor 4x4 Off-road Skills Track shows daily, camp oven cooking demonstrations by Ranger Nick, hourly reptile shows, and free kids train and amusement rides.

Fishing enthusiast Dave ‘Mossy’ Moss is returning for his fishing and casting demonstrations throughout the day.

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# INTERVIEW WITH A CROW

Story *Leanne Palmer*

**HUMAN:** Good Morning. We're here today at a park in Sandgate with a Torresian Crow. Thank you for making time to chat.

**TORRESIAN CROW:** My pleasure. Plus it gave me the opportunity to note that there's some fresh road kill on the street over there. Me and my mates, we love that kind of thing.

**H:** So, tell me, you (and your fellow corvids) have the reputation of being the most intelligent birds. Any advances in crow technology?

**TC:** Well, we're always on the lookout for better ways of doing things. You might have heard we've figured out how to eat cane toads without ingesting their poison. Bloody brilliant, really. I mean, there's a resource just waiting to be utilised.

**H:** Tell me more?

**TC:** Well it's simple really. The poison's all on the skin on the back, so, flip 'em over and go in via the belly. Solved. I've heard a few of my mates talking about targeting Mynas next. Not that they're poisonous or anything, just that you humans regard them as a pest, and well, crows could do with some better publicity themselves, so it got us thinking...

**H:** Why do you think crows are not well regarded by humans?

**TC:** Beats me. You're a finicky lot, no offence intended. Apparently, our call is considered annoying. We've certainly been blamed, along with others, for the reduction in small bird numbers. But to be honest, I think it's just Tall Poppy Syndrome.

**H:** What do you mean exactly?

**TC:** Well, our intelligence. You feel threatened that we may well be smarter than you. Plus we're so damn good at adapting to new situations and opportunities, and thriving... A bit like immigrants, and they don't always get a good rap either.

**H:** So, tell me a little more about yourself? Perhaps what the rest of the day holds?

**TC:** Ar...Right. Ark...ark...arrrrk. Ok, so seeing as we're nearly done here, I just took that opportunity to signal my mates. They'll join me over there for that snack on the road. After that, I don't know about them, but I'm going house-hunting. I'm pretty particular with that; must be at least 10m off the ground. Not so many of them around these days, though Sandgate is better than many places. The humans here DO like trees.

**H:** Well, thank you again. And good luck in your endeavours.

*Footnote... The interviewer would like to acknowledge the brilliant Clarke and Dawe team and point out that all information, other than the part about crows targeting Myna birds, is true.*

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## WORLD OF MUSICAL DELIGHTS

Story *Philip Woods*

**I**t's great news for fans of local music; this year, Unplugged Café is going global.

Most folks who have lived in the Sandgate area for any time over the last few decades will know of the great work that our local not-for-profit community organisation SANDBAG has done to assist people in our community who face disadvantage.

This sounds like serious stuff, but seriously, some of SANDBAG's work is FUN!

Daniel Desnousse, SANDBAG's Community Partnerships Worker, is involved with presenting local favourite The Unplugged Café, a monthly event that has become a staple of the thriving Sandgate music scene.

"Unplugged Café has been running successfully for over ten years, on the first Friday of every month at the Sandgate Community Centre. Local artists perform, and together with an assortment of food it is a great night for everyone", Daniel said.

"In 2018 we will offer, for the first time, a complete multicultural experience", Daniel says. "We'll see the participation of African, Middle Eastern and Asian performers and cooks on various occasions throughout the year, starting with a Middle Eastern experience."

SANDBAG has supported refugees and new members of our community for many years and in various ways, including through offering training opportunities as part of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, through their support of the local Green Pea Community Gardens, and through various

support programs offered at the community centre.

Bringing flavours and sounds from around the world is a natural next step in the musical journey of The Unplugged Café, and as usual, everyone is welcome.

**"**Come and join us on Friday 2nd March," Daniel says. "There will be traditional music and food provided by Iraqi, Turkish and Iranian members of our local community.

"Food will be provided by the Hawa and Azhar families, who came to Brisbane from Mosul, a city in the north of Iraq. They will bring many dishes that are unique to Mosul and recipes passed down through generations".

It's an event that lovers of life, music and food won't want to miss. A taste of world music on our doorstep in Sandgate!

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## OUR CINEMATIC HISTORY

Story *Philip Woods* Photo *Supplied*

**M**ost locals of a certain age would have a memory or two of the Boondall Drive-In Theatre. I recall my first car, an HG Holden with bench seats, and driving home after a movie, with my arm around my girl.

The Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum is presenting an exhibition that examines the Sandgate area's history with cinema, as part of the upcoming SANDGATE FILM GALA. Society President Pam Verney says that cinema's history in the Sandgate area goes back further than 1956 when the Boondall Drive-In was built.

"Not many people know about it. We've had lots of cinemas; there was one on Pier Avenue in Shorncliffe; built in 1928 and demolished in '63; there was the Bon Accord on Rainbow St from 1923-60, the Beach Theatre which opened in 1924 on Flinders Parade, and burnt down in 1978; The Strand, The Mayfair (behind town hall), one at Eventide, and prior to that there were outdoor screens."

Pam's interest in Sandgate's silver screens stems from a love of local history.

"A few years ago, a man named John Andrew enquired at the museum about the Boondall Drive-

In, and we started looking into it; we did a lot of research to find out about the history. People came out of the woodwork with stories. We heard from people who had worked in the ticket booth, projectionists... I heard a story of a man whose job was to check the car boots for people trying to sneak in."

