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Market Coordinator Melina Wales

Story **Sally Gordon** Photo **Bruce Redman**

righton resident and artisan
Melina Wales has been a market
stallholder for the past 20 years, and
now the business owner is going behind the
scenes to organise her own local market.

Melina is the coordinator of the new Sandgate Village Market, which burst onto the Sandgate market scene late last month for its first event on 25 July, 2020.

Promoting sustainable living, eco-friendly products and natural therapies, the new market is being held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, from 8am to 12pm at the Einbunpin Lagoon Park in the heart of Sandgate.

Melina said the Sandgate Village Market was a community-based initiative that would support local artists, authors, makers, musicians, ecoproducers and natural therapists.

The market is a co-operative of local traders getting together for a Saturday morning in a lovely environment and iconic location," Melina said. "It offers a wonderful platform for people to interact, network, trade and be part of the community.

"It's also a good starting point for people to test their wares in an intimate and supportive trading environment."

Market-goers can expect a broad range of eco-friendly, sustainable goods including fashion, gifts, jewellery, arts and crafts from local brands such as Indulgence, Lynn's Handmade Goodness, Made by Melinschka, Bazzart, The World of the Creative Gardener, Calm Blue Ocean Natural Therapies and more.

Live music from local musicians plus coffee and food trucks also will be on hand to create the perfect morning out for market lovers. Entry and parking is free.

Melina said she still had a few 'suitcase stalls' available for locals who were keen to test the water with their wares with a 1.5m x 1.5m stall. Traders can also book a 3m x 3m stall.

The market coordinator said she was keen to feature more local produce with fresh fruit and veggies or other food stalls and also sponsor a stall for a local charity organisation.

Interested stallholders can contact Melina on 0414 297 595 or email manager@ sandgatevillagemarket.com.au

Sandgate Village Market
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New Mural Turns Heads

Story Jodie Woodward Photo Paul Neil

ook out – there's a brand-new mural in town. Located on the Telstra Exchange Building, the mural was painted by local artist James Alley and sponsored by Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Councillor Jared Cassidy, Northside Family Law Centre, and Telstra.

Director at Northside Family Law Centre and project sponsor Cameron Harris said he was drawn to the idea of changing an "invisible building" into a centrepiece of the local community.

"We loved the idea of such a significant-sized mural at the entry to Sandgate that would be there for all to enjoy," Cameron said.

The local area is celebrated through the ideas and images chosen to form the final artwork.

"James has an incredible way of looking at

things and was able to translate words into an incredible artwork. His tribute to Pebo (and Dagwood) is a touching late addition that honours a true local icon," Cameron said.

The mural now welcomes visitors and locals to Sandgate, and Cameron hopes it brings a smile and sense of community to those who see it.

We're proud to be part of the local Sandgate community and to be able to assist in bringing a piece of vibrant art to the community that will be enjoyed for many years to come," Cameron said.





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The Joe Rogan Experience

Story Nick Allford

moking weed with Elon Musk. Chatting about cheating with Lance Armstrong. Talking strippers with Jay Leno. These are only a few of the experiences Joe Rogan will share with you on the 1,500plus episodes of his podcast.

What makes this comedian/martial artist/actor/Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) commentator and now podcaster fascinating is the way he goes toe to toe with his celebrity guests. From Mike Tyson to Neil deGrasse Tyson, Joe's interviewees are as diverse as they are interesting.

But where to start? I recommend scrolling though his extensive catalogue, finding a guest you're interested in and listening to Joe going a few rounds. Rogan has a gift for making people let their guard down and that's when the real fun begins (just ask Elon).

He isn't scared to be confrontational and call people out when they start to lay it on a bit. Any argument he has comes from a place of knowledge and experience.

As in any great interview, you'll feel like you're in the room with them - without being knocked out from a passive smoking high. Each podcast weighs in at about three hours, but I imagine you'll be too engrossed to tap out.

You can catch Joe where you usually find your podcasts, although he recently signed a million-dollar exclusive deal with Spotify that starts at the end of the year.

Laurie's Walk

Free guided walk exploring the web of life along the Sandgate foreshore on the sandy tidal flats at low tide. Limited numbers so bookings are essential. Wear closed-in shoes that you can get wet (not thongs). For information and bookings, ph. 0410 327 095.

Unplugged Café

Unplugged Café is excited to announce its return to the SANDBAG Hall on Friday, 7 August. There will be a limit to patron numbers for this event. Keep checking Facebook regularly to keep updated on how to secure a ticket for the night.

Gallery 4017 Reopening

Artrageous Arts Gallery 4017 has reopened with the first exhibition on display by Jim Hansen and titled, "There Are Places I Remember". Everyone is welcome to attend the Gallery 4017 and exhibition opening on Friday 7 August from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Located at 82-88 Loftus St, Deagon.

Learn to SUP & Bubbles

Ladies can learn to SUP (stand-up paddleboard) in a small group followed by a delicious morning tea and glass of bubbly surrounded by like-minded women. The lesson will start from Sandgate Beach, which is perfect for first timers or if you just want to improve on your skills. Saturday 29 August at 7.30am. To book visit www. adventurouswomen.com.au and search 'Learn To Stand Up Paddle Board + Morning Tea'.

