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A Note FROM THE TEAM



With 2020 complete, the New Year has brought a distinct feeling of hope and excitement for good things to come. As always, the 4017 community is bursting with creative, resilient, and clever people, and the Sandgate Guide relishes the chance to bring you some of their stories again this month.

On the musical front, veteran musos Sandra Beynon and Steve Timms take a trip down memory lane, and we bring you the latest gigs from Music By The Sea – a line-up of world class, uplifting, and talented performers. You'll read about Sandgate author Sandra Hogan, whose just-released book about a real-life suburban Brisbane family of spies is a genuine page-turner. Speaking of creatives, you'll meet delightful Deagon artist and teacher Angie McHugh in our Local Faces section. You'll also be inspired to hear about the wonderful work the Brighton Wellness Hub is doing in helping people make social connections and supporting healthy ageing.

Of course, we keep you up to date with all the latest foodie hotspots, with a spotlight on one of our favourites – the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club at Shorncliffe. If there's a better spot to sit by the water and enjoy some fresh seafood and an icy drink, we'd love to hear about it!

Enjoy our February issue.

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ALL ABOARD FOR FAMILY FUN

Story *Aleasha Bliss* Photo *Paul Neil*

Thomas the Tank Engine fans are in for a treat at the Bracken Ridge Lions Train Day.

In a train fan's dream come true a mix of steam and battery-operated miniature trains are running through McPherson Park and at only \$2 per ride or \$12 for 10 rides, it will also keep the hip pocket happy.

Bracken Ridge Central Lions Club president Louise Gordon said the club love running this family friendly event on the fourth Sunday of each month and seeing families have a great day out.

"In the past we have had some really big crowds," Louise said. "We have a sausage sizzle, coffee van, live entertainment, and market stalls run by charities or local stallholders.

"People can also hold a birthday party through us – the birthday person gets a free ride pass and we set up a marquee for them."

All the money raised at the event goes back into the local community, mainly supporting local groups or fire relief.

The entertainment for the morning will be performed by the South East Queensland

Big Band, and is set to impress with its five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, and a rhythm section.

South East Queensland Symphonic Winds president Adam Pittard will be performing in the big band, which is led by Rohan Keylock and consists of 20 musicians.

"We are excited at the prospect of playing publicly again," Adam said. "We normally have about 12 to 15 performances in a year and last year only had three, due to COVID.

"We have played at the train day a number of times in the past, so it will be nice to get back there and support the Lions Club and local community – being a not-for-profit ourselves, our aim is to help small local events and clubs.

"At the train days we usually have really big audiences – they are a really captive audience, because where the band is set up is where people are lined up to get on the train."

**Bracken Ridge Lions Train Day and
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SPRUCED UP BOWLS CLUB READY TO ROLL

Story *Emma Sanders*

Photo *Isabella Cate*

The bowling greens at Sandgate Bowls Club have always been dutifully and beautifully manicured, and now the club has the entertainment area to match.

With last year's pandemic lockdown forcing many businesses to close temporarily, the club used the shutdown as an opportunity to freshen up its bar and entertainment facilities.

It's something that the club's board chairman, Paul Kelly, said was a long time coming.

"The club had not had an appearance change for many years and it was looking dated," he said.

"The cold room was replaced with modern double glass door fridges, the bar area was repainted with a bright colour, and the bar top was stripped back to reveal a lovely pine timber top which was then sanded and lacquered.

"The carpet in the members' area was cleaned and refurbished. We also added some audio visual equipment to cater for conferences."



Chairman Paul Kelly (right) and Member and Barman Evan Henderson



The refreshed space has been in action since late last year, and Paul said the feedback had been tremendously positive from members and the public alike.

"The reaction has been very positive from the members, who saw the fresh look as a facility they could be proud of," he said.

"We have a much fresher appearance to offer members and guests. This means we can appeal to non-members for functions. We have been open since November and have already had a number of functions ranging from 20 to 130 people."

With the renewed interest and demand for the club, Paul said barefoot bowls events would ramp up during 2021.

"We have two floodlit bowls greens so we run the barefoot bowls at night midweek," he said.

