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• GET SET TO JINGLE ALL THE BAY

Story Jodie Woodward Photo Paul Neil

It's one of Sandgate's most anticipated festive events of the year, and you can expect it to stick to its winning formula in 2020 too. Jingle All the Bay will once again bring Christmas cheer to the area and help get locals in the festive spirit.

President of Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce Bill Gollan considers himself "the lucky guy who oversees the event". He said Jingle All the Bay had only got better since its inception around four years ago.

"Now it's grown into one of the biggest Christmas events in Brisbane, if not the biggest event," he said.

With 2020 offering many obstacles and challenges, the fate of Jingle All the Bay was also hanging in the balance this year, with the decision to go ahead only made recently.

"We were very uncertain until a few weeks ago about whether to do it or not," Bill said. "We decided the community deserves this event. We've all struggled over the past months. We





just want everyone to get out and enjoy themselves."

The much loved event will bring all of its usual attractions and excitement, with some even expected to be larger than in previous years. Bill said attendees could expect a few more rides and a bigger street parade for this year's event. He's also encouraging business owners and locals to get involved in the parade, and to light up shop fronts and houses to help add even more of a festive atmosphere to the area.

"We want the Bayside to be the place to come to celebrate Christmas," he said.

If he had to pick a highlight of the event, Bill said it would have to be everyone's favourite man in red.

"Santa arrives in the traditional Bayside-way – on the back of a boat," he said. "I love the look on the kids' faces when he arrives. I'm a sucker for Christmas."



Of course, in a year like no other, Jingle All the Bay will have to run with some minor modifications in order to keep attendees safe. The Chamber will announce these over the coming weeks. Attendees can expect changes to entry and exit procedures,

for example.

"We're taking all the precautions available to ensure people can enjoy the event and be as safe as possible," Bill said.

You can find out more via the Jingle All the Bay Facebook page or at www.sandgatechamber.com.au

Jingle All the Bay
Friday, 4 December, 6-9pm
Sandgate Town Centre



SANDGATE GUIDE



Shenzo Gregorio

Music

BY THE SEA IS BACK!

► January: Shenzo Gregorio Quartet

Shenzo Gregorio Quartet will lead us into 2021 with a concert on 2 January. This will be our first concert since The Necks performed in March this year.

Virtuoso, Jazz musician, composer, and stuntman Shenzo Gregorio brings his Gypsy Jazz Quartet to Sandgate.

Shenzo, a violinist and multi-instrumentalist, first discovered the music of Django Reinhardt at the age of 15. An epic 23-year-long journey of self discovery and touring followed, taking him to a plethora of countries the world over with highlights including the Montreux Jazz Festival and New York's Carnegie Hall.

Considered amongst peers to be one of the most creative violinists in Australia, Shenzo's approach to the music of Django Reinhardt pays homage to the tradition while at the same time bringing an inventive flare to the art form.

Shenzo will be joined by John Reeves (piano accordion), Peter Walters (double bass), Cameron James (gypsy jazz guitar), and special guest singer Rachael Ward. Be prepared to be blown away with their incredible virtuosity.

There are still COVID restrictions in place with the result that there are limited tickets

available for this concert. Please note, this could change before the concert date to our normal capacity, enabling us to bring you our fantastic program in 2021 without any restrictions and/or postponements. We thank you for your patience thus far.

Shenzo Gregorio Quartet
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► February: Eishan Ensemble

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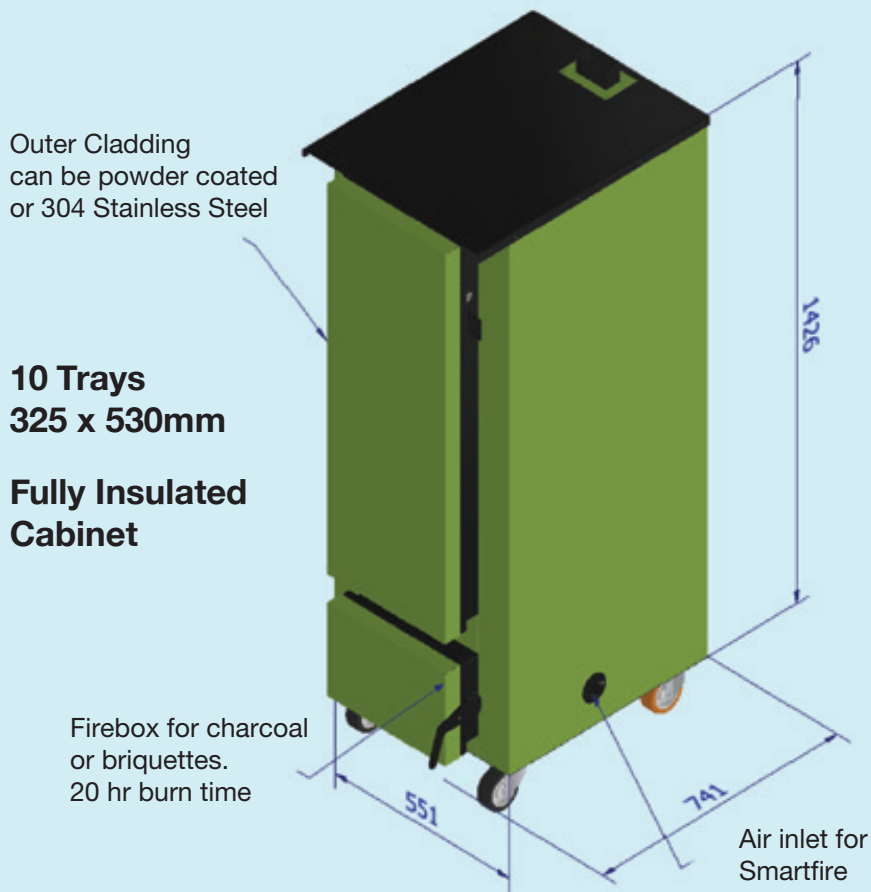
Led by acclaimed Persian-Australian tar player and composer Hamed Sadeghi, Eishan Ensemble draws on contemporary and classical music traditions of both East and West. The ensemble's repertoire consists predominantly of Sadeghi's original compositions with diverse improvisatory idioms featured powerfully. Variouslly described as Persian chamber jazz and Middle-Eastern jazz fusion, Eishan Ensemble defies neat labels.

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Ian Grainger
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SANTA CLAUS IS RIDING INTO TOWN

Story **Brooke Jacobson**

Photo **Bruce Redman**

For almost a decade, northside residents have seen Santa zipping around on a motorbike in the lead up to Christmas. This year, the man in red has promised he's going to deliver more than a friendly wave.

Ian Grainger, otherwise known as the Motorbike Santa, is raising funds to distribute gifts to families across Brisbane.

"Since about 2012, I've been riding to my job in the city from Sandgate in my Santa suit every December," Ian said.

"I just started doing it for fun. My workmates realised I was riding dressed in the suit, and as part of my job at PwC is delivering the mail, they wanted all their mail delivered by me dressed as Santa.

"Each year people were ordering more parcels just to have them delivered by Santa."

Ian said he had been inspired to go one step further this year.

"I just figured it had been a pretty crappy year for the world, so it might be good to do something nice," he said.

He started a Go Fund Me page to raise funds to buy boxed, non-gender-specific toys under the value of \$10, to be delivered to homes across the city.

"I put in \$200 of my own money and now we're at more than \$2000," Ian said.

"I've had lots of support and my manager at PwC has said they're going to do a national call out."

Laughing, Ian said it might "get a bit out of control" but he had an army of "elves" to help out.

"I have a Facebook group of fellow motorbike riders and they've all agreed to get suits and help me if need be," he said.

Ian said he would be choosing homes at random on Christmas Eve to leave gifts at the front door.

"Each gift will have a sticker on it saying, if you don't have kids or you don't need this gift, please donate it to charity or give it to someone with kids," he said.

"There's going to be a QR code on there as well, which will take people to the Go Fund Me page. People can also post their photos to social media with the hashtag #realsantaproject."