Food Truck Pop-up

Get your food truck fix at the VMR on Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe, on Sunday 23 August from 11.30am to 3pm. There will be a fantastic selection of gourmet food trucks to choose from. Head on down with friends, family and a picnic rug for a relaxing afternoon featuring live music to perfectly end the weekend.





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Sparkling Result for Gympie Arterial and Strathpine Road Interchange

he Federal and State Governments have each committed \$15 million to fund a major upgrade of the Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road interchange.

The joint government funding, totalling \$30m, will ensure plans for the intersection upgrade at Bald Hills will go ahead using a cutting-edge diverging diamond interchange design.

Located approximately 16km north of Brisbane and 7km from Sandgate, the overpass connects Strathpine Road and Hoyland Street, and is accessible via the Gympie Arterial Road.

The innovative diamond interchange design, commonly used in the USA, effectively allows for two directions of traffic on a non-freeway road to cross over from the left side to the right side, and then back again, with traffic movements controlled by synchronised signals.

Motorists will benefit from a safer and more efficient intersection whereby right-turning traffic does not have to give way to opposing traffic. The project is expected to improve road user safety, travel time reliability, and ease congestion on the busy overpass.

"This project, once completed, will provide a marked difference in travel time for the people of Bracken Ridge, Bald Hills and Strathpine commuting on Strathpine Road and Hoyland Street each day," said federal member for Petrie, Luke Howarth.

Sandgate residents heading over to suburbs such as Strathpine, Lawnton, Brendale and Bray Park from Hoyland Street will also benefit from shorter travel times as a result of the roadway upgrade.

Mr Howarth added that he had secured federal funding for Brisbane City Council road works along Hoyland Street and Bracken Ridge, which would extend the two lanes all the way through to Bracken Ridge Road, further helping to ease congestion for local residents.

The diamond interchange at Bald Hills is the second in Queensland, with the diverging diamond interchange for the Caloundra Road and Bruce Highway intersection the first.

State member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe said the upgrade would bring welcome relief for local commuters as well as additional employment to the area.

"It's great to see future-proofing infrastructure projects such as the diverging diamond upgrade at Hoyland Street brought forward," Mr Hinchliffe said. "Projects such as these are bringing more jobs into our local economy.

"This is an overpass that is heavily congested in peak times and currently is a real pain to the local community. With the upgraded overpass we will see a significant improvement."

The construction tender for the Gympie and Strathpine Road interchange upgrade will be issued late 2020.







WHOOP IT UP IN HULA HOOP CLASS

Story Sally Eberhardt

fter so much time under restrictions, it's wonderful to enjoy outdoor fun and fitness again. If you are looking for an antidote to hours of binge-watching Netflix but still crave entertainment for the family, hula hooping may be the answer.

Hula hooping coach Kiera Blaney said even if you've never twirled a hoop before, this beginner's workshop will teach you how to hula hoop for fitness, perform impressive tricks and dance with the hula hoop.

"As we grow up we forget the power of play, of laughter and moving our body just for fun," Kiera said. "Hula hooping encourages this playful expression and improves body coordination.

"It's great for balancing the body, toning muscles, and has a calming effect on the mind.

"Most of all, hula hooping is a big confidence boost for all ages. Everyone that participates in my class walks out feeling like they have done something they never thought they would be able to do."

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



James Alley from Metagraphics has now put the finishing touches on the exciting new mural at the Sandgate Telstra Exchange building in Rainbow Street, Sandgate.

I was proud to team up with Stirling Hinchliffe

MP, Northside Family Law Centre and Telstra to bring this vibrant public art to the local area. If you haven't already, be sure to check it out next time you're going by.

The Sandgate Youth Festival is back on! Due to COVID-19 restrictions I have decided to run the Sandgate Youth Festival a little differently this year. The event will be held on Saturday 10 October from 5pm to 8pm in the Sandgate Town Hall. Depending on the restrictions at the time, we may be able to have a limited number of people attending the hall or alternatively the event will be live-streamed.

We will have merchandise available for sale – you will be able to buy a limited edition Sandgate Youth Festival T-shirt! Keep an eye on the Facebook page ~ Sandgate Youth Festival ~ for more details and updates.



On Tuesday 18 August I'm delighted to advise the new Bracken Ridge Fire and Rescue Station will be officially opened by the Minister for Fire and Emergency and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships,

Craig Crawford MP.

The building's construction finished earlier this year, with crews moving in on Monday 30 March. The new station is now servicing the areas previously covered by the old Sandgate Station on Brighton Road, Sandgate.

I am really excited this great facility in our local community will finally receive its much-deserved official opening. Due to COVID-19 the anticipated open day for the community had been postponed.

The new \$6 million multipurpose building incorporates a technical rescue facility, which is staffed by four specialist technical rescue experts who have been transferred from another station.

