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A Note

FROM THE TEAM

he festive season is upon us - traditionally it's a time to slow down and to do the things you enjoy with your loved ones.

In this month's magazine we have the details for the many celebrations that are taking place in our region. Firstly, don't miss the biggest street party in Sandgate when the Jingle All the Bay Festival closes off Brighton Road to make way for food, entertainment, and more than seventy stalls selling Christmas goodies (Page 8).

We've got a double page (28-29) chock-full of ideas for things to do with the kids over the holidays, and there's something for all types of children; from those with an artistic bent to those who love sport and adventure over the holidays.

The fun doesn't stop once Christmas and New Year are over, with Australia Day by the Bay celebrations on January 26. There's the usual community barbecue afternoon (note the new location) and a great fun filled day by the bay (page 62)!

We have really enjoyed reporting what's been happening in Sandgate and surrounds, and keeping you up to date with all that goes on in our community. The team at the Sandgate Guide wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

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highlights of back at all the events world in the magazine

Looking back at all the events we've covered in the magazine, it's hard to single out any particular one but I will try to give you the flavour at least!

t's been a very musical year and judging by the variety of venues where you could hear live music in the 4017 this year, there really was something for everyone. We've Rocked under the Clock, and had Streets of Rock, as well as Music By The Sea. The region has hosted chamber music, world music, 60s Brit Rock, Rock and Roll, and contemporary ballads to name but a few. Add to that musical theatre, great local and visiting drama and cultural festivals and there can be no lover of music and the arts left disappointed this year.

As always, we love our sport and with the Commonwealth Games in Australia this year, what a thrill it was to have the Queen's Baton run through the streets on its way to the Gold Coast. The Brighton Roosters Junior Rugby League Club celebrated fifty years of play and

the Sandgate Hawks marked their seventy-fifth Anniversary in June. There was plenty of other sport too, with the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race kicking off with the Bluewater Festival, plenty of fishing, running, and let's not forget another Melbourne Cup with plenty of parties getting us in the Flemington-mood.



The Sandgate Hawks celebrated 75 years in June / photo by Paul Neil



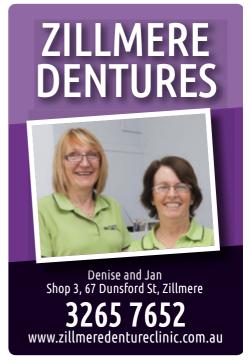
Our seaside-doorstep is home to many marine creatures, so their welfare is something we have thought a lot about too this year. The Paddle against Plastic cleaned up Cabbage Tree Creek in Shorncliffe and recovered a record amount of waste. It's not a record to be proud of but we can be proud of the efforts of all the volunteers who joined Ocean Crusaders to clean up the creek and wetlands. More than 70 Scouts also took part in Clean Up Australia Day in March, cleaning the waterways of Cabbage Tree and Nudgee Creeks.

What would our community be without the efforts of volunteers, community organisations and business getting together to put on events such as the Bluewater Festival, Einbunpin Festival, the Backyard Bonanza, and then there was the Super Sausage Sizzle, 'Parma for a Farmer' and the 'Bracken Ridge to the Bush' fundraisers to help support country folk through one of the toughest droughts we've seen in Queensland.

And lest we forget, this year marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the WWI with local initiatives marking this solemn and important occasion in Australia's history.

All that's left for 2018 is for us at the Sandgate Guide to wish you all the best for the festive season and a wonderful, happy and safe start to 2019!







Sandgate's **BIGGEST** Street Party Is Almost Here!

Story Christine Chamberlain Photos Paul Neil

ou won't want to miss the Jingle all the Bay Festival on Friday 7 December. This event promises to be bigger and better than ever with a street parade, shopfront lights' competition, entertainment for the whole family and much more.

The Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce president, Bill Gollan, says the festival, now in its third year, is a great way to kick-start Christmas celebrations in Sandgate.

"Jingle all the Bay Festival is going to be bigger than Santa's toy bill," Bill says.

This year organisers are hoping to close off the main street, from Rainbow Street all the way to Burnett Place, including the roundabout.

With more of the street closed off there's going to be more activity in the street with food and entertainment," says Bill. "This is about the whole bayside community getting involved."

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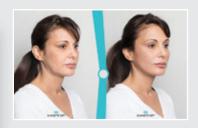
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The evening will begin at 6pm with more than seventy stalls selling Christmas goodies and food.

"You will be able to get all your Christmas cakes, toys and novelties for the big day. Shop in Sandgate for everything Christmas."

A full line up of live entertainment is planned for the corner of Keogh Street, with local musicians, artists and dance groups taking to the stage.

The Street Parade starts at 7pm, featuring local community groups. The theme for this year is 'lights', so everyone is encouraged to decorate themselves or their vehicles in twinkling lights.

Have your photo taken with Santa Claus, after the parade and your furry friends can get a photo with Santa too, courtesy of 4 Paws Dog Groomers.

Keep the children entertained with amusement, pony, and train rides; a petting zoo, craft activities and more.

A new initiative for families kicks off on the night: the 'Spot Santa in Sandgate' treasure hunt. Santa has delivered some special treats to Sandgate businesses and, if children spot Santa in a shopfront, they can pick up a treat by visiting the store.

The Chamber's Sandgate Business Lights Competition will also be drawn at the festival. Make sure you vote for your favourite shopfront display on the Jingle all the Bay Facebook page.

"We're encouraging all local businesses to dress up their shopfronts and enter," Bill says.

"All our local businesses are getting into the spirit of Christmas, so please support them."

It is not too late to get involved! Email stalls@sandgatechamber.com.au if you want to have a stall at this festival.

JINGLE ALL THE BAY

Friday 7 December from 6pm Brighton Road, Sandgate Facebook @jingleallthebay







Kids find inner strength.

Story Kylie Fennell Photo Paul Neil

t may be one of the busiest times of the year, but it's also perfect timing for a unique yoga and aromatherapy workshop being held just for kids.

The Peace Begins with Me workshop will be held in Brighton on 18 December.

The workshop is organised by local kids' yoga teacher and massage therapist, Ainsley Moden, and will give children aged five to twelve an opportunity to build inner strength and calm in the lead-up to the 'silly' season.

It's an activity that incorporates fun and engaging kids yoga, as well as an aromatherapy braceletmaking workshop.

Ainsley says, "This workshop combines yoga poses and therapy exercises, breath work, mindfulness, positive affirmations and a 'make and take' bracelet."

Ms Moden has been practising yoga for over fifteen years and is a firm believer in a positive mental attitude making a big difference in life. "I love to share my passion for health, to help kids improve their body awareness, manage emotions and build inner strength and calm," she explains.

Kayla, from the Karhi Collection Workshop, will work with the participants to create their own aromatherapy bracelet using crystals and doTERRA essential oils.

"I love all things natural, and I love to share doTERRA essential oils which offer a natural alternative to support stress, anxiety and big emotions," Ainsley adds.



The bracelet making is a mindfulness and an empowering activity to help kids become more body-aware and to self-regulate their emotions."