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Sandgate Parkrun returns from 28 November.

Runners Return

Story **Brooke Jacobson**

Sandgate Parkrun is back and organisers are expecting more fitness enthusiasts than ever to be pounding the pavement.

Organiser Vanessa Gibson said the weekly event would return starting from 28 November, after stopping earlier this year due to COVID-19.

"We had to pull the pin back in March and that was a guideline from national headquarters," she said.

"We always took a wait-and-see approach, and nationally it's being decided on a state-by-state basis.

"We've missed it so much, our community has missed it – just the opportunity to run or walk with like-minded people again will be great."

Vanessa said they were expecting "big numbers".

"A lot of people may have started exercising during social isolation and now is their chance to come along and check out Parkrun," she said.

"Also of course we have a COVID-safe plan; there will be a QR code for our runners to check in and we're required to provide hand sanitiser for all our volunteers.

"Earlier this year we might have thought those kind of conditions (for participating) were too much for people, but now I think we're all just used to it."

Vanessa said she also wanted other foreshore users to be aware the group was back.

"We will be in Sandgate from Arthur Davis Park to the Pier, in quite large numbers, each Saturday from 7am to 8am," she said.

For more info about Sandgate Parkrun visit www.parkrun.com.au or search Facebook for Sandgate Parkrun.

Foreshore Dog Off-Leash Area Here To Stay

Brisbane City Council has made the foreshore dog off-leash area in Sandgate permanent following a successful trial that brought positive community feedback and positive shorebird monitoring results.

Environment, Parks and Sustainability Chair Fiona Cunningham said Council collaborated with Department of Environment and Science and the University of Queensland (UQ) to undertake the trial.

"Brisbane is a dog-loving city, and just like we love the salt and sand, so do our furry family members who voted with their paws during the trials," Cr Cunningham said.

"These trials were about balancing the needs of recreation and conservation and the UQ research and community feedback shows that we've achieved that balance.

"We are pleased the shorebird monitoring results from UQ showed the trial increased the number of dogs kept on-leash in sensitive areas for migratory shorebirds at Sandgate."

"Since the coronavirus pandemic, visitation to our city's parks and reserves has significantly increased due to people preferring to stay close to home while enjoying the outdoors.

"We will continue to identify suitable locations for residents and their fur babies to run free and socialise with other dogs."

Council will install new signage at the area to educate residents about shorebird protection and will continue to monitor the location for compliance.

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*Story Brooke Jacobson
Photo Bruce Redman*

Club captain Allan Head said the original clubhouse was a canvas marquee. "One of the events we're going to have will be an afternoon cocktail party in a marquee, after a game of golf in the morning," he said. "We might even dress up in period costume as well."

The club was formed in 1921 when nine golf enthusiasts began converting 57 acres of mangrove swamp into a golf course.

This required soil and fill – at one shilling a dray load – to reclaim enough land from Cabbage Tree Creek and establish six of the nine holes that exist today. Ongoing tidal issues meant floodgates were installed before the addition of another three holes.

Today, the club has more than 200 members, with six social clubs and members of the public also using the course.

"In January, we're going to have a tree planting to mark the occasion, probably near the clubhouse, and we hope our three living life members will be involved in that as well," Allan said.

"We will have merchandise for people to purchase throughout the year, including shirts with a new logo, incorporating the 100 years celebration."

The club's most successful player was Ian Davis, who in 1970 was the club's junior champion. He then went on to become the Australian Schoolboys Champion and played professionally on the national circuit.

Allan said golf was a game anyone could enjoy. "It's a challenge to improve yourself and achieve your own goals," he said. "And of course it's a social game, and we enjoy each other's company and each other's game."

"We're very proud of reaching 100 years. We're thankful for all the golfers who went before us and we're constantly improving the course and we hope to present it as best we can for anyone coming to Sandgate in 2021."

For more information about the club, the centenary celebrations, or to book lessons with club professional Chris Chaplin, see the website: www.sandgategc.com.au

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ON PAR WITH THE BEST

The Sandgate Golf Club will spend 2021 celebrating its 100th anniversary with a series of events to mark the occasion.



*Bruce Ringer, Ray Morris,
Vicki Gannon, Allan Head*

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It's Finn's 22nd birthday (centre) and he and his mates, Aaron (left) and Will, celebrate with a backyard party in Sandgate.



Dawn Patrol and Xtreme Boxing Gym mates Fireball Ferguson (left) and Gorgeous George, prepare for their boxing bout at Friday Night Fights at Sandgate Hawks.



It's Mia's (left) and Emma's shout for champagne at their table at the Full Moon Hotel's Melbourne Cup luncheon, which raised funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation.



Steve and Abbie were out for a night of entertainment at the sold-out Mojo Webb Friday Night Session at Cardigan Bar, Sandgate.



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Chamber president Bill Gollan.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

A fresh new approach to bayside commerce.

Story **Bruce Redman**

The Chamber of Commerce has been a vital part of Sandgate life for decades and a significant voice for businesses large and small. After such a tumultuous business year that has seen some businesses go under, the work of the Chamber has never been more important.

Bill Gollan has been actively involved over the last 30 years and is the current president. "Now, more than ever, we believe that we need to help bring the business community closer together," Bill said. "It is our challenge to step up even further in representing them."

"The Chamber of Commerce is an integral part of community life, organising successful events like The Long Table (Shorncliffe Pier), The Bluewater Festival and the very popular Jingle All The Bay, and we see these as a significant part of promoting the area. We want to continue to help make these events unique and spectacular but we also want to be known as an integral part of everyday business."

The Chamber successfully fulfilled most of its 2020 strategic plan and is now looking to the future. The beginning of that is a new name – The Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce – with a smart new logo, a new executive and a re-energized strategic plan.



The Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce gets a new name and smart new logo.

"It's new, vibrant and fresh; it reflects who we are and where we are," Bill said. "We wanted a logo that reflects our energetic bayside town. We have a new marketing arm in the Chamber and will be rolling out a new website and social media presence."

"COVID has knocked a lot of businesses around but at the same time there are new opportunities emerging in the area with a renaissance in the area."

Businesses can currently sign up as associate members free of charge up until 30 June, 2021, with a directory listing plus the opportunity to tap into the multitude of business resources available.

"It's a great opportunity for business people to check out what we can all do for each other and the greater community," Bill said. "Business is good for us all and it also creates jobs for our kids."

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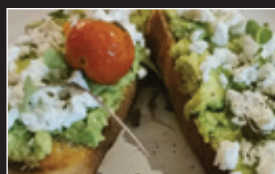
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Kitesurfer Reaches Greater Heights

Sandgate kitesurfer Finn Cross has won first place in the Brissie Big Air Kitesurfing competition Juniors division, and according to the teenager, the sky is the limit.

"It just felt awesome to win, I was super excited," Finn said. "The adrenaline of the sport is amazing; I really love it."

Finn started kitesurfing at age seven with his dad. Now aged 15, he is sponsored by Sandgate's Surf Connect and is a member of the Reedin

Kites Australia Team. He practises each day, if the weather allows.

Surf Connect owner Padi Kotwall said he was enormously proud of Finn. "Kitesurfing is a high-risk, extreme sport, so supporting everyone in this community is my number one aim," Padi said.

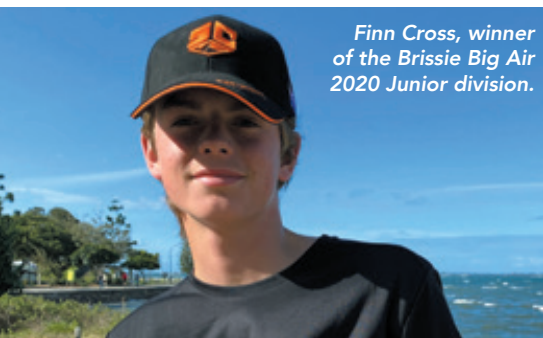
"We're very fortunate here in the Sandgate community; we've always had great support. The reward to see Finn win was indescribable. We've had some other junior champions here as well, and they are now mentors to Finn and our other juniors."