"Our plan is to reintroduce a regular Friday night barefoot bowls night that is open to the public. We are also discussing with the local schools to host an Education Cup for the teaching fraternity.

"We will be aiming at the family market to offer a healthy outdoor activity in a fun and comfortable environment. There is nothing like a night time barefoot bowls activity in the Sandgate and Shorncliffe area."

For more information, search for Sandgate Bowls Club on Facebook.

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The Stowaways

► February: The Stowaways

Bringing an optimistic and joyful start to Music By The Sea 2021, the Stowaways are an eclectic world music trio, steeped in the far-flung folk traditions of the British Isles, but with colourful influences from all over Eastern Europe, America and the Near East.

The line-up features Sebastian Flynn on fiddle, Martin Reese on mandolin, banjo, shruti box and melodeon, and Christian Rizzalli on bouzouki, accordion, percussion and vocals.

This crew delights with seamless musicianship, high-energy fiddling, heartfelt songs, and engaging stories.

The Stowaway's signature sound includes a homage in word and music to renowned Irish poet Ciaran Carson, which they performed to great acclaim at the Woodford Folk Festival.

You may have caught one of their shows at the Woodford Folk Festival in 2018 and 2019 as well as at concerts throughout Queensland.

Now the band is riding a wave of success to beautiful Sandgate.

The Stowaways

Saturday, 6 February, 7.30pm

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► March: Beier • Griffin • Pollak Trio, and East of West

On 6 March, a clever double act presents evocative, uplifting music by Beier • Griffin • Pollak Trio and East of West.

The recently formed Beier • Griffin • Pollak Trio brings together three multi-talented musicians who have played together over many years in different groups.

Some of their previous incarnations include Ross Daly's Australian Labyrinth, Dva, dididumdum, Makedonski Bop, and the still active Balkanics.

Also taking the sea air is inspiring world music project East of West led by Bosnian-born composer Goran Gajić (double bass) with Philip Griffin on oud, and Malindi Morris on percussion.

The trio formed in 2018 in order to explore new compositions that spring from the rich musical influences of the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

East of West's intricate story-telling is spun over rich traditional rhythms and entwining elements of jazz, while allowing space for open solos and improvisation.

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New Groove Concert

New Groove Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Sandgate Town Hall on Sunday, 14 February from 2-4pm. Bring your friends together for an afternoon of jazz, dancing and afternoon tea. Due to COVID-19, tickets to New Groove Jazz Ensemble's concert must be pre-paid and bought online, with all attendees completing contact details. For details visit: www.newgroove.com.au

Super Bowl Monday

Mr Henderson will once again screen the Super Bowl live, starting the day from 9am. The bar will show the game on the big screen and will sell American beers during the game.

Monday, 8 February, 9am–3.30pm
Mr Henderson, 69 Brighton Road, Sandgate

Footpath Works

The Nineteenth Avenue footpath, beside Brighton Health Campus, is scheduled to be upgraded. Spokesperson for the Deagon Ward office said the work was expected to begin late-January, with completion within two weeks (weather permitting). Please remember to watch your step if you frequently walk along this path.

Celebrate Waitangi Day Locally

Story Jodie Woodward

Waitangi Day might be the national day of New Zealand, but it's celebrated all around the world – including right here in Sandgate.

Sandgate Post Office Hotel is once again hosting an event to celebrate all things from across the ditch.

Hotel general manager TJ Marshall said the day would be very similar to the one held last year, with locals performing the Haka, and DJ Tusani on the decks for the afternoon.

"For us as a venue, it's a chance to celebrate a day of meaning – even if it's not Australian," TJ said. "For the people of Sandgate and surrounds it's somewhere to come on the day to celebrate Waitangi Day and perhaps learn something new if you're not familiar with it. And indulge in some New Zealand beer and eat some New Zealand favourites; we're doing a special menu for lunch that day.

"Some highlights are for sure the Haka, and having Tui on tap," he said.

Stop by for a drink or stay for the entire afternoon. Bookings are highly encouraged, especially if you want to enjoy a meal.

For more information about the event, check Sandgate Post Office Hotel's Facebook page.

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White Christmas! Samantha, Ellaska and Kaela were together for a fantastic family Christmas Day lunch in Shorncliffe.