The technical rescue facility includes an operational training facility, training rooms, a tower block for high angle rescues, and a large storage area for small boats and equipment.

Cr Sandy Landers



Despite challenges relating to COVID-19, Council has been busy undertaking a number of upgrades, new projects and putting the final touches on some major facilities. With the return of organised sport, local clubs are now enjoying the recently completed netball

courts on Telegraph Road. The four districtgrade courts with lighting and car parking have complemented the sport and recreation precinct perfectly. I'm also working with council officers to deliver more for the precinct including a dog off-leash area later this financial year. In Hidden World Playground, Fitzgibbon, we have recently delivered an all-abilities carousel and swing set with shade. This is an exciting and important upgrade that means children of all abilities can enjoy these new facilities with their siblings and friends.

Additionally, Council has wasted no time in getting a number of road resurfacing projects underway this financial year. Despite only being a few weeks in, we have eight roads in the Bracken Ridge Ward that have either been resurfaced or currently underway.

Looking ahead, I'm eager to hear what you would like to see in our local area. Please email your suggestions through to brackenridge. ward@bcc.qld.gov.au.



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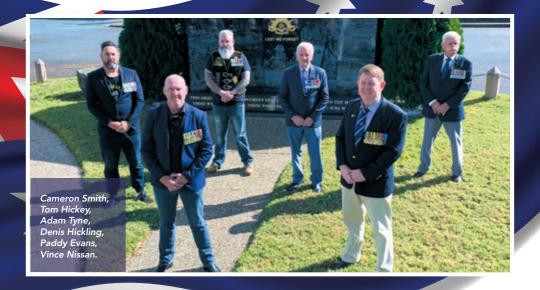
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HONOURING VETERANS' **DAY IN** SANDGATE

Story Jacqueline Henry Photo Sean Leahy

ANDGATE RSL Sub Branch is holding a Veterans' Day service at 10am on Tuesday 18 August to commemorate Australian veterans in all conflicts.

Sandgate RSL Sub Branch president Paddy Evans said their members were keen to mark this important day.

"We - like the rest of Australia - were unable to hold our traditional Anzac Day services due to the global pandemic," Paddy said. "Veterans' Day is an opportunity for us to come together and commemorate and remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

"This year, Veterans' Day also coincides with the 75th anniversary of VP Day (15 August 1945) and the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War (25 June 1950).

"We welcome the local community to join our members in commemorating Veterans' Day as an opportunity to come together and remember.

"The support that local businesses and the community have shown our members during the COVID-19 lockdown has been incredible. We are blessed and grateful to belong to such a caring, supportive community.

"The service will be held at 10am at the Sub-Branch Memorial so there is plenty of space for people to attend while staying socially distanced and safe."

Veterans' Day was originally known as Vietnam Veterans' Day and held annually on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Today it is known as Veterans' Day to include all veterans and all conflicts, rather than having multiple anniversary days throughout the year.

Veterans' Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices of those who have served this nation in conflicts across the globe at significant cost to themselves and their families.

Join Sandgate RSL Sub Branch members and guests for Veterans' Day 2020, on Tuesday 18 August at 9.45am for a 10am start at Sub Branch Memorial, 12 Burnett Place, Sandgate. We ask people to park on Brighton Road and walk to Burnett Place. For more information phone 3269 1135.

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Story Aleasha Bliss

or several weeks there has been community confusion about the recently released Expression of Interest (EOI) regarding private improvements to the state-owned trawler berth facilities at Cabbage Tree Creek.

The EOI, released on 4 June, was seeking interest from potential private developers with experience in the operation of marine environments willing to manage and improve the conditions of the Cabbage Tree Creek trawler and harbour precinct. It states that the Department of Transport and Main Roads was interested in finding – at no cost to the State – a company to redevelop and replace existing trawler berths to current safety standards to increase the tourism potential to the area.

President of Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association Linda McMahon said that its Facebook page had quite a bit of discussion around the EOI and the association wanted there to be more community involvement in the planning process.

Most of the comments have been about the sale of seafood," Linda said. "We understand that this is of vital interest to the fishers and seafood lovers, but would like to see discussion of additional possibilities for the site.

"I think it would be a missed opportunity for the community if a development went ahead without community involvement in the planning process and the focus was restricted to replacing trawler berths and building a seafood outlet."

State member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe said that prior to the release of the EOI, he had

discussions with a few fishermen based out of Cabbage Tree Creek about food licensing issues.

"The Expression of Interest is just testing the waters to see how people felt about a shared infrastructure that sits out into the water - similar to Scarborough, rather than individual jetties," Mr Hinchliffe said.

He said the Department of Transport and Main Roads were going to reopen the EOI process to allow for more community engagement, and to reassure people this was not about introducing commercial development to the land, but creating a safer, more sustainable way for people to buy fresh prawns off the boat, while improving the standards and facilities for the trawlers.

"This is not about using the land on the foreshore of the creek in any different way to how it's currently used," he said. "This isn't onto land, it is into the water.

"This is at a very early stage – it is not a decision to do it."