Kitesurfing will officially become an Olympic sport at the Paris 2024 games and Padi said Finn should definitely "put that on his agenda".

For Finn, it would be a dream come true. "That would be awesome, to get that far and win an Olympic medal," Finn said. "If I put in the work, I'm sure I can."

"It's such a great kitesurfing community here in Sandgate and I'm very grateful to Padi."

Finn is now aiming for the Freestyle Competition held on the Sunshine Coast in January.



*Finn Cross, winner
of the Brissie Big Air
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Christmas Fair and Market

Story Jodie Woodward

Join the Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Paraskevi as they host a family-friendly Christmas fair and market.

Costa, president of St Paraskevi, said the importance of Christmas day won't change this year. He feels it's a time to reflect on the difficulties of 2020 and look ahead to the opportunities of 2021.

"Christmas is a very important part of the Church calendar as we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is also a time that inspires our

community to join in the festivities and spirit of Christmas and the joy that it brings to young and old," he said.

The fair and market will take place in the carpark area of the church from late afternoon. Festivities will include live music, Christmas stalls, food and Christmas carols. No festive event would be complete without a special visit from St Nicholas.

For Costa, a highlight of the event will be "the ability to be together and share in the joy of Christmas with our parish and parish youth who will be hosting this event".

For more information, visit the Greek Orthodox Parish of St Paraskevi Brisbane Facebook page.

Christmas Fair and Market

Saturday 5 December, 5-10pm

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241 Church Road, Taigum.

DECK THE HALLS DIY-STYLE *This Season*

Story *Kelly Walker*

With all of the uncertainty 2020 has brought, it's no doubt that Christmas may look a little different this year for many families. However, that doesn't mean that the festive season can't still feel merry and bright. Regardless of your budget this year, DIY holiday decor is a great way to exercise some creativity and put less stress on your finances.

For simple, elegant holiday decor, start by looking at what you already have around your home and garden. Whether you love classic reds and greens, subdued earth tones, elegant golds, or cool coastal blues and silvers, achieving your desired holiday decor style doesn't have to be complicated or expensive.

An easy way to gather decor inspiration is by taking a stroll through your own back yard. As rosemary is found in many local gardens, it's the perfect staple for all of your holiday DIY projects - and it smells divine too. Create a gorgeous Christmas wreath by manipulating a few rosemary stems into a circle and binding the ends together with a piece of string or twine. For a pop of colour, add in natives such as kangaroo paw, banksia, waratah, or wattle, for a beautiful array of holiday cheer.

Of course, it wouldn't feel like Christmas without a tree, so if you're on the hunt for a

new one this holiday season, consider using a native pot plant that can serve double duty and be transferred to your garden after the holidays. Alternatively, just add fairy lights and DIY decorations (made from pine cones, driftwood or seashells) to an established tree in your yard, and you'll start feeling festive in no time.

When it comes to Christmas lunch, it's surprisingly easy to create a beautiful, simple tablescape on a tight budget. For example, start with a plain white or burlap tablecloth and run a garland of eucalyptus down the centre, accented with shells or gumnuts. Glass jars filled with tealights or votives are another very affordable way to add a touch of warmth and elegance to your holiday table setting. For a coastal Christmas theme, fill some of the jars with shells or white pebbles, and sprinkle light blue and silver Christmas baubles throughout the table. For a more traditional feel, fill jars with short stems of any red and green foliage, or berries that you have growing in your yard.

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



With the Christmas/New Year season just around the corner I have had the pleasure of attending a number of school, club and community group end-of-year celebrations right across the Deagon Ward. The format for these celebrations has certainly

been different than other years and sadly, a number of the usual annual celebrations have had to be cancelled due to the current restrictions.

Disappointingly, we are unable to proceed with Carols by the Bay this year, however, I'm pleased to still be hosting the Australia Day By The Bay Citizenship Ceremony in the Sandgate Town Hall on 26 January, alongside Anika Wells MP and Stirling Hinchliffe MP.

If you're looking for something fun to do to celebrate the end of the school year, I am hosting a free outdoor Christmas movie night at Einbunpin Lagoon Park on Friday 11 December. Grab your picnic blanket and come on down and enjoy a free family night under the stars.

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish the Deagon Ward community a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2021. Let's hope 2021 is a less tumultuous one!

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



Thank you, Sandgate! The results are being finalised and it is clear I will remain the Member for Sandgate, and our local community has resoundingly endorsed Annastacia Palaszczuk and the government's handling of the pandemic and our economic recovery plan.

Serving as the member for the past six years has been an honour and I very much look forward to Queensland's first ever four-year fixed term parliament. While humbled by the generosity of support from the Sandgate electorate, I am rolling my sleeves up ready to continue our work for northsiders and Queenslanders.

I acknowledge the respectful conduct of our election here and thank the other candidates for their commitment to our democracy.

The re-elected Palaszczuk Government will deliver more frontline services, improvements to our local schools, better health facilities on the northside, a commitment to Queensland manufacturing and the Beams Road rail overpass – all while keeping us safe.

My appointment as Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport will allow me to ensure local perspectives and needs are represented at the highest levels in our government.

Cr Sandy Landers



This year has certainly been challenging and like no other. To our students, congratulations on completing the academic year, you are undoubtedly more resilient after the curve balls you have been dealt. The same must be said to the families who

juggled home schooling, often while working themselves – you made it. 2020 has given us a new appreciation for everyday freedoms and social norms: visiting elderly relatives or family interstate, hugging our friends or enjoying a regular trip to the movies – things we may have once taken for granted.

This year, many of our local Christmas and New Year celebrations have been impacted by COVID. Our community is innovative and adaptable however and have some exciting events planned, albeit in a new format. In collaboration with our schools, I have been working on something special for our seniors, retirement villages and care facilities to ensure they won't be missing out on the Christmas spirit. Keep an eye on my Facebook page over the coming weeks to see what's in store.

I wish you all an enjoyable holiday season and hope you are able to stop, take a breath and come back refreshed to a new and hopefully better year.



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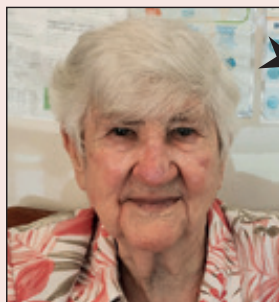
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Currently there is a small number of hearing aid models with this motion sensor feature.

You can arrange a free trial of this latest technology before this Christmas holiday. Call us on 3603 1370 to book in an appointment.

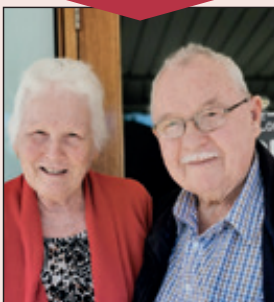
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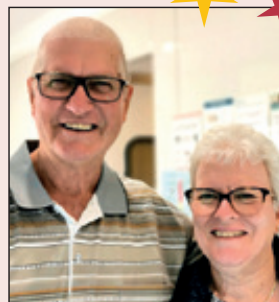
Elsie Condryn, Bald Hills.



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Keith Brandt (& wife Judy) – South Ripley.



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I've had hearing issues for a long time. With the arrival of my new granddaughter, I realised I needed to improve my hearing. I now have a new set of hearing aids and I'm extremely happy with them. Nyrelle my wife is very happy as she doesn't have to continually repeat herself. I'd recommend Sandgate Hearing to anyone with a hearing loss.

Malcolm & Nyrelle Flack - Boondall.

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FLOWER POWER

Workshops in Floral Design and Flower Arranging

Story **Stephanie Madison**

Photo **Bruce Redman**

A Sandgate florist will host floral design and flower arranging workshops in this month.

Wallflower owner and head florist Renae Handy said the workshops would run for about two hours and more dates may be added depending on demand.

Renae Handy



“Attendees will learn floral design and arranging techniques to make a wreath for their wall or door.”

The types of workshops offered during December are dried wreath, fresh wreath, dried arrangement and table centrepiece workshops – in time for Christmas and New Year celebrations. Attendees can rest assured the workshops will be run in accordance with COVID-safe guidelines.