The Peace Begins with Me workshop will be held in the grounds of Nashville State School. Bookings are essential and should be made via www.beinggrounded.com.au/registration. You can also find more information about the event on Facebook.

Peace Begins With Me Yoga and Aromatherapy Workshop For Kids

Tuesday 18 December, 9am–12pm Nashville State School Grounds, Brighton

Cost is \$40 per child, including yoga class, bracelet materials and morning tea.

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Story Brooke Jacobson

orthsiders are being asked to warm up their vocal cords for the annual Bracken Ridge Christmas Carols Spectacular.

This event, which is organised for 4017 residents by the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church, has become an integral part of Christmas celebrations. It will be held at the Norris Road State School on December 16.

Pastor Graham Wray says he expects to see between three to five thousand people at the spectacular, which is now in its twentieth year. "As far as the 4017 [community] is concerned, I'd say we're on par with the Bluewater or Einbunpin Festival," he says. "It's really become a part of people's Christmas."

Church office co-ordinator, Rachel Rees, says the festivities will start at 4pm with a twilight Christmas market, the carols commencing at 7pm and a fireworks display to finish the evening.

"For the market, we're expecting twenty to thirty stall holders, plus food trucks," she says. "Everything Christmassy will be on offer - craft, candles, sweets - you name it. Our stall holders have been coming for years, from as far away as the Gold Coast. If anyone has any last minute Christmas shopping, this is the time to do it."

Pastor Graham adds that there will be a sideshow alley this year - free for children and with prizes on offer for the little ones.

He hopes people are coming to the event ready to sing. "We're big on local talent – we have local choirs performing, school kids, dancers and members of our own church," he said.



"There are no big name performers. This is for the community, by the community. People will hear all the carols they know and love - all the classics, plus modern ones as well.

"The theme this year is celebrating all the different meanings of Christmas. That could be spending time with family or it could be celebrating the Christian meaning of Christmas."

Rachel joins in, "We're a diverse community in Bracken Ridge, with so many different cultures and we want to celebrate that - everyone is welcome no matter their culture or religion."

Visit Facebook for more information. For anyone interested in donating Christmas hamper items for those in need can contact the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church on ph: 3261 5045.

The Bracken Ridge **Christmas Carols Spectacular**

Sunday, 16 December from 4pm

Norris Road State School 28 Greenore Street, Bracken Ridge

The Bracken Ridge Baptist Church is at 47 Norris Road, Bracken Ridge. Church services will be held on Christmas Eve at 7pm and on Christmas Day at 8am.







Bill Brown Reserve Sports Park, Artist Impression

ord Mayor Graham Quirk has announced that Brisbane City Council will expand its world-class sporting precinct at Telegraph Road, adding netball courts for district-grade competitions.

Cr Quirk said the \$7 million project will address the shortage of netball facilities in the city's northern suburbs and will help to meet the need for more community sporting facilities.

He says, "The Bill Brown Reserve Sports Park will provide more leisure and lifestyle opportunities, creating more to see and do in Brisbane. The Council is committed to creating a sporting hub at Fitzgibbon and in the past four years has delivered a new aquatic centre, the city's first BMX track and a skate plaza."

Cr Quirk went on to say that the park extension will offer four netball courts with lighting, an 80-plus carpark, and a new greenspace for recreation. There will also be a new roundabout with connecting pathways to adjoining facilities.

Bracken Ridge Ward Councillor Amanda Cooper welcomed the announcement, which would provide training opportunities for local netball clubs.

"Currently, clubs such as the Ridgettes do not have their own facilities for training and are forced to hire netball courts at the local schools," Cr Cooper says.

"These new netball courts at Bill Brown Reserve will not only provide training facilities available both during the day and the evenings, but will also allow more opportunities for social netball games.

"Netball continues to be one of the most popular social sports in our community, but until now our community has not had enough facilities to accommodate games."

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Story Christine Chamberlain

t is beginning to sound a lot like Christmas in Sandgate - as we kick off the festive season with Carols beside Einbunpin Lagoon.

Join the community in the heart of Sandgate at this year's Carols by the Bay on Thursday, 6 December. It's a free evening of fun for the whole family.

We suggest you bring along a picnic blanket or chair and find a spot on the grass in front of the rotunda where you can listen to the voices of students from Sandgate, Brighton and Nashville state schools. They'll be supported by the Pine Rivers Brass Band and Multitude Community Choir. The evening is a great chance for local families to gather and hear their children perform, after months of practicing their favourite Christmas carols at school.

The event is hosted by Cr Jared Cassidy, Stirling Hinchliffe MP and Wayne Swan MP. This is the third year they have sponsored this popular event - rescuing it after previous hosts, the Rotary Club of Sandgate, unfortunately folded.

Councillor Cassidy says the Carols are a great way to kick off Christmas in Sandgate, and it will be followed by the Jingle all the Bay Festival the next evening.

"This event has been a great family night out in Sandgate, for decades," Cr Cassidy says.

"I remember attending carols in Sandgate with my family, growing up and later singing in my school choir. This event hasn't lost any of its magic. Join us for a very special night."

After the students finish singing there will be a special visit from Santa in his sleigh, thanks to the Bracken Ridge Lions Club.

Local primary schools will keep the crowd fed with a barbecue and Sandgate High School will be selling popcorn and lollies.

Bramble Bay Lions will be selling their popular Christmas cakes and there will also be snow cones, coffee and glow products for sale.

The evening kicks off with the barbecue from 5pm. Performances start at 6pm.

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

For more information phone the Deagon Ward Office on 3667 6011.

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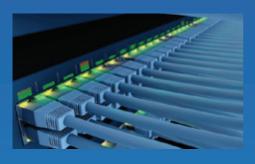
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February: Slava & Leonard Grigoryan - Guitar Duo

Story Donna Phillips

The twenty-second year of the Monthly Concert Series will be launched in style in the New Year.

Master guitarists Slava and Leonard Grigoryan will perform in the Sandgate Town Hall on 2 February 2019, making this town a hot spot of top touring destinations. The three-time ARIA Award winners will bring the same genius to the Sandgate Town Hall as when they performed classical, jazz and contemporary music with the likes of KD Lang and the great flamenco guitarist, Paco Pena.

In other news, readers may recall that Music By The Sea (MBTS) commissioned composer Elena Kats-Chernin to write the Sandgate Piano Sonata, in 2015. MBTS's Director, Zoli Mauritz is delighted to announce the work will be recorded in 2019, played by pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska.

However, followers of the annual Music By The Sea Festival will be disappointed to learn that the festival is discontinuing. Mr Mauritz says he has decided to instead concentrate on the monthly concert series.

"After sixteen years of running festivals in the New Year, I've decided to re-focus. Festivals mean months of hard work with an added financial risk. So, I've decided to have a holiday in January instead," he jokes.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors who have made it possible over all the years, and to invite new sponsors to support the most noble of causes - Art - which is essential for the well-being of the community."