Mr Hinchliffe said the department was looking to find a private source of investment for the potential upgrade.

"As this infrastructure comes to the end of its life there are potentially very big costs in renewing it, and that's not something that the trawlers would be prepared for bearing, but that's where the responsibility would lie," Mr Hinchliffe said.

Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan said he could not comment on any redevelopment of Cabbage Tree Creek until he had seen the plans proposed.

"I welcome Stirling Hinchliffe acknowledging the need for facility upgrades for our trawlers as it is a very important industry for our area," he said.

President of Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association Linda McMahon said it had written to the Minister of Transport and Main Roads and the Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe to ask about the conditions attached to any development, and expressed the view that an EOI was not the way to go for this site.

"I am also seeking information from Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy about the current conditions for selling seafood from the trawlers and any other relevant information from a council perspective," Ms McMahon said.



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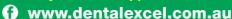
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Story Emma Sanders

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Owner Sam Cook-Bateman already has her own little patch of Sandgate in the 2 Mad Sisters store, and said she watched the historic building transform this year with great interest, so when the opportunity to take on the lease came up she jumped at the chance.

"I have seen the building develop from its old retail space into an amazing space with a sincere respect for the 1922 building's original structure and an attention to detail that is rare these days," she said.

"The space is wonderful and I fell in love with it, so when the

opportunity to take it on came along, I simply couldn't say no.

"Call it kismet, call it destiny, or maybe there is a mystery muse out there somewhere, but Sam's Wine Bar was truly meant to happen here for me.

With my long-time love of the great jazz artists like Ella Fitzgerald and Satchmo (Louis Armstrong), and my equally great love for food and wine, opening a jazz club has always been a dream of mine."



Sam said the new venue will be a truly special place where everyone is welcome.

"Sam's Wine Bar will be a place you can bring a first date to really impress, celebrate a special occasion or just sit back and relax with a few tapas plates and a glass of wine," she said.

"The team, under the guidance of head chef Paul, are amazing and all share a passion for making customers feel like friends.

"And the food, oh my god the food! The menu is a secret but I can reveal it will be tapas style with a selection of mains such as steak, chicken, lamb and duck, as well as a selection of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

"We want to focus on local produce and beer and wine, with a splash of international wines. A selection of beer on tap will be available and we are even looking at wine on tap."

Sam said there had been amazing support for the new venture, and locals were excited about something like this coming to Sandgate.

"I love this community - I spent my teenage years here before moving interstate and when I returned to Brisbane it was a natural place to live for hubby and I," she said.



"We already support many local artists and businesses through 2 Mad Sisters, and this community support will continue through Sam's Wine Bar.

"We have such a wonderful local area and a great range of venues in Sandgate and surrounds, this can only add to that wonderful mix."

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St John Fisher Yr 9 students Charlotte Polinski, Tilli McCall and Amber Jackson prepare to launch their drones. The Ripper Group's Nige and Mike and crew visited the College to teach Drone technology.



John Blackley gives a heartfelt thanks to his partner Lydie at his cabaret birthday party at the newly refurbished Sandgate Bowls Club function room.



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MUSIC SPOTLIGHT **Andy Toombs** 32 SANDGATE GUIDE

Story Aleasha Bliss

fter travelling the world for 20 years performing for country stars, Andy Toombs has settled into the Brighton beachside lifestyle just in time to drop his debut album.

February 16 had successful bass player and singer Andy Toombs performing in the Fire Fight Australia Concert at ANZ Stadium with Lee Kernaghan and alongside the world's most prolific artists and bands to raise funds for bushfire victims.

"Supporting fellow Australians after the summer we had was amazing; this concert helped the nation," Andy said. "The good vibes and positivity that came from it helped everyone - I'll never forget that."

Andy has an impressive number of stamps in his passport as his career has paid for him to see the world. He has toured with massive names, including Australia's own Kasey Chambers and Troy Cassar-Daley.

"I've always loved travelling and that's one of the reasons I did the van life thing," Andy said. "I've always been comfortable being all over the place, although I'm really digging how stunning it is here in Brighton."

In February, Andy had a soft release of his debut album, Gypsy Man, on which he wrote and cowrote eight of the 10 bluesy, folk tracks that delve into his personal experiences of lost love, travel, reflection and philosophy, painting a raw and honest portrayal of his life.

"It is scary putting yourself out there with art, as it's up for interpretation," Andy said. "Making the album was a real growth journey for me. I have learned a lot and I'm not afraid to be out front, as I am usually supporting others in the background."

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, Andy can see the light at the end of the tunnel and is pumped to share his album with everyone later in the year by touring Australia and supporting big names along the way.

"As everything is re-opening again, I'm already getting a lot of enquiries and I'm getting ready to promote myself. I am looking forward to the next step and hoping everyone likes it."

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very time that boom goes down at the Beams Road level crossing, commuters sit in traffic. Now, finally, road users can look forward to an upgrade soon.

The State Government has announced that it will fund \$128 million to support the congestion-busting plan for Beams Road at Carseldine.