Renae said dried flowers had “taken off” this year. “Dried flowers are our biggest sellers right now but we love mixing dried and fresh flowers together,” she said. “That way you get the smell of fresh and the longevity of dried.”

Wallflower started in the basement of Renae’s parents’ house in 2012, and the Sandgate store opened in October 2015. The business now employs six staff including three trained florists.

All creations aim to be “different”, “creative” and “unique”, and include a variety of nature – not only what is commercially available.

“We showcase nature at weddings and events in hanging chandeliers, arbours, floral walls, hanging florals and floral cylinders,” Renae said. “But we also take the tiny, delicate flowers, dehydrate them and turn them into an art piece.”

COVID-19 led to the 2021 postponement of many scheduled events and weddings but Wallflower, voted third best florist in The Courier Mail’s 2019 Brisbane’s Top 10 Florists, met the challenge with a “flower drive-thru” which proved a “massive hit”.

Renae said sales increased during lockdown as those unable to join loved ones in celebration or grieving sent flowers “more than ever” to connect and “express love and care”.

“[Flowers] bring impact,” she said. “They create a vibe. They bring joy and colour, which help create memories.

“They calm the mind and bring a stillness and peacefulness to a room.”

To find out more about the December workshops call 0434 107 898 or visit wallflowerfloraldesign.com



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A Little Corner of Tuscany in Sandgate.

Stefania Michelessi



Story Jodie Woodward
Photo Bruce Redman

If you're looking for some local Italian food, What's in the Pot? now offers its genuine and simple Tuscan-inspired cuisine in Sandgate.

For owner Carla Biacchessi, the goal in opening the first What's in the Pot? venue in Redcliffe was to make people feel at home and to bring back flavour to the table. The tradition continues with this new Sandgate location.

"We are hoping to bring a little piece of our corner of Tuscany to Sandgate," she said. "This will extend our portfolio of customers and enrich the community with our Italian culture and love for food."

"Sandgate's venue is very new, and it has a beautiful ambience. We have tried to really bring Tuscany and Italy to our customers. We are very proud of our Sandgate venue. It has a beautiful bar and big kitchen. But, despite the different size of the venues, the heart is the same, hence the food is the same."

When it comes to the food, you can expect locally sourced produce and seafood in simple but authentic Italian dishes.

"Our food comes from the heart," Carla said. "The misconception that Italian food is only pasta and pizza needs to be broken. Italian food entails all kinds of food groups – from meats to seafood and vegetables. Of course, pasta and pizza, but not only that. And desserts are a big one, as they are all homemade."

Highlights from the menu include osso buco, lamb shanks, and homemade lasagne. The pizzeria section also offers more casual dining options, with beer on tap or wine to match. Diners can eat in or take away to suit the occasion.

"As for special events, I would say start planning your Christmas party and New Year's Eve event as we would like to cater for you," Carla said.

What's in the Pot? is open for breakfast and lunch every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is available from Tuesday to Sunday.

*For more information, visit **What's in the Pot? Sandgate** on Facebook or go to www.whatsinthepotosteria.com*

What's in the Pot? Sandgate
19 Brighton Road, Sandgate
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Stefania Michelessi and Antonio Trovato.



Local DINING GUIDE



131 Rainbow Str. Sandgate
Front of True Technique

Café

0481 140 635

BANGIN' BEANS ESPRESSO BAR

Feature: We are a takeaway espresso bar with a variety of Açaí bowls, smoothies, milkshakes, iced drinks and yummy treats.

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Cafe Bohemia

6 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

Art Café

0411 863 602

CAFÉ BOHEMIA

Feature: I had a dream about Cafe Bohemia for a long time: the place where people will come to enjoy the best coffee, cakes and art, but also the place where people will come to talk and get to know each other, share their story and meet more like minded people. Our focus is on bringing more art and cultural events and bringing people together..



74 Ward St, Brighton

Café

0424 420 863

COFFEE WARDEN

Feature: We serve top quality coffee prepared using Lavazza's classiest coffee beans. We also take pride in providing excellent customer service. Our customers always feel welcomed and enjoy the atmosphere of our small café where they can meet friends and other locals. Hours: Monday to Thursday: 5am-2pm Friday to Sunday: 5am-1pm



COOL BEANS

CAFE

Shop 12 / 353 Beaconsfield
Terrace, Brighton

Café

3269 1964

COOL BEANS CAFÉ

Feature: Cool Beans Cafe now open. Located walking distance to Brighton foreshore, Cool Beans Cafe offers great value all day breakfast and lunch menu, fresh juices, fine quality tea and DiBella coffee. Gluten-free options are available. Open 7 days a week from 6am, indoor seating, wheelchair accessible and pets welcome.



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ADDRESS 73 Rainbow Street, Sandgate

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6 Knox Street, Sandgate

Coffee Shop

0403 373 875

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2 Queens Parade, Brighton

Wine Bar

0416 689 465

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196 Flinders Pde, Sandgate
(opposite pool)

Seafood, Burgers & Beers

3269 6903

FLINDERS SEAFOOD & BAR

Feature: Fish on Flinders is under new management and has been rebranded. Now Flinders Seafood & Bar, come down and try out Sandgate's newest hotspot for fresh seafood, yummy burgers, barista made coffee and ice cold beers, wines and spirits.



353 Beaconsfield Tce, Brighton

Pizzeria

3869 2282

LA PIZZERIA

Feature: We offer a wide range of Traditional Woodfire Pizzas, Pastas and Gelatos including Vegan and Gluten Free options. Phone us to place your pick-up or delivery order Tuesday - Sunday from 4:30pm.





8 Queens Parade, Brighton

Coffee Shop

0430 753 768

MOMENT BISCUITS

Feature: Moment Biscuits is a small, European-style boutique biscuit shop, a short walk from the Brighton foreshore. Pop in 7 DAYS A WEEK from 5:30am to 11:30am for freshly baked treats, artisan bread and (almond) croissants, loose leaf tea, milkshakes, iced drinks and smooth Italian coffee. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest promotions.



115 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

Coffee Shop

0480 254 973

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154 Barrett St, Bracken Ridge
Bracken Ridge Tavern

Steak & Rib House

3269 7011

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Feature: Panama Jack's Steak & Rib House at The Bracken Ridge Tavern has a variety of meals to suit all tastes including our signature ribs and Nolan's Private Selection steaks from the grill.

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6 Park Parade, Shorncliffe

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3869 1282

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Local DINING GUIDE



Sinbad St, Shorncliffe

Bar Restaurant Functions

3269 4588

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1 Bowser Parade, Sandgate

Hotel

3869 0606

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1 Loudon Street, Sandgate
(across from the town hall)

Sodas, Burgers and More

0435 427 174

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227 Rainbow St, Shorncliffe

Specialty Coffee House

0413 849 814

THE WIRED OWL COFFEE CO

Feature: At The Wired Owl, we love our coffee and are sure you will too. Try our delicious House Blend or weekly rotation of single origin coffees. Tantalising treats and teas are also on the menu.



227 Rainbow St, Sandgate

Café

3269 6970

THE WITCHIN' KITCHEN

Feature: Welcome to The Witchin' Kitchen. Owned and run by two local sisters, one an experienced chef, the other a final-year Naturopathy student. Our food is a celebration of delicious and nourishing wholefoods, that are seasonally and ethically sourced and carefully crafted into dishes to delight. Wednesday – Sunday, 7am – 1:30pm, closed Mondays and Tuesdays.



Bracken Ridge Plaza

250 Telegraph Rd,

Casual Dining

3261 6102

THREE WISE MONKEYS CAFÉ

Feature: Three Wise Monkeys Café is a local family-owned Café serving fresh and flavourful meals and Brisbane's favourite Campos coffee.

Come visit us for our well-renowned burgers and grab one of our delicious bubble teas on the way.

Fuel your day at Three Wise Monkeys Café, located in the Bracken Ridge Plaza. Open 7 days.