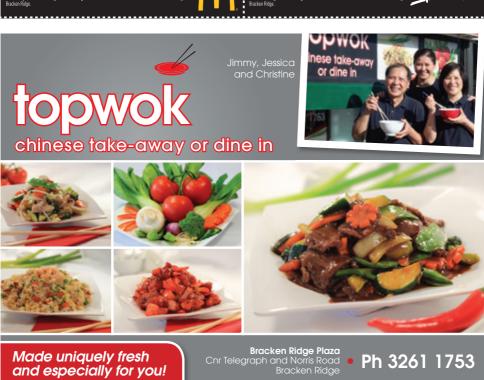
"Our philosophy is to bring all genres of quality music to Sandgate. We have a unique concept. Our monthly program is impressive by any standard. And who can beat this magnificent, heritage-listed venue? Then, there's affordability: city prices are higher and venues much less intimate," he says.

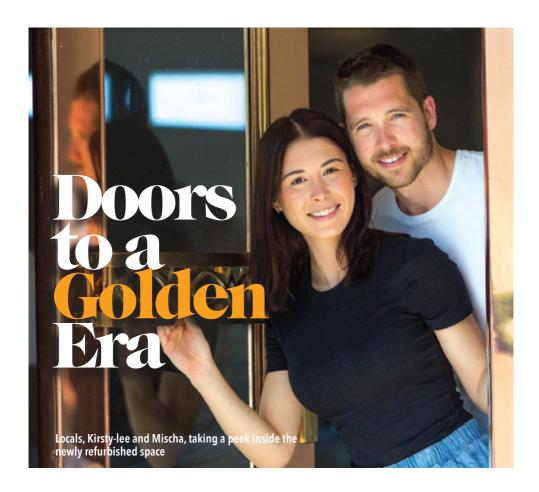
German-born Australian classical guitarist and actress Karin Schaupp adds a final high note saying, "I applaud Zoli Mauritz and his team for their vision and nurturing of fine music, presented independently and to such a fine level."

Saturday, 2 February 2019 from 7.30pm Sandgate Town Hall Tickets online: musicbythesea.com.au

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Story Ineke Hodalin Photo Paul Neil

hether you are a Sandgate local or a frequent visitor, chances are you have already taken a peek inside the ritzy new property at number 19 Brighton Road (old Gloria Jean's premises). Perhaps you've heard the rumours about its future occupants and, like the rest of us, can't wait to see what happens next.

The first thing you notice are the magnificent copper entrance doors. The property's owner, Ricky Ricardo, is passionate as he talks about them.

"These doors were in the 'Gabba demolition and they were painted green; khaki-green and

caked on paint. I loved the handles; I didn't know what they were. I scratched them and ended up buying them. They are the original doors of the 'Gabba Hotel."

Looking up as we walk through those doors, we admire the huge chandelier dominating the space. It too was in a deplorable state when Ricky found it. His sister started the restoration process, and then a few more people got involved. Its effect in the space is stunning.

"I just love architecture and old buildings; to bring them back to the way they were. That's what my passion is. I just want to get them right," Ricky says. "It's not hard work at all. I love it. I've got crews. It's a great team.

They are on the same page. They know what I like; what I want and they work to a certain standard."

That standard is remarkable. Every detail has been crafted to enhance and maintain the integrity of the building. From the beautifullyrepaired, original trusses to the polished floors, every fitting reflects the opulence of a bygone age. The ceiling has been replaced but some of the timber now clads the steel posts that support the outside awnings, completing the look.

"All this has been done locally which is really good local renderers, local builder. local steel fabricators, local tiler. It's all just local guys," Ricky adds.

As for his vision, "I would love to see a bar with live music here - that would be ideal, because I'd like to come and visit it. I'd like the people of Sandgate, Shorncliffe and Brisbane to come and enjoy this space. "

Asked whether he wanted ideas from the public, Ricky replied, "I don't mind. I love input, but I'm just happy for someone to come up with an idea. I don't want the dynamic changed. I want to get someone in who knows what they're doing."

"My dream for Sandgate is to get hold of and open up some of these old buildings and bring them back to life."

Ricky is happy to talk to prospective tenants, or listen to any ideas. You may contact him on 0418 871 166.





Running Santas

Story Kate Collins

o need to wait up late for Santa this Christmas. He'll be jogging along the Sandgate foreshore! In fact, at 7am on Tuesday 25 December, up to three hundred Santas are expected for the Christmas Day parkrun, along with a host of glittery, tinselly and maybe even antlered, runners.

There will also be a costumed New Year's Day parkrun.

This will be the third year in a row that these special parkruns have been hosted by Sandgate parkrun, which has just celebrated its sixth birthday with a super herothemed event.

What's more, runners can still go to the regular Saturday morning parkrun between Christmas and New Year's Day, says event director, Vanessa Gibson. "We're hoping for lots of costumes to put a smile on everyone's face. It's our gift to the community."

And, the 7am starts should fit around busy schedules, "It's after kids have opened Christmas presents but before the lunches and dinners, and 7am on New Year's Day is a nice healthy way to start the year, and work off any party aftereffects."

Vanessa promises that her partner, event co-director Dean Gibson, will be eye-catching, "He'll be in full Santa costume or maybe a Santa onesie."

Sandgate Cinema's 'Christmas Shorts'

Start the school holidays with a special free screening of Disney's "Christopher Robin" starring Ewan McGregor at the Sandgate Town Hall.

Proudly sponsored by Councillor, Jared Cassidy, and hosted by the Sandgate Cinema Club, the movie will screen at 2:30pm on Sunday 16 December. Pack a cushion, beanbag, or fluffy rug, and bring the whole family to watch this heartwarming movie. Doors open at 2pm.

Tickets are free, but seating is limited – so, avoid disappointment and head to the trybooking website www.trybooking.com and search 'Sandgate Cinema Club' to secure your tickets. Popcorn, chips and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

After the matinee, the Cinema Club's regular (members only – new members are most welcome) monthly event will screen from 6-9pm. This month's theme is "Christmas Shorts", featuring a special selection of Christmas-themed short films from around the world.

As usual, Cinema Club will add some unexpected quirks to the mix; so, it's going to be a great evening. Get into the spirit of Christmas - dress up in your favourite Christmas Shorts and bring along a platter of nibbles to share. Doors open at 6pm for this event – check www.sandgatecinemaclub.com.au for details.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

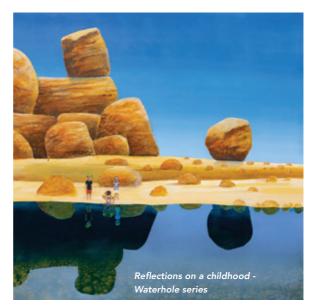
Sandgate artist, Pete Martin is a professional Artist working in his studio most days. Pete is well known for his watercolours and aerial landscapes, his colour mastery and strong compositions have seen him win multiple awards internationally and locally.

Lecturing at the BIA (Brisbane Institute of Art) and running two Art Galleries has given Pete a wellrounded understanding of the art world, his works are still affordable he is constantly busy with commissions.

Having curated over 100 exhibitions and with over 21 solo exhibitions behind him, Pete is certainly an artist worth looking at.

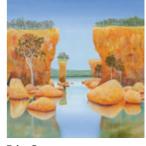
You can follow Pete on Facebook. find Martin Galleries and see the work as it happens there. Contact Pete on 0419 679 709 or email pete@martingalleries.com with your enquiries."