This \$128 million investment is supported by \$70 million from the Brisbane City Council and \$50 million from the Federal Government.

This funding will also cover more commuter parking and upgrades to the surrounding road network, with opportunities to build new public spaces and upgrade the road network as part of Carseldine Urban Village.

Travel times and congestion will be significantly reduced and about 600 jobs will be supported or created during what is an incredibly tough time for many families.

Fitzgibbon residents will be particularly happy to know that this funding also includes \$15 million for an expanded Park 'n' Ride on the eastern side of Carseldine train station. taking parked cars off suburban streets.

Ekka Strawberry Sundaes at SANDBAG

Due to the cancellation of the Ekka this year. The Common Good, an initiative of the Prince Charles Foundation. has found a way to bring the Ekka Strawberry Sundae to you. You can enjoy a Strawberry Sundae while supporting a worthy charity; for Sandgate area locals, the popular treat will be available for \$5.50 at the SANDBAG Community Centre, 153 Rainbow St, Sandgate, on Wednesday 12 August from 2pm until

Franco Market x Capulet & Co

The Franco Markets are back. In conjunction with Capulet & Co, the markets will be held on Saturday 15 August from 8am-12pm at 95 Brighton Road, Sandgate. Enjoy a morning of shopping for pre-loved clothes, market food, and live music to entertain.

Pre-loved clothing sellers - now is the time to clear out your wardrobe and make a bit of extra cash. Don't forget to purchase your ticket to secure a seller's rack.

Watercolour Art Workshop

Artist and teacher Lisa Sherratt will hold her Watercolour Workshop for beginners at Artrageous Arts this August.

Lisa has taught art for 22 years privately, as well as teaching in New South Wales at TAFE, ACE, various art societies across Australia, and in aged care centres and art therapy classes.

The workshop will be held on Saturday 15 August from 9am to 1.30pm at 84/88 Loftus St, Deagon. The cost is \$120pp and includes all materials. Bookings are essential. Contact Lisa on 0459 991 022 or send her an email at hackneyglen@ gmail.com



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he project will involve repairs to the station building's foundations and walls, replacing the roof, cleaning and painting surfaces, restoring the air raid shelter, and constructing a new staff operations facility.

In late-2019, independent heritage assessors Niche Environment and Heritage completed investigations to uncover objects in the subfloor of the Shorncliffe train station. Some of the items discovered date back to the early-1900s.

Due to the age and value of these older artefacts, there is a requirement by the Department of Environment and Science for Queensland Rail to complete an archaeological dig. This will involve a more thorough and deeper excavation of the site; in particular, the area under the old station ticket office.

Queensland Rail is currently in the early stages of this process. The archaeological dig has impacted project timeframes and Queensland Rail will provide a revised project timeline as they near completion of these heritage requirements.

Once the archaeological dig is complete, it will need to be certified as having met the heritage requirements. Niche Environment and Heritage will then catalogue each item so they can be showcased to the community. Queensland Rail is continuing to work closely with relevant government agencies in response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and will take advice on when such a community event could occur in the near future.

The restoration component of the project will commence following these works and will include detailed design. Queensland Rail will share these designs with the community for feedback.

The temporary ticket office and new platform access to the west of the station building will remain in place while the station's restoration works continue.





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Story Linda Read Photo Bruce Redman

■he new Naracoopa Art Gallery, nestled in a leafy pocket of Bracken Ridge, is a treasure trove of pleasant surprises.

The purpose-designed gallery and dedicated artists' studio form part of David and Grace Cross' newly built home, and provides the perfect space to view the works of these two talented, accomplished, yet very different Brisbane artists.

Originally from the United States and both with degrees in Fine Arts, David and Grace met in Australia about 45 years ago after coming separately to work here as high school art teachers.

For 23 years, they ran Naracoopa Bed and Breakfast at Shorncliffe - an old Queenslander with a gallery space in part of it - before selling up and realising a long-held dream late last year.

Their new light-filled gallery boasts sleek modern lines, tonnes of white space, and huge windows that reveal spectacular city views stretching from the mouth of the river to Mt Coot-tha.

David paints predominantly in oils, and is inspired by the couple's extensive travels. His latest series features classic cars, many of which are in Cuban and Spanish scenes in striking and vivid colours. He describes his style as contemporary realism,

although there is an abstract element evident in some of his work.

"I'm into surfaces and light," he said. "The way light streams through a window; the reflections on surfaces."

Grace, a textile and mixed media artist, describes her work as "a lot more chaotic than David's; very abstract, very contemporary". Using paper, fabrics, stitching and antique lace, she also rustdyes using old rusted implements.

Her current series, which examines the concept of death as what she calls the "sacred silence" and features grave and cemetery imagery, has an intriguing, ethereal quality that invites close contemplation.

"My work's all about texture and layering, and a fusion of stitching and fabrics and metals. It's probably very intuitive - I'll play around with things, and I rely on my compositional sense to know what's going to work together."