121 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

Vietnamese

3869 3631

VIET STREET EAT

Feature: At Viet Street Eat, we offer a relaxed atmosphere with great, fresh and delicious meals that are MSG-free, gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free and vegan. Some of our popular dishes are pho' beef, spicy vegetarian noodles, pork belly rice noodle salad, street rice, beef rendang with roti, pork belly banh mi and freshly made rice paper rolls.



4017 NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Get your outfits in order and shine your shoes, it's time to party like it's 2021!

With so many options in all of your favourite local venues to bring in the New Year, there is an event to suit everyone.

ECLECTEA

Get your costumes ready for a roaring good time with a New Year's Eve Jungle Party at Eclectea. With delectable grazing boards and jungle-themed cocktails, you can go wild enjoying the treats on offer. There are plenty of prizes to be won during the evening with a ukulele battle and of course the best dressed of the night. The New Year's Eve Jungle Party is between 6–10pm with bookings essential as spaces are limited. Phone 0416 689 465 or book online to secure your space.



CARDIGAN BAR

Looking forward to a chilled quiet drink with some great tunes to bid 2020 farewell? Cardigan Bar is for you. Enjoy the acoustic sounds of the talented Nicole Canaway from 7pm as she performs her originals and popular range of covers. There is a chance of a possible DJ appearance if the restrictions allow for indoor dancing.

Cardigan Bar owner Brett Johnson said DJ or not, Nicole Canaway is a favourite in the area and he knows she will provide amazing entertainment for a great night.

BRIGHTON HOTEL

If you are more interested in utilising your brain cells than dancing the night away, NYE Trivia at the Brighton Hotel is the event for you. Extra bonus if you want to avoid the after-midnight crowds to get home as this family-friendly event will begin at 7.30pm with a meal and end around 11.30pm.

Brighton Hotel manager Kylie Mienert said this is the second year they have run this trivia night and it was a great success. "Last year our New Year's Trivia Night was completely booked out," Kylie said. "Everyone loved it last year and we are excited to do it again."

This event will cater for 80-100 people, so bookings are essential. Phone 3051 7646 or go to their website to lock-in your spot.

MR HENDERSON

For the serious New Year's Eve night owls, Mr Henderson will have your evening finishing in the early hours of 2021. They will have some fantastic live bands and a delicious food truck to help you party through the night. The New Year's Eve festivities will commence at 6pm and will continue until 2am. While full details are yet to be confirmed – suspense – Mr Henderson co-owner Tony Bates said it will be an incredible night and is looking forward to celebrating a fresh start.

"Let's get past the year that's been and wash away 2020," Tony said. "And let's all have some fun and celebrate 2021 at Mr Henderson."

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL

Is it even New Year's Eve without a Karaoke session? Sandgate's Post Office Hotel will give your vocal cords a workout from 8pm until late with their featured Karaoke event. They are also excited to launch Matso's Oasis on the Deck. The launch is themed Escape the Ordinary and will be showcasing Matso's beers on tap, specialised cocktails and will have plenty of prizes to start your New Year's feeling spoilt.

Bookings for dinner are essential as the night is expected to be booked out. For dinner reservations phone 3869 0606.

BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN

Get your glow on with Bracken Ridge Tavern this New Year's Eve will their Full Moon Party in Phoenix. The night will have you brightly shining under the UV lights while enjoying the party vibes with live entertainment music and roaming entertainment all night long. The Full Moon Party begins at 5pm and will be split into themed areas, with matching themed drink specials and even features an on-site face painter. Get your fluro outfit ready for this colourful event.

Bracken Ridge Tavern manager Matt Medcraf invites all guests to celebrate the end of 2020 with an explosion of colour and get dressed up in Full Moon Party theme for a night to remember.

FULL MOON HOTEL

Get out your brightest and whitest outfit for the Full Moon Hotel's A Night in White Party. Be wowed by Girls & Boys Duo from 9pm featuring Kimberly Bowden – who was in The Voice 2019 – and Brooksy. This epic duo will have all of the hottest tunes to whisk you into 2021.

While the main event is free and you can walk-in anytime from 5.30pm, reservations are encouraged for your meals on the night to ensure a table. To book dinner phone 3869 0544.



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A Special Australia Day for New Citizens in Sandgate

Story Lyndal Magee

Australia Day celebrations in Sandgate will be a little different in 2021, but perhaps, even more meaningful. With the usual Australia Day by the Bay celebrations hosted by Councillor Jared Cassidy scaled back due to COVID-19, there is some good news – a very special citizenship ceremony at the Sandgate Town Hall is still on the cards.

Jared said that the citizenship ceremony would be all the more significant, after several this year had to be completed virtually.

“Many new citizens had to receive their certificates via Australia Post this year, which for many people was understandably disappointing,” he said. “We’re looking forward to being able to celebrate in person next year, all being well.”

Attendees will enjoy live music from Joe Beveridge, runner up at the Sandgate Youth Festival in 2020, and a morning tea prepared by the Queensland Country Women’s Association Sandgate branch.

Aboriginal Elder Uncle Joe Kirk will be providing a Welcome to Country and welcoming our newest citizens alongside Jared Cassidy, Stirling Hinchliffe MP and Anika Wells MP.

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony
26 January 2021, 9.30am registration
10.30am start, Sandgate Town Hall

For updates on the Australia Day schedule of events, visit Councillor Jared Cassidy’s Facebook page



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Foreshore Pop Up

Members of the Sandgate Art Society and Shorncliffe Potters will host a final Foreshore Pop Up for the year, just in time for Christmas. Handmade art can make wonderful Christmas gifts for family and friends.

*Sunday, 6 December, 8am –1pm
Flinders Parade near First Avenue, Sandgate*

GOLD Cooking Workshop

The Brighton Wellness Hub is hosting a Christmas Flavours themed GOLD Cooking Workshop. This workshop is part of the Brisbane City Council's Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) program. Participants will create festive meals to impress family and friends this Christmas. The cost is \$5. Bookings essential as spots are limited. For more information, search 'GOLD Cooking Workshop - Christmas Flavours' on facebook.

*Friday, 11 December, 10am
Brighton Wellness Hub,
Cnr Nineteenth Avenue, Brighton*

A New Picnic Shelter

When hosting a picnic in the park, it is a well known fact that the early bird catches the worm, or in this case a sheltered picnic table. That is why it is good news to hear that Sandgate will be getting a new sheltered picnic area.

Brisbane City Council is constructing a new picnic shelter in Arthur Davis Park, in front of the pool. Work on the shelter will commence on 24 November and take approx. two to three weeks.

VIP Xmas Shopping Night

Shopping local for Christmas gifts this year will be simple because 2Mad Sisters is hosting a VIP Christmas shopping event. Enjoy an evening of shopping with a glass of bubbles in one hand, and sample deli delights as you wonder through looking for the perfect gift for family and friends.

*Thursday, 10 December, from 6pm
2Mad Sisters, 37 Brighton Road, Sandgate*

Excelling through COVID

Sandgate District State High School student Meg Porter was presented with the Stirling Hinchliffe Award for Achievement through COVID during award ceremonies held at the school last month.

Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe said the one-off award was for students who excelled in their studies during the 2020 COVID-19 remote learning period.

"Meg showed resilience and the ability to adapt to the challenges presented by the pandemic," he said.

Xmas Jazz

New Groove Jazz Ensemble is hosting a Xmas Jazz show at the Sandgate Town Hall. Although this show is sold out, the announcement of restrictions easing allows more tickets to be released. Make sure to visit the website for updates and tickets: www.newgroove.com.au.

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PODCAST OF THE MONTH

Stuff You Should Know

Story **Nick Allford**

Want to learn something new while sitting in traffic? It's as easy as downloading the 'Stuff You Should Know' podcast.

Hosts Josh and Chuck have done their research into a broad range of topics over the last 12 years – and I mean really broad. From Chaos Theory, to LSD, and how diabetes works.