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LOOKING FOR A FUN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY?

School is over for another year and the holiday season is upon us, so it's time to have some summer fun!

■here's plenty to keep the whole crew busy in the Sandgate region, whether you want to be indoors or outdoors, in the sun or in the shade, at the beach or at the pool! Here are some great ideas!

BUILDING BLOCK STUDIO

For some productive tech-time, head along to one of the great workshops offered by the Building Block Studio in Rainbow Street, Sandgate. Kids can learn simple but fun electronics, how to code, and can even build their own robot! Check out www.buildingblockstudio.com for details and dates.

AQUA PLAY AREA

When the sun's out, it's all about the water! You can beat the heat at the Sandgate Aquatic Centre. Some big upgrades are well underway at the centre, and it's open for business throughout the holiday season. Cool down in the pool or have fun in the kid's Aqua Play Area. Then finish up the day with some fish and chips on the Sandgate/Brighton foreshore!

INFLATABLE WATER PARK!

For more watery adventures, have some floating fun at Clontarf's new AguaSplash Inflatable Water Park! Tickets start from \$15, and safety inductions and life jackets are included. There's a crazy array of inflatable play structures for the whole family to enjoy! Check out www.aguasplash.com.au/redcliffe for more details.



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There are lots of days to fill with fun these school holidays, and another option for local families is Surf Connect, located Connect are an official school holiday activity provider for Moreton Bay Regional and Brisbane City Councils. Take the kids and try your hand at stand-up surfing. Lessons are available, as well as equipment rentals. More info and pricing are available at www.surfconnect.com



ICEWORLD BOONDALL

If you really want to chill out, take the crew along to one of the public sessions at Iceworld Boondall. The rink is open seven days a week with day and evening sessions, and beginners are welcome! Ice skating in the subtropics? -Why not give it a go! Phone 3865 1694 or visit www.iceworld.com.au to find out more.

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Get on your bike and get outdoors! One of Brisbane's newest and best BMX tracks is right on our doorstep, at Bracken Ridge, and it's in full swing for these holidays! The park is located on the corner of Lemke and Telegraph Roads right next to the skate park and aquatic centre. There's plenty of parking and it's open every day! Sounds awesome!!

KIM MANCINI'S ART CLASSES

Are your kids creative? Send them along to one of Kim Mancini's art classes or workshops! Kim's workshops will run every day from the



10th to the 21st December, from 1pm to 3pm. The workshops will include drawing, painting, working with clay, sewing, craft and giftmaking. The classes cost \$35 each and include afternoon tea and materials. Bookings are essential. Kim is

also running a two-day Art Camp for kids aged seven and older in the week before school starts in 2019. For all the info you need, go to Kim's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ kimmanciniart

With Christmas thrown into the mix of things to do during the break, you'll have plenty to keep everyone busy! Happy holidavs!



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Compost Hub at Fitzgibbon



Story Kate Collins

Sign up to use the new Compost Hub at Fitzgibbon Community Garden and your registration, and ongoing participation, could score you a free kitchen caddy for collecting those kitchen scraps.

The Compost Hub is the latest in a flourishing range of initiatives at the Fitzgibbon Community Garden on the corner of Mount Kaputar Ave and Meribula Cres, Fitzgibbon. The garden's site was gifted to the community eighteen months ago by the original Fitzgibbon Estate developers, and Councillor Amanda Cooper recently opened the Compost Hub.

The community garden is already a hive of activity with stingless bee hives, a worm farm, and vegetable, fruit and flower allotments. A fairy patch, children's garden, sensory area and native plantings are also planned for the future.

The garden hosts public open days twice a month, with free classes on subjects such as plant cuttings and making fruit jams. Membership is free.

Volunteer Melissa Stevens says the garden is always looking for new members to share the workload.

"Many hands make light work and you don't have to live locally to volunteer. A few of us travel a fair way to get here, but it's worth it, plus there's nothing like showing off your own lettuce and tomatoes."

You can find out more about the Fitzgibbon Community Garden on the Facebook page @ Fitzgibboncommunitygarden

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Concert Farewell For Senior's Group

Story Brooke Jacobson Photo Paul Neil

t's the end of an era for the Sandgate Pensioners and Superannuants League. Unfortunately, the group is winding down because of dwindling numbers, but they'll be going out in style with a final Christmas concert.

League secretary and treasurer Gwen Jackson says the group had been in operation since 1948.

"It's like a family to us, we get together every Monday, and we have concerts twice a month and sometimes we have bingo," Ms Jackson says.

"It's a social outing and it's really important for everyone - particularly older people - to keep active. It's better for your health to get out; you don't want to stay home feeling moody."

Deagon Ward councillor Jared Cassidy, together with State MP for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe, has provided the group with some funding so they can continue to hold meetings until the end of the year.

"Stirling and I have covered the group's entertainment fees for the rest of this year and hire costs for the town hall," Jared says.

"It's the end of an era, really. This concert is a combined event for all our local senior citizens groups, but I think it will be a nice send off for the Pensioner and Superannuants League."

Mr Hinchliffe said the group has been an institution across the 4017 and the surrounding areas. "After hearing the group had decided to wind up at the end of the year, it was only fitting to provide funding for them," he says. "I'm delighted I could team up with Jared to ensure the group can see out 2018 with their traditional concert."

The event will include a free morning tea, and time for attendees to catch up before the hourlong concert. There will also be raffles and lucky door prizes.



Superannuants Group members with Jared Cassidy.

"Jared and Stirling have been very helpful and supportive, providing funding for the hall and the entertainment. All our members would like to say a big thank you to them," Ms Jackson says.

"Sadly a lot of our group members have passed on or gone into homes, but it's been a wonderful time here and we have all enjoyed it so much. It will be sad to see the group finish up."

Ms Jackson added that the remaining members had pledged to keep in touch, "We're going to meet once a fortnight at a café and catch up for a cuppa and a talk," she said. "We all look after and support each other."

The Seniors Christmas Concert will be held at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, 17 December from 10am. It's open to the community and anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to Jared Cassidy's office on ph. 3667 6011 or Stirling Hinchliffe's office on ph. 3639 9100.

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Second Ave Sandgate



Story Brooke Jacobson

re you looking for unique, handmade Christmas gifts? Then you'd be well advised to visit the Carseldine Christmas market!

Now in its fourth year, the twilight Christmas market, which will open on Friday, December 14, has proven to be one of the most popular northside events in the lead-up to Christmas.

Market manager Tess Dougherty says the event has quickly become a fixture in people's calendars, with "huge numbers" of enquiries and more stall holders than ever before.

"It's bigger than our normal market. Usually we have about 150 stalls but for the Christmas market, we have 200 plus," she says.

"People will be able to buy wonderful food from local producers, and there'll be artisan goods, handmade crafts, jams, coffee, chocolates, wine, brownies - you name it! It's absolutely the place to go for all your Christmas shopping."

The market features Christmas decorations, kids' activities and specialty pop-up stalls, as well as a range of gourmet festive foods, cakes, fresh produce, artisan gifts and a number of unique items that shoppers won't find anywhere else.