Young Daniel MacCallum spent a few days busking with his trumpet in Sandgate's main street at Two Mad Sisters Home Décor and Tea Room, Sandgate.



Flautist Danny and the Brisbane Symphonic Band played to an enthusiastic audience at an outdoor concert in Upper Moora Park, Shorncliffe.



Rochelle Courtenay shares her big 50th birthday this year with a few of her #ItsMyBloodyBirthday friends and campaign ambassadors, raising funds for Share the Dignity the national charity she founded in 2015.

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Valentine's Day Dance

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This event will have you twirling your partner on the large dance floor while being serenaded by The Let's Dance Band. Fortunato Isgro and Frank Maugeri will have your hearts fluttering and your legs grooving to their tunes all afternoon long.

The Let's Dance Band drummer Frank said the band would be performing a mix of dance pieces to get everyone out of their chairs and to celebrate the special day. Old-time music, rock 'n' roll, new vogue, Latin and fun dance are the genres they have prepared for the event.

"It's about going out for Valentine's Day," Frank said. "Due to the COVID situation people haven't been going out, and have been stuck at home – so we really want everyone to come along and enjoy some afternoon dancing with their loved ones. You can expect a really great four hours of entertainment."

Geebung Bowls Club manager Linda Jackson said this was the first time The Let's Dance Band had performed at the venue, and the club was looking forward to hosting the event. The café and bar will also be open during the afternoon if you work up an appetite or thirst while dancing the day away.

"We have heard great things about Fortunato and Frank – The Let's Dance Band," Linda said. "Geebung Bowls Club is very excited to have them at the club and to see their great show in the cool comfort of the air conditioning. Everyone will have a blast, so go and get your tickets now."

"Tap your toes, get up and dance (if restrictions allow). Have a bite to eat, an icy cold drink, and have a fantastic time."

For tickets phone Frank Maugeri: 0412 086 983.

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Story Nick Allford

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Episodes run for around 20 minutes and vary between self-contained stories or a selection of continued adventures. They are joined by a host of guest stars with names you might not recognise but voices that you will.

The podcast is suitable for all ages, staying true to the original style of the era by never being too rude, and instead opting for the occasional sneaky innuendo. For some, it will be a nostalgic trip down memory lane, and for others like me, it's a taste of a more innocent time with a modern comedic twist.

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Sandra Beynon and Steve 'Coojee' Timms

MUSOS OF SANDGATE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Story *Sandra Beynon*

Photo *Bruce Redman*

Our humble seaside town has grown so much since my 70s childhood here. When the Sacred Heart nuns discovered my talents, I had to sing the 10 Commandments through the school PA every Monday, and I soon became the go-to girl for anything vocal, to the glory of God.

Meanwhile, my Sandgate State School counterpart, Steve 'Coojee' Timms, drummed his way into the current musical landscape, supported by a part-time clerical job, sometimes wearing a space helmet on stage, but always being awesome.

A friend of my brother, Coojee and I recall swimming in Cabbage Tree Creek and walking on the railway tracks.

Fast forward to 2021.

"I want to be an entertainer," fell often from my childish lips, apparently, and that's exactly what I've done since 1981, alongside a day job. Since

going full-time in 2011, I proudly carry the torch for older female musicians, performing jazz, rock, RnB or country, as vocalist for Body and Soul or Missy Vader Duos.

Finishing senior at Sandgate High School, its focus on music productions and talent quests helped me turn pro at barely 16, rocking out with a seven-piece band on weekends.

Since the February 2020 'gig crash', a handful of small-paying underground gigs has kept me from total sadness at lost earnings.

Coojee's career as an in-demand drummer, hired by a host of great artists including Mojo Webb, has also stalled, as venues cancelled or downsized their entertainment offerings.

"The gig crash means more time with my two young daughters, being grateful for my day job, and reminiscing about past gigs," Coojee said.

The Music By The Sea concerts and supportive venues like the Cardigan Bar have kept live music going in the area, and we wish them well.

As I write, we are about to go into the first lockdown of 2021, dashing hopes of so many who rely on music or hospitality for work.