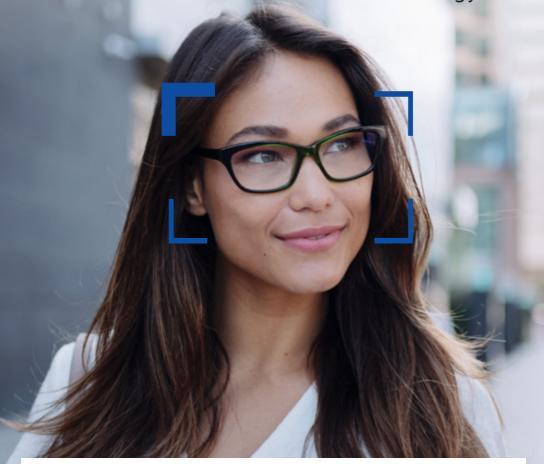
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Seeing beyond

BRAMBLE

Story Brooke Jacobson

YACHTS READY TO SET SAIL

The Queensland Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC) will hold its Vintage Yacht Regatta and Motorboat Trial event on weekend of 14–16 August.

Vintage yachts, cruisers and old ski boats will be on show at the QCYC for the event, which is now in its 45th year. Look out over Bramble Bay during the weekend to see yachts racing, or head to the QCYC clubhouse to join in the festivities. There will be live music from 6pm on the Saturday.

The QCYC is located in Sinbad Street, Shorncliffe. Entries for the racing and trial events closes on 12 August.

For more information visit www.qcyc.com.au.

TUNE IN AND CHILL OUT

A Mantra Meditation Experience will be held in the SANDBAG Community Centre in Sandgate across a number of dates, starting on 1 August. Organisers promise an "immersive and interactive mantra minded experience with other like minded people".

"Interweaving live music, mantras, mindfulness and the breath to deepen your meditation experience, this (event) is both soothing and uplifting," said organisers, the Australian School of Meditation & Yoga North Brisbane.

The events are open to everyone and physical distancing will be in place.

For more information call 0403 463 828 or search for Mantra Meditation Experience on Facebook.

EASY TO BE GREEN

Brisbane City Council is offering a compost rebate program. The program provides residents with a rebate of up to \$70 off the purchase of eligible composting equipment, such as a compost bin or worm farm. See www.brisbane.qld.gov.au for more information and to fill out the online form.

If anyone is interested is ordering a larger recycling wheelie bin, council is also currently offering to waive the \$30 fee.

TAKE A LONG WEEKEND

State MP for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, has reminded residents the Ekka Public Holiday is being moved for this year only.

What would normally be held on Wednesday, 12 August, this year the public holiday will be held on Friday, 14 August, as the Ekka has been cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr Hinchliffe has welcomed "the people's weekend".

"This gives families an opportunity to have an Ekka long weekend," he said.

"I encourage you to take the opportunity to get out and enjoy a day trip or stay overnight at your favourite camping spot.

"And don't forget Sandgate is a great place to holiday at home."

POM-POM TREE TO STAY

The popular "pom-pom tree" at Shorncliffe, where residents put up colourful, homemade pom-poms, has been saved from removal.

The tree, which had died, had been earmarked for removal by Brisbane City Council. It became a popular spot for residents to hang handmade pom-poms, particularly during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy said the tree would remain for now, while a new tree would be planted nearby to eventually replace it.

"Just down the road in Upper Moora Park, the new tree will begin to grow and when the original pom-pom tree has to go, we will move the pompoms down to that tree," he said.

"The original tree will stay standing with the pompoms adorned for a long time. If there's a silver lining out of COVID-19, its been the community spirit and people getting to love their suburbs again."



FEDERAL MP ON THE MOVE

Federal MP for Lilley, Anika Wells, has moved office. Her electorate office is now located at: 1176 Sandgate Road, Nundah. The office phone number remains the same - 3266 8244.

OUTDOOR ART BY THE SEA

The Sandgate Art Society will be having a series of pop up art shows on the foreshore at Flinders Parade, opposite First Avenue. The pop ups will be held on the first Sunday of each month from August right through until December, 8am - 2pm.

CRY OUT FOR PEACE

Sandgate's Town Crier, Fred Krebs, will be doing a "cry for peace" at the Anzac Memorial in Sandgate, on Saturday 15 August at 2.30pm. The event is being held in conjunction with town criers around the world to commemorate Victory in the Pacific (VP) day.

HAVE A SWING AT SOFTBALL

The Brighton Roosters Softball Club are holding a free "come and try" day on Friday, 31 July from 3-4pm at the Nashville State School Oval. The club's summer sign on day will be on Wednesday, 5 August from 5-8pm at the Brighton Roosters Football Club, Tenth Avenue, Brighton. Softball is open to both boys and girls aged from 5 years. For more information visit www.brightonsoftball. com.au or call club secretary Tracey Rhys on 0417 700 198.

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

LOCALFACES

WILMA WALTON



Interview by **Linda Read** Photo **Bruce Redman**

"I grew up in Holland in an orphanage, until I was 21. I'm the fifth child in my family; my brothers and sisters were all in the orphanage too. I arrived in Australia by migrant ship in 1961 [aged 23] with my first husband and two small children, and I was pregnant.