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The event coincides with the final day of the school year, for most public schools and Tess says it's a nice way to kick start the school holidays.

"We'll have choirs performing carols and a few different bands as well," she said.

There's plenty of parking available and we're having an awesome range of live entertainment. Santa Claus will be there, of course, and it's going to be lots of fun. Holding it in the evening makes for a nice, relaxed, cool shopping environment "

"We would say that we're the main northside Christmas market event and I am really excited about this year's market. It's such a brilliant night and really filled with the Christmas spirit.

"It's just a great event to bring your family to; bring the kids, your boyfriend, girlfriend, brother, sister - everyone!"

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



Carols by the Bay is just around the corner!

Students from Sandgate, Nashville and Brighton State Schools are coming together to sing Christmas cheer, right in the heart of Sandgate. This special event has brought joy to

generations of families and Wayne Swan, Stirling Hinchliffe and I are very proud to bring this event to you in 2018.

I supported the first-ever 'Paddle against Plastic' event at Cabbage Tree Creek in November. This clean-up was overseen by Ocean Crusaders and broke their record for the amount of rubbish collected by volunteers in one day – a whopping 1.44t! This was in addition to the 2.5t collected by the Ocean Crusaders team, the day before.

This was an amazing community effort, driven by locals, Andrew and Julie, and Ian Thompson from Ocean Crusaders, and helped by over 120 volunteers

While it's great to see over 4000 kg less rubbish in our creek, we need to ensure more doesn't go back in. I will be taking the data, collected from the clean-up, to council to advocate for more action on rubbish collection and filtration devices.

Cr Amanda Cooper



Now we are moving into the Christmas season and the academic year is drawing to a close, I want to congratulate all of our senior students as they progress from high school students to graduates. While you

are deciding what your next steps will be, know that you can achieve whatever you put your mind to and effort into. I wish all of you the absolute best as you pursue your future endeavours, after a much deserved break and celebration.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



Like many Queenslanders, I have fond memories of getting in the family car to travel across our great State, to visit family and friends during the festive season.

While long distance car trips are something many 4017 residents, and

Queenslanders in general, are used to, more people on the roads means the risk of being involved in an accident increases. Congestion, driving in unfamiliar environments and long distances can be a recipe for trouble. This is why I am urging all 4017 locals to pay more attention to your own driving, and the driving of those around us this festive season.

I urge all residents who are considering driving long distances over the festive season to familiarise themselves with the Queensland Government's 'Join the Drive' website at jointhedrive.qld.gov.au. Join the Drive has a range of useful tips on how to stay safe on the roads over the festive break.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of 4017 and surrounds a safe and happy festive season. No matter how you celebrate, I hope you have the opportunity to catch up with your family, friends and loved ones.

I look forward to continuing to serve you, in our community throughout 2019.

For the younger students, who are counting down the days to the school holidays and celebrating another year coming to a close, I am pleased to announce that once again we have created a calendar of school holiday events and activities to keep you entertained. With many free or low cost events, there will be something for everyone.

For a copy of my School Holidays Activity Calendar, please 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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Hello Teddy! Little Theodore Dolton and his mum, Calla, have fun and laughs playing 'chasey' together on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Curlew Park.



Year 3 student and swimming age champion Harry Hahn wins the 50m Butterfly at the Sacred Heart School Swimming Carnival for 2018.



Kayleen (centre, in black hat) and John, and friends kick up their heels at the Pimm's Pop Up Garden Party on Melbourne Cup day at Full Moon Hotel



Parade commander Vince Nissen leads flagbearers down Sandgate's main street to War Memorial Park to the 2018 Remembrance Day ceremony marking 100 years since Armistice Day 1918.



St Patrick's College students held a car wash to raise money for their U15 Rugby Tour of New Zealand in 2019. My car has never been cleaner!

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Fishing tips and tails

Story Christine Chamberlain Photos Paul Neil

ingo the blue-ringed octopus has made himself at home in the centre of Sandgate. Ringo and his marine friends are the latest residents of The Shed in Hancock Street, the brainchild of local fishing icon, Mark Templeton.

Mark has created and opened a welcoming space in the premises next to his other passion, Tackle Land, where he can share his knowledge of fishing and pass on basic skills to newcomers.

Mark opened The Shed in the middle of the year, selling second-hand fishing, camping and marine gear, but to Mark it is so much more.

"I wanted to create a family store and a lot of it is about the community," Mark says.

"My concept is to allow families to go fishing. We don't call them second-hand rods, we call them pre-trained rods."

Mark has set up several fish tanks to educate the public about the marine creatures that can be found right on our doorstep. These include a foreshore tank, a predator tank and a tank for the star, Ringo.

"We want to show people what not to touch. That is our key focus here," Mark knows firsthand what it is like to be stung by one of these little nasties, and wants to share what he's learnt.

"We want people to be safe out there. The safer



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we can keep people and the greater experience they have, the longer they spend fishing."

If you are exploring our local foreshore and waterways, it is important to wear protective footwear, like reef shoes. "People get stung by these creatures because they are so good at camouflaging themselves," Mark says.

There is also a Tilapia tank. Mark would like people to be able to identify the pest fish and dispose of them humanely. "We don't want these fish released back into our waterways."

The Shed building itself is full of character and history. It features part of the old Shorncliffe Pier as a seat out the front. Mark would love the space to become a community hub, with everyone of all ages welcome to pop in.

"4017 is unique. It is a unique group of people from all walks of life."

The Shed is open Wednesday to Sunday 9am to 4pm.

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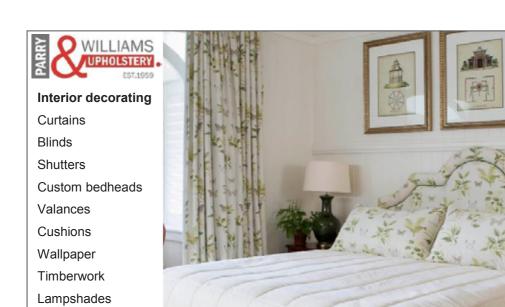
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09 SUNDAY

Fab Tolli Phoenix Bar & Lounge 12:30pm

Xmas Jazz Sandgate Town Hall 2pm

The Love Cats Full Moon Hotel 2pm

13 THURSDAY

Open Mic Cardigan Bar 7pm

14 FRIDAY

Idiot Grin Sandgate Bowls Club 5:30pm

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15 SATURDAY

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Phoenix Bar & Lounge 7pm

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Mark Chomyn Full Moon Hotel 8pm

16 SUNDAY

Eric Mewburn Phoenix Bar & Lounge 12:30pm

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27 THURSDAY

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28 FRIDAY

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Linda Street Brighton Bowls Club 6:30pm

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29 SATURDAY

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MOON Bottlemart





Story Christine Chamberlain
Photo Paul Neil

f you love excellent coffee and brunch, at an affordable price, be sure to pop in to Coffee Warden in Brighton.

Formerly 4017 hot spot, Wes', the Ward Street café has a new owner and a new name.