From two people whose careers started in Sandgate, we thank all live music venues, and encourage folk to support them, for without their vision and commitment, the music dies.

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Story Eve Vickerson

Photo Bruce Redman

Meeting new people, getting a hobby, being healthier and spending more time with friends are all common new year's resolutions and they're all on offer at the Brighton Wellness Hub.

It's a progressive community space hosted by the Metro North Hospital and Health Service that's open to local people and community groups to either hold their own events or to join in on free or low-cost social activities, from lawn bowls to line dancing.

Brighton Wellness Hub representative Katie Chan said that an important function of the space was to help people make more social connections and to support healthy ageing.

"People can feel socially isolated but we provide the space where they can do Tai Chi, group personal training, social bowls – it gets everybody back to being connected," Katie said.

With so much of day-to-day life now revolving around technology, Katie said that not only did

the Hub allow people to connect in real life but also by using technology.

"Not everybody knows how to use technology, so it's about us helping people to connect with those services, to know how to use them and also offer support to connect to technology," she said. "We work with the Sandgate Library, and they come in and offer technology classes."

For local volunteer and former registered nurse Margaret Arthars, the Hub offers her an opportunity to give back to the community. She regularly donates her time to help out at Hub activities and said she "loves to do it and it makes a difference".

Hub visitor Jackie Buttress said that as well as making quilts and toys at the weekly knitting and crochet group, she enjoyed the companionship and friendly atmosphere of the community space.

"Anybody is welcome and the staff are fantastic here; they spoil me rotten," Jackie said.

Whether you're a keen crafter, enjoy bowling a winner on the green or simply feel like having a cuppa and a chat, the Brighton Wellness Hub has something for everyone.

You can find out more about the events and activities on offer by searching for 'Brighton Wellness Hub' at metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/community.



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SAVING THE LITTLE PIGGIES

Story Jenn Carrington

Despite their common name, guinea pigs are not native to Guinea, nor are they remotely related to pigs. Originally domesticated in South America as livestock, they have since evolved to become very popular pocket-pets.

QLD Guinea Pig Refuge Inc secretary Grace Calver said Guinea pigs made excellent pets.

"They are quite low maintenance, attentive, cheerful and happy animals, but guineas are not good at being alone," Grace said. "They are very sociable and need companionship, and we aim to adopt in pairs, triples and even fours.

"We have around 30 guineas in our care at any one time, and our adoption days can often have more. Our focus is on helping mistreated, abused and surrendered guinea pigs find permanent, loving homes."

Guinea pigs can be suitable for seniors who are unable to have large pets, children who would like a first-time pet, and anyone wanting a furry friend that loves cuddles, can learn tricks and is easy to care for.

Diet is very important for guineas with about 80 per cent of their diet coming from grassy or wheaten hay and dry pellets. And as they cannot produce their own vitamin C,

vegetables and fruit high in vitamin C such as zucchini, peas, and tomatoes should be on the menu.

Space is also vital. Guinea pigs do not like small spaces and need a roomy cage and some free-range time in the yard to roam and run and play.

Guinea Pigs are also known for their stunning coats and appearance, and are bred and shown in competitions around the world. However, Grace said as the refuge did not support breeding.

"There are quite a lot of Guinea breeders in Brisbane," she said. And we do not support them or encourage breeding, so we desex all of our male guineas that come into our care."

The open days provide an opportunity to meet the guineas available for adoption, purchase food and hay, and visit the piggy grooming salon and shop.

Just remember, if you're thinking of adopting, be prepared to take home more than one little piggypig.

*For more info check the website:
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GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Story Wayne I Flack
Photo Bruce Redman

The Australian Tennis Open gets under way this month, and many youngsters under the watchful eye of their mentors will be hitting the courts and aspiring to be like their idols.

One local mentor is Sandgate Tennis Centre manager and coaching director Brett Plant.

Brett said that at aged 15, he was personally coached by the legendary Harry Hopman in the US.

"I had a great trip and learned a lot about discipline and fitness," he said.

A former top 15 Queensland state junior, Brett missed the cut one year by one place into the main draw of the Australian Open, to Pat Rafter.