We first went to the Bonegilla Migrant Camp in Victoria. My husband loved the drink, and sold anything we had. At one stage, some Dutch people let us stay in their yard – in a chook pen. It didn't have any sides, just a roof and a back and a bit of wire on the sides.

I was working as a cleaner at the Mater Hospital and one day I collapsed from malnourishment. I weighed just over five stone [about 32kg]. Then, the housing commission gave us a house at Inala.

I met my second husband, Gordon, at a dance at West End. He was very handsome, a real gentleman, and very kind.

Gordon found our house [at Deagon] in 1968; it was \$5000. We came and had a look at the house and I said, 'I don't want to live in the bush!' But when our daughter was born the following year, I was so grateful. I used to walk to Shorncliffe with the pram, by the water.

I love Sandgate. I've never wanted to live anywhere else, even when Gordon died in 2011.

I'm going to be 83 in November. What I love now is my family, my gardening, and reading. I also love politics. The first thing I do in the morning is put my phone on and look at what's going on in the world.

If I go shopping, and I see something I like, I buy it. Also, nature makes me happy; it doesn't matter what weather it is. I like to be able to see outside from where I'm sitting. I have to be around people sometimes, but I love being on my own too.

I think growing up in the orphanage you had to learn how to cope with life. One of the secrets is you have to laugh a lot, and always be young at heart.

You could say I've been from hell to heaven. I always say 'thank you Gordon, for giving us such a lovely place'."

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HISTORIC GEM SHINES AGAIN

Story Brooke Jacobson
Photo Bruce Redman

ne of Sandgate's most famous waterfront homes, Cremorne, has been restored to its former glory. Built around the turn of the nineteenth century by John McCallum, the home was named after his theatre in Stanley Street, South Brisbane. Sold to the Carrick family in 1925, Cremorne was famous for garden parties, before being sold again and divided up into six flats.

Local couple Leisa and Kevin Day have transformed the iconic house, with the help of builder Kim Alexander and designer/draftsman Jim McKeering.

Leisa said buying Cremorne almost happened by accident.

"We were actually looking to downsize," she said, laughing.

"But Kevin loves a project and he called me to say Cremorne was for sale. I phoned Kim (Alexander) who told me he had re-stumped the house about 10 years ago and it was 'solid as a rock'. So we put in an offer and all of a sudden, it was on."

Builder Kim Alexander said he was not daunted by the project. "Cremorne is one of the character homes in this area," he said.

"There's nothing I regret about doing in that house and it's been a pleasure to just put it back to how it was supposed to be originally."

Jim McKeering of Complete Design and Drafting won two awards for his work on the house from the Building Designers Association of Queensland: Best Heritage Design and Best Residential alterations/additions (\$350,000 - \$800,00 category).



"When I first came and looked, it was a rabbit warren - you couldn't physically walk through the house." he said.

"But we were very excited to be asked to work on this house and we're very proud of the result."

The outside of the home remains virtually unchanged, with the exception of removing two extensions from the 1970s.

Very little of the interior of the home could be saved, but Leisa and Kevin kept as much original detail as they could and have carried a stunning Art Deco colour scheme and style throughout the house.

Kevin, who worked on the building site every day, said the inside of Cremorne was "a shambles".

"There were even flats under the house - there was a bathroom under the dome." he said.

"We kept hoping we'd find some hidden treasure behind a wall somewhere."

Despite not finding any buried secrets, the couple say they are delighted with their new home. "We know we're very privileged to live here and to wake up to this home and this view every day," Leisa said.





Sandgate Turns 140

REMEMBERED THROUGH THE YEAR 1980



Story Leanne Palmer

hile COVID-19 commanded our focus for the last few months, we missed a birthday. Sandgate officially turned 140 years old on the 1 May. Hip Hip Hooray!

Not everyone was as forgetful. Local resident Jacqui McKeering brought it to the attention of the Sandgate Historical Society by entrusting it with an album her mother Mary McKeering had compiled for Sandgate's centenary in May 1980. The society was delighted to uncover photos, newspaper articles, and public notices that had not previously been seen or preserved.

It was the centenary celebrations that prompted Mary to memorialise this moment in time. Inside the album are images from 1980, alongside those from our town's first 100 years of European settlement.

"I've always been a keen collector of old things," Mary said. "I put the album together with my own photos and newspaper clippings, keeping it for many years before passing it on to my brother John. After suffering recent water damage, it was then handed over to the care of Jacqui."

Panoramic streetscape imagery from 1980, and photos from the parade and celebrations, which saw hundreds of locals dress up in colonial costume, are stored within its pages. On the day, floats and marching bands caused the biggest traffic jam Sandgate had ever seen.

Highlights of the centenary program included a boxing tournament in the Town Hall, a teenage disco, fishing contests, a home brew competition, bird shows, a fun run and a Bonny Baby competition. Such a line-up of entertainment could only happen in that era.