Some of the topics are fascinating and some can fall a bit flat, but I guess it all depends on what you're into. That's why I don't recommend listening to the show chronologically. Instead, I suggest scrolling through and finding a topic that floats your boat, like the episode "Why is it so hard to say 'Toy Boat' 3 times" (try it).

The durations vary as much as the topics with bite-size 10-minute snippets to hour-long chunky shows.

They don't just pick themes out of thin air; they cover current topics such as COVID and the US election.

Subjects are put in simple terms without ever being condescending, plus one of the hosts sounds similar to comedian John C. Reilly, which makes it all the more entertaining.

Overall, it should make it easier for you to contribute to conversations in a meaningful way, or at least sound smart down at the pub.

Surviving COVID-19 In Paradise

Supplied by reader **Sharon Smith**

"The COVID virus opened the door for me to the communities of Sandgate. I came to Australia for a two-week visit but COVID happened, which resulted in closures and travel restrictions. Weeks turned into months and my passion for Sandgate grew.

Being stranded is an opportunity to jump in at the deep end and engage with The New. This passion for Sandgate has been my golden opportunity to learn to kite with Surf Connect, curate an art exhibition at Artrageous, join Sandgate Art Society, participate in "have a cuppa" at Womenspace, have fun with Sandgate Girls SUP Club and swim and cycle with renowned U.K. triathlete June and her adorable dog Molly.

The community ethos from the people in all of these groups is always a joy of welcoming, a love of sharing and encouragement of returning. COVID was my ticket to a place I would like to call home. How lucky we are to have the Sandgate community."



Sharon kitesurfing on the Sandgate foreshore.



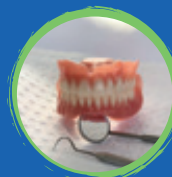
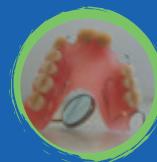
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WHAT'S *Hot* AROUND TOWN



Will Day



Col Finley

Story Nadia Chapman

December calls for festivities, so the Full Moon Hotel is hosting Country Christmas with country singers Col Finley and Will Day.

Two of Australia's best live acts in country music will join forces, showcasing high energy and country tunes.

Singer Will Day said the event was one-of-a-kind, and he was excited to be collaborating with Col.

"[The gig] will be backed by a red hot band, too," Will said. "This is a show not to be missed and will definitely melt the snow off the mistletoe."

Award-winning songwriter Col Finley has been in the industry for 30 years, and Will Day considers himself to be the new kid on the block. "This is a family-friendly, free event so come and get your Country Christmas on," Will said.

Country Christmas will be held on Wednesday, 23 December, from 7–10pm.



Paul Clairs / photo by Tim from Captivate Media

EclecTea will host an acoustic Saturday arvo sesh with the talented Paul Clairs in early December.

Sandgate locals can pop into EclecTea to listen to soothing vocals and elegant guitar playing.

Paul has been a part of the music industry and the Australian Songwriters Association for more than 20 years, entertaining locals with his impeccable talent.

Locals can expect a mix of original songs and acoustic covers that will leave you feeling groovy.

These days, Paul's live work mostly involves playing at weddings – so this gig is not one to miss.

Paul will be playing on Saturday, 5 December, from 4–7pm.

The Cardigan Bar will host an electrifying gig with Mismo Tempo later this month.

The gig will showcase some of the boys' original music alongside cover songs that don't follow the standard pub band setlist.

Previously known as 'Sametime', Sam and Tim Aitken stripped back their band to create a pub band project that is unique.

Locals can expect some melodic magic that combines glimpses of Boy and Bear and Lime Cordiale.

"We love it at the Cardigan Bar because we can sit down and interact with the audience," Sam said.

Mismo Tempo will be playing on take place on Saturday, 19 December, from 7.30–10.30pm.





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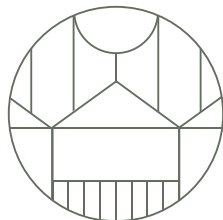


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SANDGATE TOWN CENTRE 6PM

🎵 **WEST TEXAS CRUDE**
CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

🎵 **TYRONE NOONAN DUO**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

05 SATURDAY

★ **PAUL CLAIRS** P.46
ECLECTEA 4PM



06 SUNDAY

★ **SANDGATE ART SOCIETY
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FIRST AVENUE 8AM

🎵 **STEVENSON ST DUO**
FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

🎵 **TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC**
ECLECTEA 3PM

🎵 **EMQ BAND**
BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN
PHOENIX BAR 3PM



11 FRIDAY



🎵 **OASIS MAK**
ECLECTEA 4PM

🎵 **DJ GALLEON**
BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN
- PHOENIX BAR 6PM

🎵 **DANNY JAZZ MOSE**

CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

🎵 **QUINN & MIC G DUO**

FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

12 SATURDAY

🎵 **SATURDAY ARVO SESH W MAK**

ECLECTEA 4PM



🎵 **CHEV WILSON**

CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

🎵 **NICK KOSCHEL DUO**

FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

13 SUNDAY

🎵 **MONTANA DUO**

FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

🎵 **TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC**

ECLECTEA 3PM

🎵 **WILKO**

BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN
- PHOENIX BAR 3PM

🎵 **LAWDY MAMA**

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18 FRIDAY



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19 SATURDAY

🎵 CALEB CASWELL

ECLECTEA 4PM



🎵 SAMETIME

CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

★ MISMO TEMPO *P.46*

THE CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

🎵 RIVER CITY SLING DUO

FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

20 SUNDAY

🎵 WILKO DUO

FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

🎵 EMQ BAND

BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN
- PHOENIX BAR 3PM

🎵 STONED & SOBER - COUNTRY BLUES

CARDIGAN BAR 4PM

23 WEDNESDAY

★ COUNTRY CHRISTMAS *P.46*

FULL MOON HOTEL 7PM

24 THURSDAY

🎵 OSBOURNE BAR: WILKO

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🎵 OASIS MAK

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🎵 **WILKO**

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🎵 **MOJO WEBB**

CARDIGAN BAR 4PM

30 WEDNESDAY

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31 THURSDAY

🎵 **OASIS MAK**

ECLECTEA 4PM

★ **FULL MOON PARTY IN PHOENIX** P.38

BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN 5PM

★ **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

JUNGLE PARTY P.38

ECLECTEA 6PM

★ **NEW YEAR'S EVE** P.38

MR HENDERSON 6PM

🎵 **NICOLE CANAWAY**

CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

★ **NYE TRIVIA** P.38

BRIGHTON HOTEL 7:30PM

★ **NEW YEAR'S EVE KARAOKE** P.38

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★ **A NIGHT IN WHITE PARTY** P.38

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Story **Brooke Jacobson**

SUMMER WITH A STING

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy has launched a petition aimed at ensuring Council takes "all necessary and available measures" to manage the mosquito problem in the 4017 area.

Cr Cassidy said in 2018, Council had sacked 12 full-time mosquito spraying staff, and in 2019 had underspent the spraying budget by \$1.15 million.

"With recent wet weather, the mozzie season is already in full swing," he said.

A link to Cr Cassidy's petition can be found on his Facebook page.

THE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Boondall Lions Club Christmas cakes and puddings are now available at the Deagon Ward Office, upstairs next to Aldi.

All money raised from the sale of the cakes and puddings goes towards Lions medical research and community projects, including disaster relief, hearing dogs, aged care, drug awareness and youth programs.

A 1.5kg cake is \$17, and a 0.9kg pudding is \$13. Sales are cash only.

BRIGHTENING UP SANDGATE

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy has signed off on a refurbishment of the area beneath the fairy lights outside the Sandgate Post Office Hotel. The makeover will feature new gardens, mulch and a plaque on one of the park benches in recognition of Grace Beecher, a researcher, historian and life member of the Sandgate and District Historical Society

LOCALS HELPING LOCALS

The 4017 Project has presented Bracken Ridge State High School with \$2676 as part of its local fundraising efforts.

Started four years ago by Allie and Jeremy Jucha, owners of Round Table Coffee, the 4017 Project aims to help local schools.