John Frawley's father was Brett's main coach, who advised him at age 18 to make sure he gained his coaching qualifications, stating he was a solid player but would do better as a coach.

Brett gained invaluable insight when he tagged along on a life-changing six-week trip with BP Achiever squad coaches John Frawley, Bob Carmichael, Darren Cahill, Mark Woodford and Peter McNamara.

Obtaining his coaching credentials, Brett accepted a coaching position in 2002 at the Harry Hopman Tennis Academy at Saddlebrook in the US.

In 2005, he took up his current role at Sandgate Tennis, and is now the Australian Ambassador for the Harry Hopman Tennis Academy.

Brett said he officially took groups of kids overseas to the academy for extended training.

"There'd be a dozen kids I've produced that were Top 10 in Australia, which is very satisfying," he said.

A recent student was Under 12 Australian number one Gautham Santhosh, who Brett has coached since he was five. Now thirteen, Gautham has moved on after being picked up by Tennis Australia.

Brett said it was his enjoyment of helping kids to become good professional tennis players that drove him.

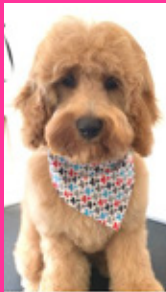
“ *Tennis is my passion, and I come in everyday never feeling like I'm working, and can't imagine doing anything else," he said.*

Recognised by Tennis Australia as a Top Ten Coach in Australia in 2019, Brett has guided Sandgate Tennis to be ranked number nine out of 70 Tennis Centre Associations in Brisbane.

For information on coaching or social tennis visit www.sandgatetennis.com.au

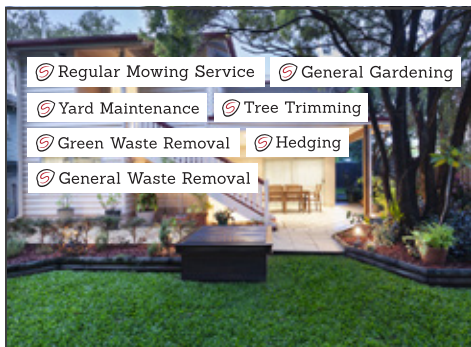


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Local Author Exposes Spy Family



Sandra Hogan

Sandgate author Sandra Hogan tells the incredible true story of a family of Australian spies in a book being published by Allen & Unwin this month.

With My Little Eye tells the story of the Doherty children, who grew up in Brisbane during the 1950s. Before they went to school, their parents had trained them to memorise number plates, notice unusual behaviour, and describe people accurately. They were also very good at keeping secrets.

Dudley Doherty was an ASIO agent and, against all the normal rules of the spy business, he and his wife Joan decided to raise the children to play an active role in espionage.



With My Little Eye will be available in paperback from all good bookstores from 2 February 2021 (for \$29.99).

Anything could happen in their suburban home. The children were not surprised if Sydney crime boss Abe Saffron came to visit, or if they were asked to help infiltrate the UFO Society.

They had a memorable holiday at the Gold Coast with Soviet defectors, Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov, who were posing as their grandparents. The Petrovs needed to disappear during the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, because their lives were in danger from assassins travelling with the Russian athletes. Vladimir Petrov put all their lives in danger when he got drunk and blew his cover during that holiday.

Sandra Hogan interviewed the three children and their mother Joan over several years while they spoke frankly and fully about their spying lives.

"For obvious reasons, you don't often get to hear the stories of real life spies and their families," said Sandra, "so it was a rare privilege to talk to the Dohertys about their strange and poignant childhood."

The story is mostly told from the point of view of the eldest Doherty daughter, Sue-Ellen, who longed to uncover the mysteries of her father's life and to know who he really was.