Looking through the album suddenly makes 1980 feel like such a long time ago, with no Woolworths complex, rows of public phone boxes on the footpath, men wearing Stubbies and flannelette shirts, and the cars on the road still predominantly Australian-made.

"I'm glad I did it," Mary said. "Time passes on, things change, and people forget. It's good to have a record of how it was."

That is exactly what history is all about – preserving memories for future generations.

Congratulations Sandgate! May you continue to grow, change and age beautifully.

Michael Sferco and Pamela Verney viewing the album



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Story Wayne I Flack Photo Bruce Redman

othing unites a community more than localised sport, and that excitement is elevated tenfold when female participation is factored in.

The Sandgate Hawks girls' restarted their revamped season mid-July, with finals scheduled for mid-October.

Sandgate Hawks club president Chad Polinski said there were currently 120 girls and women registered at the club, a number that had been steadily building each year.

"We have an under 11s, two under 13s, one very full under 15s, one under 17s, and one senior women's Div. 2 side." he said.

"We're pushing for a Div.1 women's team next year and therefore hoping to retain our girls at the highest level they can possibly go."

Girls could start as young as four through Kindy Kick, which rolls into Auskick and then into the Superstars program.

The club has clear pathways for the girls to develop within SEQ Juniors via the Lions Academies, and then to be picked up into the Brisbane Lions AFIW.

There are a few girls at the club showing particular promise in the likes of Vianna Stillman and Evie Long, who made the 13s to 15s Met North Team earlier this year.

The club has shown the girls its long-term commitment with building female change facilities in 2019. They were funded mainly with the help of the State Government through Stirling Hinchliffe, with support funding from Brisbane City Council and the Federal Government.

Chad said the club ran a free summer program at the end of last year and had more than 110 girls come and try out.

"We had girls come from all over the place, and we didn't care if they weren't going to be staying with the club, as all we wanted was for girls' footy to grow in Brissie," he said.

"I guess our philosophy for women's football here is that we have always had a grassroots approach and try to be inclusive by bringing our girls right through to enjoy football. If we can offer a program where they can come to the game and love it, then we're all for that."

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hile driving, walking or riding across the Hornibrook Bridge, have you ever wondered what might be lurking underneath? Other than the obligatory sharks and usual fish at high tide, low tide is a different story. The mostly sandy banks makes it a great place to go puddlejumping. Pylons that hold the bridge up form little water holes around them in the sand and there is a hidden array of marine wildlife just waiting to be discovered.

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I am amazed at the wildlife that can be literally under our feet.

Check out my YouTube page for the footage.

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.







Just a short drive up the Bruce Highway to the Sunshine Coast we are lucky enough to have quite a selection of craft breweries to visit on a weekend away or a day trip.

Torren Read is one of the founders of Terella Brewing, a new brewery concept in the picturesque area of North Arm (near Eumundi) that is committed to sustainable brewing. "We've built a new and innovative system for brewing that uses fresh water naturally produced by the vertical farm system on site to make our beer.

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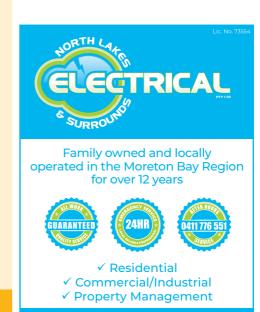
We want to produce great beer, using methods that are self-sufficient, and put our region on the map for sustainable brewing."

Besides making great beers, the Terella Brewery also features a taproom for tastings and a farmyard where the kids can learn about animals while the grown-ups watch on with a cold one in-hand. Terella, like many of the breweries on the coast, is a perfect place for families and friends to meet and unwind.

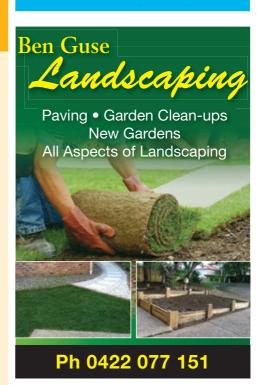
If you don't make it to the Terella Brewery, try out the amber offerings and fine foods to be found at Brouhaha Brewery (Maleny), Glass House Brewery (Forest Glen), Sunshine Coast Brewery (Kunda Park) or Eumundi Brewery.

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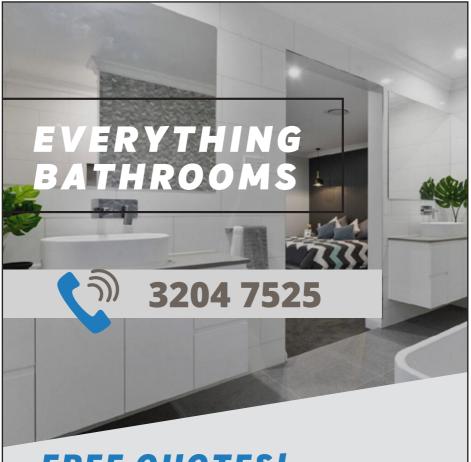


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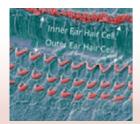
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