Throughout the year, 50 per cent of all book sales at Round Table Coffee are directed to selected schools in the area, with a guest sponsor matching the total donations from book sales.

Jeremy said this year's book sales raised \$1338 for Bracken Ridge State High School, which was matched with a \$1338 donation from Cr Sandy Landers.

"Even through all things COVID-19 locally, around the country and the larger world, it's fantastic to see such great local support," he said.

"The way so many people have got behind it is thrilling and we look forward to it again in 2021."

In the past four years, 4017 Project has donated more than \$13,000 to local schools.

For more information, go to:

www.roundtablecoffee.com.au

Book donations are also welcome.

HELPING CARE FOR WILDLIFE

Brisbane City Council's native wildlife carers grants are now open. The grants provide financial assistance to groups and individuals involved in rehabilitating and releasing orphaned, sick and injured native wildlife in the Brisbane City Council area.

Applicants should be an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation or a registered native wildlife carer individual or organisation. Funding amounts range from \$500 to \$5000 and applications close on 30 November.

For more information go to: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

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FISH OF THE MONTH

Flathead

Story **Peter Hansler**

Most people starting out fishing in our local area will head to the beach, our famous jetties, the Hornibrook Bridge or the Pine River. The most common catches will be bream, whiting, snapper, flathead and smaller species such as garfish and pike. Of these, whiting would be my favourite to eat, although flathead comes very close second.

To catch flathead, a 6-7 foot light rod with 12-15lb line will suffice. You can even buy little tackle boxes with the right size hooks and sinkers for the species you want to target. Baits can vary but the old staples like prawns and beach or blood worms work, as well as small pilchards and live baits or lures. Our local tackle shops are the best place for a bit more advice and the fishing gear that will fit your budget.

Late afternoon and early morning are prime times and even night fishing places like Sandgate and Brighton waterfronts or Suttons Beach on high tide under the lights produce some great fish.

The fish species you will encounter in these areas have size and possession limits, so without listing them all, I would recommend using the search function or download a fishing app on your phone. Even I confess to using these sometimes, as it is the most up-to-date way of ensuring you are not breaking the law.

There are a lot of flathead around at the moment so it pays to go for a walk at low tide and look for the lays or impressions they leave in the sand when waiting for food to pass by, then come back at high tide and have a go at catching them. A tip: the lays are the same shape as the fish.

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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Christmas Movie In the Park

Story Lyndal Magee

Usher in the festive season and leave the troubles of the year behind, with a free viewing of the highly popular movie *Elf* at Einbunpin Lagoon Park on 11 December.

Councillor for the Deagon Ward Jared Cassidy said the event, which is part of the Brisbane City Council's Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs



initiative, was shaping up to be a fun way to celebrate with loved ones after the year that was.

"It's been a tough year in many ways," he said. "This free event will provide locals with the opportunity to reunite with family and friends in the outdoors, have a laugh, and

get into the Christmas spirit."

Movie-goers can purchase food at the event or bring their own. Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on.

Elf stars Will Ferrell as Buddy, an adult man who, after finding out he was adopted and raised as an elf in the North Pole, sets out to find his real father in New York City. Heart-warming and funny, this movie will convert even the biggest of grinchers.

Movie Night in the Park
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PADDLER OF THE YEAR

Story *Wayne I Flack*
Photo *Bruce Redman*

Sandgate Paddling Club's racing, recreational and junior members are beaming with pride and excitement, and with due cause.

One of Sandgate's very own, Andrew Bavage, has been awarded 2020 Paddler of the Year by Paddle Queensland.

Sandgate Paddling Club media officer John Blackley said it was not a surprise Andrew won this award, and the club was very proud of him.

"Andrew's a very fast competitive paddler, who always shows a sense of fairness," John said.

"It was a blessing Andrew came to our club as he's always been willing to share his knowledge and help others."

The Paddler of the Year is awarded for achieving outstanding competition results, demonstrating respect for officials and opponents, and practising a philosophy of fair play and positive image in the community.

Andrew said this year was different, with little racing compared to last year.

"There's been a virtual race series with everyone timing themselves, and then submitting their times," he said.

Since picking up a paddle for the first time in 1994, Andrew won both state and national championships at the ages of 18 and 22.

Andrew said it was his dream to paddle well at International level, but that hadn't quite happened due to injuries and other commitments.

"I dropped out of the sport as I lost enjoyment and never saw it as a priority anymore," he said.

Following a 13-year layoff, Andrew returned to the waters in 2018, in his K1 Kayak, and joined Sandgate Paddling Club. His immediate aim was to regain fitness and meet new like-minded people.

He started off with just a few sessions and built from there. In no time at all Andrew's talent shone through, leading him to finish second at the Queensland state titles last year.

"I now enjoy training every morning, going out for the challenge and the sheer love of doing it," Andrew said.

The 2020 Paddle Queensland Annual Awards presentation will be held on the Gold Coast at Paddlefest on 5 and 6 December. Andrew will travel down to race there and collect his award.

For the latest on paddling, and to congratulate Andrew, follow the 'Sandgate Paddling Club Inc.' Facebook page.



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AUSTRALIAN... *Mistletoes*... HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Story *Leanne Palmer*

Australia is home to about 90 species of mistletoe – not the kind that is part of the European Christmas tradition (although Aussies have been known to improvise), but our very own distinctive and equally attractive ones.

Unusual and often misunderstood plants, Australian mistletoes come in many shapes and sizes. Flowering results in a dramatic show of yellow, orange or red. They are semi-parasitic, growing on the branches of natives such as eucalypts, casuarinas, and callistemons, relying on their host for water and support.

Remarkably, they appear to mimic the growth form of the tree they are living on, often producing foliage practically identical to their host, making them hard to see. This resemblance is believed to be a product of evolution.

One species that grows on casuarinas, forming long needle-like leaves, can be seen easily in Tinchí Tamba Reserve. Brighton Wetlands has some beautiful specimens too, growing on eucalypts. Sometimes, it is their tubular orange flowers fallen to the ground that will alert you to their presence.

Parasitic plants and animals have famously bad reputations, yet they form an important part of the ecosystems in which they live. Mistletoes provide a valuable source of food with their nectar-filled flowers and fleshy berries. Possums, insects, and birds feed on them and find shelter within their dense foliage. Aware of their importance, the local bushcare group has started to plant some in the casuarinas in Curlew Park.

One tiny bird, amongst Australia's smallest, has developed a strong relationship with them. The Australian mistletoebird feeds almost exclusively on the little berries, acting as one of the main distributors of the seeds. It takes less than 30 minutes for a seed to pass through its short digestive system, to be then excreted in a sticky mound on the branch of a tree, ready for the next generation of mistletoes to grow.

The mistletoebird is not so easy to see. Small and fast, a sighting may require some patience. It is only the male that has a red chest; females are dullish grey, making identification tricky.

School holidays are approaching, so make a point of getting out into nature with the kids and marvel at all the intricate relationships.

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THE NEXT FOUR YEARS: Q & A WITH STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Congratulations on being re-elected. Did you have much time for celebrations?

I want to thank the people of Sandgate for their emphatic support on 31 October. I commit to working hard every day to keep you and your family safe as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I did have some time for celebrations on Saturday night with my family, my campaign team and our army of local volunteers. It was straight back to work the next morning.

Over the next four years, what are your main priorities for Sandgate and Brisbane northside?

My focus over the next four years is to keep our community safe from COVID-19 and begin our economic recovery.

I want to make sure our recovery supports local businesses, creates local jobs, and gives our community the boost it needs to kickstart the economy.

My main priorities will be:

- Building the Beams Road Overpass;
- Expanding the Park 'n' Ride at Carseldine Station;
- Delivering a Sandgate District State High School performing arts hall;
- Hiring more frontline health workers to keep our community safe;
- Securing free TAFE for under 25s;
- Rebuilding our state's manufacturing industry.

You have announced that Labor will be delivering improvements to local schools. What are the timeframes on these and what will this mean for the community?