Hashem Saleem took over the reins of the popular coffee shop in mid-October with a promise to continue selling top quality coffee and food at a great price. With a background in customer service and the same great team of staff, baristas



and chefs, Hashem is looking forward to serving the people of 4017.

One of the first changes Hashem made was to slash the prices of takeaway coffees - with prices starting at \$3.50 for a small coffee.

"The customers are great and my staff are great," says Hashem.

"The customers are happy because we have lowered the prices for coffee and food and many are coming back."

The café will continue opening its doors from 5am each morning so that commuters can stop by for their early morning caffeine hit before work.

With its central location and proximity to the foreshore, the coffee shop is also a favourite stop for cyclists, walkers, families and friends getting together. Customers who are in a hurry even have the option of using the Skip app to order their coffee in advance.

Hashem says the new name was chosen to reflect the café's location - Ward Street.

We make sure great quality coffee gets served, so we are the Coffee Warden," he says.

Coffee Warden offers a breakfast and lunch menu, including popular items such as Eggs Benedict and the Big Vegie Breakfast of avocado, hash browns, roasted tomatoes, baked beans and eggs.



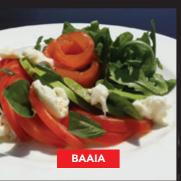
Other items include smashed avocado, savoury mince, pulled corned-beef on sweetcorn fritters, chicken schnitzel burgers and more. Sweet items such as banana bread and muffins are also available. Children's meals start from \$5.50.

"Children are always welcome. We do milkshakes, smoothies and baby chinos with marshmallows," says Hashem.

Coffee Warden is open Monday to Friday, 5am to 2pm, and weekends from 5am to 1pm. Pop into the café and say hello or follow Coffee Warden on Instagram.

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Story Kylie Fennell

t's beginning to feel a lot like...
The countdown has begun for the annual
North Brisbane Salvation Army Community
Christmas Party.

The Christmas celebration event and Carols on the Lawn will be held on Sunday 9 December from 4pm at Taigum, with bucket-loads of family entertainment on offer.

Event co-organiser Beck Head says the event – described as "the biggest Christmas party" – has been a community fixture on the North Brisbane calendar for many years.

"I have been involved in the event for the last seven years or so, and it has been going in one form or another for much longer than that," Beck said.

She said there was something for everyone at the event, which usually attracts around 3,000 people.

"We've got hands-on activities, pony rides, cupcake decorating, fairy floss, animals to pat and heaps more. Santa will be there for free photos. If you have a Santa picture taken, we will also email it to you for free."

Beck mentions that the key drawcard for the event is that all of the activities are free, thanks to the generosity of event sponsors.

"The Salvation Army wants to bless the community at a time when, for many, money is tight."



The rides and other attractions will be open from 4-7pm, and will be followed by Carols on the Lawn.

The night's musical line-up will feature classic Christmas carols, as well as other contemporary and festive numbers. This year, the amazing Revelation Big Band is back to entertain the crowd in the afternoon, followed by the Salvation Army who will perform all the favourite Christmas songs.

The community is encouraged to bring along outdoor chairs and blankets, and settle in for the annual celebration. For more information, you can find the Christmas Celebration at North Brisbane Salvation Army on Facebook.

North Brisbane Salvation Army Community Christmas Party

Sunday 9 December from 4pm Carols on the Lawn start at 7:15pm Entry and activities are FREE The Salvation Army, Cnr Handford & Roghan Rd, Taigum



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Australia Da

Saturday 26 January

Story Christine Chamberlain Photos Paul Neil

ee the New Year with family and friends - take in the bay's sea breezes at 2019's Australia Day by the Bay celebrations.

There'll be a full day of events, on Saturday, 26 January put on by Deagon Ward councillor, Jared Cassidy, together with the member for Lilley, Wayne Swan, and with the support of the member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe.

There is a new location for the community barbecue afternoon which will move from Upper Moora Park to the VMR on Cabbage Tree Creek. "We have been looking for ways to improve Australia Day by the Bay and this new location for our barbecue will offer more activities for families, more food and great local entertainment," Jared says.

The day also features the ever-popular billy cart racing at Shorncliffe and will begin with a formal Citizenship Ceremony at Sandgate Town Hall.

The ceremony will be held in the morning and is hosted by Zonta Northside with the CWA providing morning tea afterwards. Local musician Blake Hadley will also perform.

The community afternoon at VMR will run from noon till 4pm and includes a free barbecue and loads of family entertainment; including a jumping castle, face painting and more. VMR will open their bar to sell drinks.

Live entertainment for the afternoon will be provided by local band, The diVersions, and Sandgate High School student, Jack Sweeney.

The Dick 'Tosser' Turner Billycart Races will begin at from 3pm in Cotton Street, Shorncliffe. This is a fun event for all ages and is co-ordinated by a group of local families, with the support of Cr Cassidy and Mr Hinchliffe. All registrations for the billy cart races are taken on the day.



Australia Day by the Bay is a special day where we come together to welcome new citizens to our community, gather at the creek - an iconic location - and wrap up the day with a very Aussie tradition of billy cart racing in Cotton Street," Jared says.

"We live in a very special part of Brisbane and Australia Day is a great way to celebrate both the people and the places we love locally. "

For more information contact the Deagon Ward office on 3667 6011 or deagon.ward@bcc.gld.gov.au.





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Story Christine Chamberlain

racken Ridge State High School Year 7 students, Hannah Turner, Rose Scheiwe and Drew Hooper are excited to be a part of cutting-edge technology at their school that's happening in our own backyard.

The first fully off-grid renewable classroom in the country was officially opened last month at the Bracken Ridge State High School. The Hivve classroom uses rooftop solar panels and a Tesla Powerwall battery system, making it completely energy self-sufficient.

Bracken Ridge State High School principal Roger Atkins says the Hivve Technology pilot program has been a great opportunity for the school. Not only do the students benefit from an airconditioned classroom, but it is also teaching them about renewable energy.

"We believe Hivve is a model for the future of the classroom," Roger says. "There is abundant academic research on the learning benefits of cooler classrooms and the Hivve monitoring system puts the power to control this environment in the hands of the teacher."

The classroom is connected to an App that shows how much energy the solar panels are generating and how much is being used, plus temperature and air quality data.

Roger says the trial classroom was installed very quickly, after arriving at the school on three separate semi-trailers.

The new building created a buzz around the school and the Year 7 students were happy to hear they would be using the new room soon.

"I thought it was really good because it doesn't use energy – just the sun and it is better for our environment," Hannah said.

Drew really likes the classroom's modern furniture, large windows and use of natural lighting. "I like it because it is bright and cool with the air-conditioning."

Rose adds that the cool classroom means students are happy to sit still and learn for longer.

Roger explains how the Hivve classroom will have a positive impact on students' learning, "The classrooms are more expensive than older modular buildings, but over time they are much cheaper. As we go into the future we are going to be doing more global learning and global citizenship."

"At the moment I think we are far too academic in what we do and there isn't enough connection with the real world when we are doing things," he concludes.

The school is now planning a sustainable garden with hanging plants for the end of the building, using the air-conditioner runoff to water the plants.