There was a time when silent movies were shown at The Bon Accord, accompanied by a 3-piece band of trumpet, piano and violin. Pam tells me a story of a man who used to carry his piano on the back of his truck, to play for the open-air movies at the Pier. Then load it up and go home afterwards.

"There's a lovely lot of history there with it," Pam said.

A key thing about history is that it needs to be shared. Pam would love to hear stories and memories you might have about the local area and its history, so pop into the Sandgate Museum and share the history sometime!

The exhibition can be seen at the museum from 10am-3pm during the Sandgate Film Gala, on the weekend of March 23 and 24.



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*Phebe Wong from Tenants Queensland will be giving free Tenancy Advice and Lunch at SANDBAG Community Centre*

## TENANCY TIPS AND RENTING ADVICE

Story *Ellen Moynihan* Photo *Paul Neil*

**C**ommunity Education and Network Development Worker Phebe Wong will be giving free tenancy advice at a SANDBAG community lunch in February.

Phebe is part of an organisation called Tenants Queensland, a community legal centre that gives free advice and assistance to people renting, whether they are in private rentals, public and community housing, caravan parks, or boarding houses.

"The top issues people often seek advice on are having repairs done, bond refunds, and ending their leases early," Phebe says.

"If they access our service, we can give them advice on the spot, or if they require further assistance, we refer a caseworker to the person, who will work one on one with them. Assistance could be as simple as helping them to fill out a tenancy form, or advocating on behalf of the tenant to get a repair done."

As indicated by 2016 census data, the 4017 area has over 3500 rental dwellings, with only half of these being affordable to median renter households. The data also indicates that 31.9% of renters in the Sandgate area experience rental stress, with the area having a moderate 'Rental Vulnerability Index' score, a measure devised by Tenants Queensland to gauge "the vulnerability of persons to problems that may make their rental housing unaffordable, insecure or inappropriate."

Phebe hopes that the Lunch will help people recognise the services that are available to them.

"We want to reach out to the Sandgate community," she says. "Hopefully people will realise we are here to assist them, and this might even become a regular event."

The Lunch will be held on Wednesday 28 February from 12pm-12.30pm at the SANDBAG Community Hall, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate.

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## Demand

The most popular homes in Sandgate, Brighton and Deagon have been three bedrooms, and in Shorncliffe and Bracken Ridge, it has been four bedrooms homes that are most in demand.

## Past Sales

- Sandgate saw 65 house sales and 7 unit sales with the average price of \$625,000 for houses and \$400,000 for units.
- Brighton was again the 2nd highest area for sales, with 180 house sales and 12 unit sales, with an average price of \$515,000 and \$440,000 respectively.

## REAL ESTATE in the **4017** AREA

- Shorncliffe had a 10% rise in sales compared to 2016, with 36 house sales with the average sale price of \$762,500.
- Deagon saw 63 house sales with an average sale price of \$457,500.
- Bracken Ridge saw the highest number of sales with 253 house sales and 22 units sold with an average sale price of \$487,750 and \$319,000 respectively.

## Outlook

With interest rates at historically low levels, high demand and a new interest from investors, we see the continuation of a strong market for 2018.

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## PIGEON NESTS A PEST FOR PANELS

Story *Emma Harley*

**P**igeons may not always rule the roost, but when it comes to solar panels, their nests become the ultimate pest.

Pure Sunshine Solar Cleaning owner Luke Vervoorn says pigeons nesting in solar panels are a big problem in the local area.

"We can't be sure where the problem started, but the bird numbers are constantly going up," he says.

"The boom of the solar industry has provided hundreds of new nesting areas for the birds, and they breed constantly — the homing nature of the bird means they stay local.

"We have completed more than 200 bird proofing jobs in our region alone and close to 500 in total."

Luke says the reason behind the rising numbers is the solar panels sit on rails above the roof to allow air to flow underneath and to prevent them overheating, but this space is a perfect nesting and roosting area for pigeons.

// These birds can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage, and if ignored, the problem gets worse with time," he says.

"Once new birds have been hatched at the property, they consider it home, and it is then harder to move them on, and the numbers grow rapidly.

"The amount of poo these birds make is incredible, and it is not only smelly but can corrode metal roofs and gutters in time, block gutters and downpipes that cause water to spill during storms.

"Bird poo on solar panels also dramatically drops the efficiency and causes hot spots, which can burn out the panels."

Luke says a solution is to get a pest proofing system, which extends to other pests including possums.

"Clips fix to the underside of the solar panels and are attached to a heavy-duty, outdoor plastic mesh to keep the pigeons from getting under," he says.

"The mesh is plastic to prevent any metal-on-metal reactions and can be clipped on and off easily, so it doesn't interfere with the system.

"People should get the problem sorted straight away as it only gets worse and more costly as time goes on."



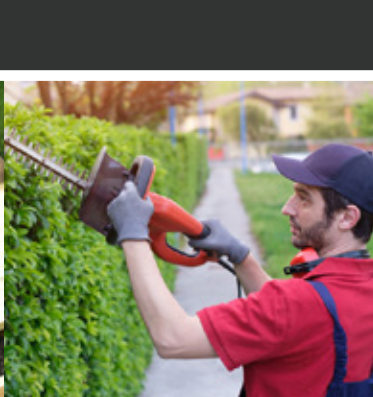
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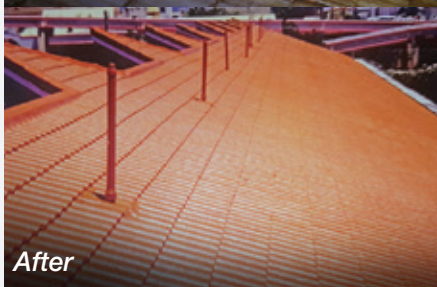
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