The performing arts hall at Sandgate State High and Outside Hours School Care (OHSC) at Bracken Ridge, Sandgate, and Shorncliffe State Schools were election commitments, and funding will be appropriated in the Budget. It is important that these projects are planned well and we will keep the community involved and up-to-date with these projects as time goes on. They will be delivered before the end of this parliamentary term in 2024.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to continue to "deliver for women". What are the next four years going to look like for women under your government?

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to getting coercive control right as an election commitment. Coercive control is an important issue, and happens where an abuser uses a long-term pattern of domination designed to reduce the agency of their victim.

Few governments have successfully legislated against coercive control and where they have, conviction rates are extremely low. This process will be done in partnership with the domestic violence and legal experts, and will include training for first responders and service providers, a community awareness campaign, and a consultation process.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government will also work with Share the Dignity (a national charity, which is based here in Sandgate) to provide vending machines with free tampons and pads at 120 schools across the state. All Queensland schools, including independent and Catholic schools, can register to be part of the program, with schools most in need given priority.

We all know sanitary products aren't luxury items – they're a necessity. This will give students the dignity they deserve, and help them feel more confident and stress-free during their time at school.

Christmas is coming. Are you going to enjoy some time with your family? Do you have a message for the Sandgate community?

With the Budget being handed down in early December and Parliamentary Estimates to follow in the two weeks after, myself and the Government will be working right up to Christmas. Following those long and important weeks, it will be even more enjoyable to spend time with my wife and children.

To the Sandgate community I want to say thank you for your support through what has been a difficult year for so many of us. Thank you for listening to the advice of health experts. I wish you and your family a very happy holiday.



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WELCOMING 2021 TO REDCLIFFE

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Say goodbye to 2020 in style, with Redcliffe Farmers and Artisan Markets New Year's Eve Twilight Market. This family-friendly celebration overlooking the bay is set to be one big party, boasting live entertainment, a sideshow alley, and of course, two spectacular fireworks displays.

Redcliffe Farmers and Artisan Markets market co-ordinator Mark Power said that although this year had been hard for many, the markets were bigger and better than ever. He said it had been really rewarding being able to extend the market due to the post-COVID community support of local businesses.

He said the event was guaranteed to entertain and feed all, as organisers had ensured there was something enjoyable for every member of the family.

"We will have all of the usual things you would expect at one of our events," Mark said. "Amazing gourmet street eats, lots of great food vendors, and plenty of in-market entertainment including fire entertainers, DJs, musicians and stilt walkers. It will be a really vibrant, upbeat party vibe."

The event will be a foodies delight with way too many decadent treats to list. But with wood-fired pizzas, artisan doughnuts and melt-in-your mouth calamari, you are sure to keep your belly satisfied.

The fireworks displays are at 7.30pm for the littles and the adults can enjoy the 9.30pm event while the kiddies sleep – if they can close their eyes after the excitement of the night.

Mark said the markets would give people an opportunity to purchase homemade artisan goods and entertainment on the three main stages would have guests dancing in the street as the live music takes flight, with solo acts and DJs to carry you into 2021.

"It might have been a fizzer of a year, but this is our chance to bid it farewell with a bang and to set the right tone for 2021, which should be about all of us coming together and celebrating," Mark said.

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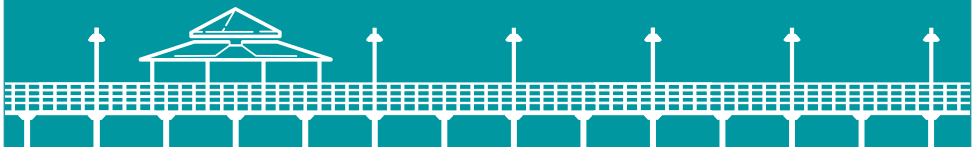
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Story *Philip Woods* Photo *PDPR Media*

Fermentation is a natural process that has occurred for millennia, however, the advent of distilling required human intervention in the form of alchemy. This process proved to be quite handy, allowing the successful use of distilled spirits in medicine, as well as in religious or social rituals around the world.

Overall, it's gone quite well. Sure, there was a messy patch in Great Britain in the 18th century, known as the gin craze, but for the most part we have enjoyed a positive relationship with the still.

Fast track to present day Brisbane, and we find ourselves among a resurgence in the popularity of boutique distilleries, producing wonderful and award-winning spirits that are going down well with the locals.

Owner and master distiller of the Brisbane Distillery Company at West End Jon Atherton said, "I think COVID has really made people look to local with fresh eyes. Not only are we starting to reassess our holiday options but there's also more of a shift to buying local and supporting local, which I think is really fantastic."

Jon uses all natural, local ingredients to create some of his acclaimed gins, which include Game of Eucalyptus, Brisbane Dry and Phat Chai.

The Brisbane Distillery Company also operates a Gin School, offering guests the opportunity to create and take home their own unique gin blend, using botanicals that cover citrus, floral or herbal flavour profiles.

Jon has seen a wide range of people keen to enrol in Gin School.

"I think the recent uptake in arts and crafts has now extended to activities like this, with people from all walks of life embracing activities including baking, preserving, renovating, and of course, distilling," he said. "With the help of our gin coaches anybody can master the art – and with over a trillion combinations with the botanicals we have on hand, you will certainly have something unique."

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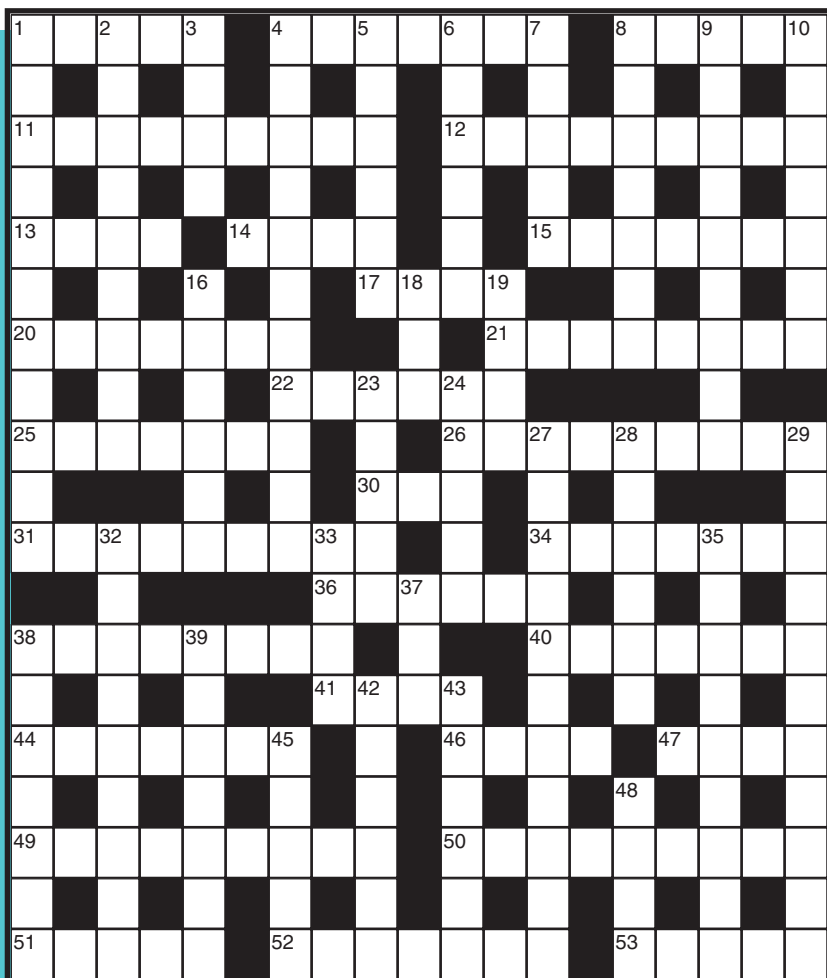
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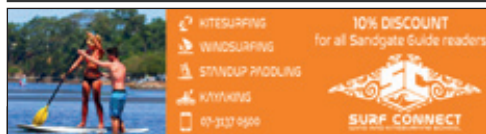
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