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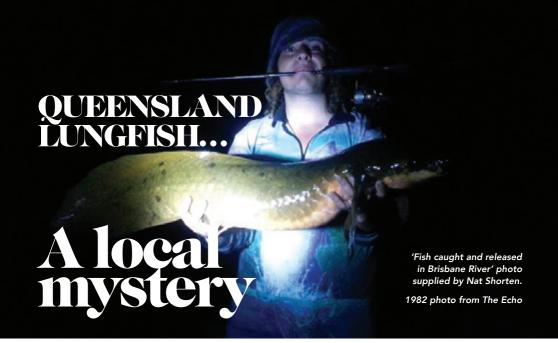
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Story Leanne Palmer

re there still lungfish living in Dowse Lagoon? Oddly, I'd like to think so. Who was it that introduced them to our area originally? And when?

Lungfish make for almost Loch Ness-ian imaginings with their prehistoric looking bodies and hefty size, weighing in at up to 43 kg. They had their day, so to speak, about 400 million years ago, when many species existed. Queensland Lungfish (Neoceratodus forsteri) are from an ancient family, of which only six species still remain worldwide today. They are regarded as living fossils, having survived practically unchanged for over 100 million years, and are now protected by law.

As well as gills they have a single dorsal lung, used to supplement their oxygen needs. When they surface to take air it makes a whooshing sound.

While not naturally occurring here, and restricted to the Mary and Burnett River systems, some were introduced to several waterways around Brisbane earlier last century.

It first came to our attention that we have lungfish living here when in 1982 a sizeable one was found floating, dead, at Dowse Lagoon,

by local man Doug Hutchinson. They were not heard of again until 2003. In that year water levels became so low in the worsening drought that BCC removed what they could of the aquatic life trapped in small puddles.

Nine were caught and relocated to the lake in the Roma St Parklands, where they can still be seen today. The smallest was only 30cm in length, suggesting that it was probably the offspring of the original group, hence born and bred here.

It is quite possible that smaller fish were overlooked in the rescue process of 2003. Eggs or fingerlings could have survived in muddy puddles, and repopulated the lagoon in the meantime.

Council workers involved in routine maintenance have not spotted them. But while they do come to the surface at times, they could easily go unnoticed amongst the floating vegetation and other activity in the water.

Today, Dowse Lagoon, while hugely modified from its original condition, is still a haven for wildlife- some native, some not. Is the lungfish one of them?

If you have any information, either current or historical, we'd love to know. Email leannepalmer1@yahoo.com



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Bramble Bites

SPOOKTACULAR SUCCESS

Social media across the 4017 lit up after the area's recent Halloween celebrations.

Residents in Sandgate, and particularly in Perkins, Clayton and Lunn streets, were praised for their spooky efforts.

"What a huge turnout, thank you to everyone who took part," wrote one member of the Sandgate Mums Facebook group. "So great to see kids and parents dressed up and thanks to everyone who helped keep our lolly supply topped up!"

Another Sandgate Mums' members wrote: "Amazing crowds, thank you!" and "My kids had a blast, thank you for all your efforts."

It seems we've well and truly embraced the scary holiday. Next year's fright night can only get bigger and better.

Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

Is there something happening in the 4017 community you'd like to share? What are you talking about on social media or at the school gate? Email Brooke to be included in the next Bramble Bites at: brookecjacobson@gmail.com

SNAKES ON THE MOVE

As the weather continues to warm up, it seems that snakes are on the move in Sandgate and the surrounding suburbs.

A number of snakes have already been spotted close to, or in people's yards, particularly in Boondall.

Here are some tips from the RSPCA for dealing with snakes (please don't forget that they are a protected species).

- Don't panic and don't approach the snake – wait, and it will usually move on
- Keep pets and children away from the snake
- If you find a snake inside the house, don't touch it. If left alone, it may make its way outside, or, if you can safely get a photo of it, you could send it to a snake catcher for identification

How to discourage snakes from visiting your yard:

- Keep chickens in snake-proof enclosures
- Remove food, as it attracts snakes and dispose of rubbish, keeping yard areas uncluttered
- Remove rock and wood piles snakes love to hide in them
- Keep your lawn trimmed snakes don't like to be vulnerable and won't travel over an open area like a nicely-mown lawn.

There are a number of snake catchers operating on the northside who are available 24 hours a day should you find a slithery serpent at home!

SEASON OF GIVING

Christmas is almost here and it's time to remember those less fortunate in our community.

SANDBAG Community Centre is collecting items for donations, which will be used for Emergency Assistance Packages for people experiencing homelessness, housing crises, financial stress or who are otherwise in need.

They need: tinned food, packet soups, breakfast cereals, long-life milk, fruit juice poppers, tea and small jars of coffee and men's and ladies toiletries.

Find SANDBAG on Facebook or call them on: 3869 3244

Other organisations across Brisbane that need help at this time of year include Share the Dignity - contact them at: www. sharethedignity.com.au; Givit - contact them at: www.givit.org.au; or RizeUp contact them at: www.rizeup.com.au

SUMMER SECURITY

Sandgate police are warning the summer months often offer opportunities for thieves to enter your home.

Windows left open to catch a breeze, or leaving the garage door open while there's a party in the backyard can be just too tempting for a thief.

Leaving screen and front doors open or unlocked, while residents are in the backyard is also not a good idea.

Residents are being encouraged to practice sensible home security measures during summer.

More information is available on the Queensland Police Service website www.police.qld.gov.au - or by contacting your local police station.



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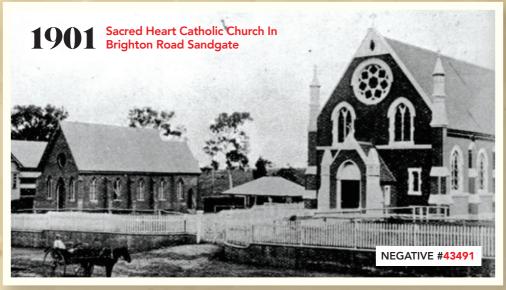
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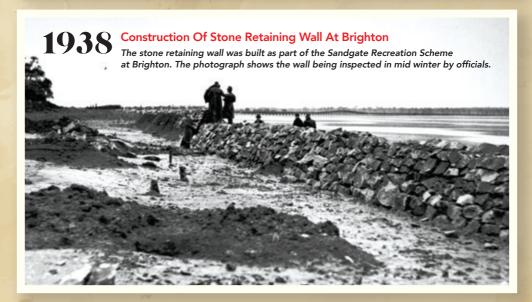
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Story Christine Chamberlain

here is always a feeling of anticipation before the Christmas lights are switched on at the Sandgate Uniting Church. The colourful Christmas lights, along Board Street bring joy to all ages, and this year the church's theme is Joyful News.

This year's switch-on date is Friday, 7 December. The outside displays will be highly visible in the daytime as well as at night, and attract visitors from all over, says Reverend Anne Hulbert.

"The story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus are being presented in a fresh and novel way," she says. "We are featuring angels with trumpets singing the joyful news. We have some new lighting displays and some favourites presented differently."

The church Christmas festival has something for everyone, with displays, entertainment and stalls to buy Christmas gifts opening on December 12 at 6pm and continuing each evening until December 23. There'll be children's activities, food and drink for sale and much more.

"The creative inside displays, especially in the chapel, feature new ideas that the world needs good news, not bad news - simple reminders of finding joy in Christmas," says Reverend Hulbert.

Festivities conclude with a Christmas Eve service at 7pm.

For the full entertainment schedule visit sandgate.unitingchurch.org.au.

Sandgate Uniting Church Christmas Lights

Display, 116 Board Street, Deagon Begins Friday 7 December Stalls and Entertainment Wed 12 – Sun 23 December, nightly from 6pm

Community Groups' Early Christmas

Christmas has come early for community groups across the Sandgate electorate. More than \$86,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund will be shared amongst the groups.

Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, explains that this money was part of Round 97 of the fund, which is the state's largest one-off grants programme, providing around \$54 million a year to vital community groups.

"In this latest announced funding, the Brighton Bulldogs Soccer Club, All About Living Inc. and Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Family Resource Centre Inc. were big winners - all benefiting from grants to improve their facilities," Mr Hinchliffe says.

"This is exciting news for these groups and allows them to fund projects that would otherwise have been out of reach. These funds will also help to improve the services they provide to the local community, here across the northside."

Mr Hinchcliffe recognises these groups are the backbone of the community, "I am proud to be part of a Government which is committed to supporting them as much as possible," he concludes.

Successful applications from Round 97 include:

- \$35,000 for All About Living to purchase a new motor vehicle
- \$20,526 for Brighton Bulldogs Soccer Club - to upgrade the clubhouse roof
- \$30,500 for Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Family Resource Centre - to purchase equipment, including a mower

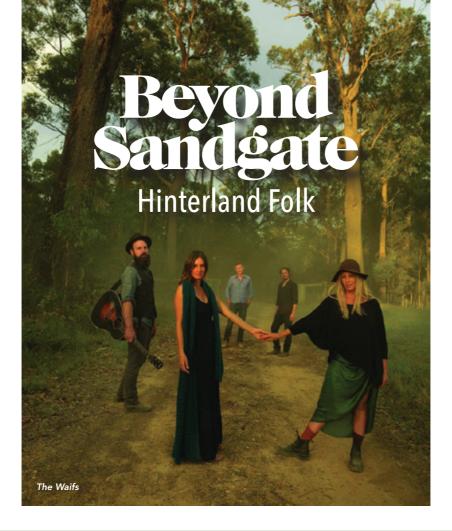


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Story Philip Woods

ere in the Sandgate area, we are lucky enough to have the natural treasures of the Sunshine Coast hinterland just a short drive away; you can get there in a little over half an hour!

It's part of the Great Dividing Range that runs the length of the east coast of Australia, and for a day trip or a weekend escape it offers a wonderful climatic and scenic change from the coastal regions. The combination of the natural beauty that is found in the wonderful waterfalls, winding country roads, rainforests and bushland, and the welcoming townships,

markets, restaurants and cafes make it a daytripper's delight!

The annual Woodford Folk Festival, originally held in Maleny, is an iconic celebration of the hinterland for many people from near and far and is the highlight of the year for the region.

Amanda Jackes is the general manager of Woodfordia Inc., the not-for-profit group that promotes the festival. She has been a part of the festival for most of her working life, and tells us, "It's an amazing event for the Sunshine Coast hinterland. It's the largest gathering of

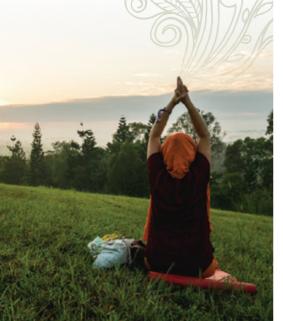
artists and musicians in Australia, with six days and nights of entertainment; there's cabaret, workshops, yoga, music, comedy and more."

Set amongst the lush and diverse natural beauty of the hinterland, the Woodford Folk Festival sits perfectly in context with its broader environment. Amanda says, "This is such a beautiful region, and our 500-acre property has lots of places for camping and settling in for the six days, but it's also a perfect destination for a day trip from Sandgate."

A day at Australia's favourite folk festival would fit nicely into a longer stay on the hinterland. Take a winding drive through the hills, to the Kenilworth farming region and taste some award-winning cheese at the Kenilworth Dairy. Slip away for a bushwalk and a swim, at Booloumba Creek in the Conondale National Park, or at Kondalilla Falls in the Blackall range, just behind the quaint township of Montville.

Whether you visit for the festival or at any other time of year, the Sunshine Coast Hinterland is a place we are fortunate to call close-by. You'd be crazy not to check it out sometime!

https://woodfordfolkfestival.com www.hinterlandtourism.com.au







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he weather is starting to warm up and this is a great time to start targeting these "Noxious Pests" (sometimes called the cane toad of the waterways) that are spreading throughout our local waterways, eating and competing with our beautiful native fish. The freshwater reaches of Humpybong Creek, Bald Hills Creek and the local lagoons now hold more Tilapia and other ferals, such as Mosquito fish, than the native fish that are supposed to be there.

They are easily caught using garden worms, on a size 8 hook under a small float. They are good fun on light gear and a great way for kids to learn about fishing and identifying pests in our environment. I chase them when it's too windy for the boat or just want a lazy afternoon by the water.

They come from East Africa, grow to around 50cm and are the most farmed fish in the world. Because they are able to hold eggs and young fish in their mouth they have a very high survival rate and also tolerate a large range of temperatures, fresh and brackish water conditions.

Make no mistake! These fish are a huge threat to our biodiversity; as bad, if not worse than carp and it is illegal to let them go or be in possession of them. They must be euthanized and disposed of away from the water as soon as practical. A lot of people ask, "Why can't we take them home to eat?" The answer is that if this were legal, they would have a dollar value and could be spread intentionally by uncaring or ignorant people, looking to make money.

Over the last few years, local councils and groups have organised pest fishing days and competitions in South East Queensland with more events to come. The one held last year at Humpybong Creek (which is usually a no fishing zone) proved popular.

The idea is to take as many feral fish out as we can and to use the proceeds to buy native fish to reintroduce to the waterways, while having some fun and educating people about the plight of our native fish and waterways.

So go and get out there, take the kids and let me know if you need any information or advice.

Tight Lines!

Peter Hansler is a local "fish enthusiast" who promotes and educates about our native fish and responsible angling via his website: rainbowrunner.ausfish.com.au. If you have a question for Peter you can reach him via email at phansler@hotmail.com







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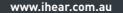
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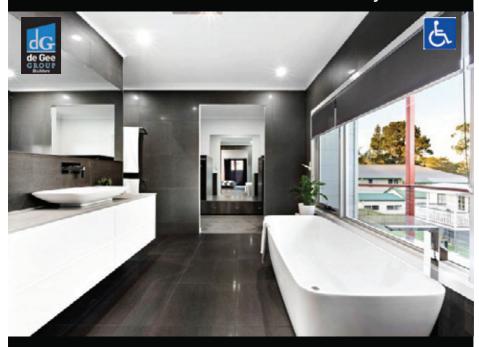


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