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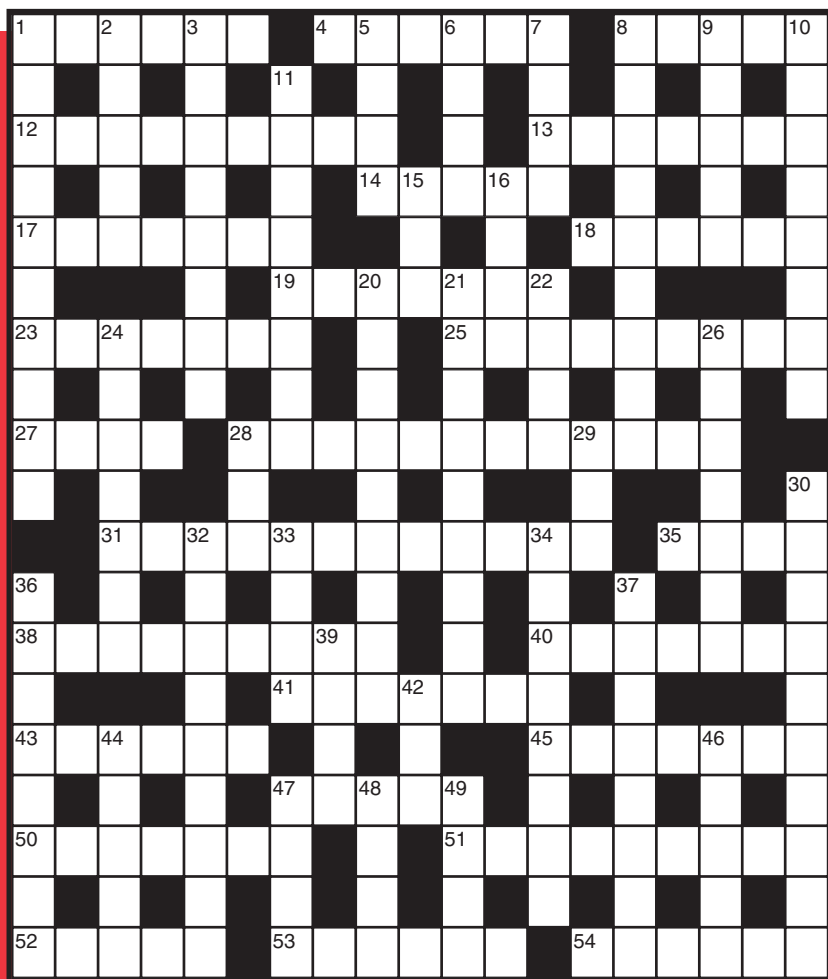


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- 12 Festive present (6,3)
- 13 Innocently
- 14 Particle
- 17 To a greater extent
- 18 Outlaw
- 19 Act of anointing with oil
- 23 SE European country
- 25 Yellow maize (5,4)
- 27 Quantity of bread
- 28 Imaginary
- 31 A higher degree

- 35 Matured
- 38 Large extinct reptile
- 40 Print again
- 41 Pass across
- 43 Ask round
- 45 Live longer than
- 47 Two-up call, ____ or tails
- 50 In danger (2,5)
- 51 Clients
- 52 Decreased
- 53 Looking
- 54 Lacking courage

DOWN

- 1 Public brawl (4-3-3)
- 2 No-hoper (coll)
- 3 Animal with a trunk
- 5 Dawdles
- 6 Beast of burden
- 7 Jerk
- 8 Culminating
- 9 Turn over
- 10 Central piece atop an arch
- 11 Short month
- 15 Special
- 16 Breed of dog
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The Sandgate Village Market is a community-based eco-market supporting local artists, authors, makers, eco-producers, natural therapists, and performers. The market aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment for locals to trade in a sustainable manner. Held on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. The next markets are on 13 and 27 February, 8am–12pm, Einbunpin Lagoon car park.

Scouts Sign On Day

Bracken Ridge Scouts Sign On Day is a great time to learn about the amazing opportunities that scouting has to offer young people (and adults). There will be leaders available to answer questions and information packs to take home. There will also be a free sausage sizzle.

Saturday, 6 February, 2021 at 8am-1pm
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Bayside Stitches is a friendly group of ladies who knit, embroider, hand quilt, crochet, and bead, and are willing to teach any skill to newcomers. Share new ideas and enjoy a chat and cuppa. If you would like more information, contact Anne on ph. 3314 1266 or mobile 0432 214 776. First and third Friday of every month, 9–11.30am at the Sandgate & District Senior Citizens Centre, 20 Seymour St, Sandgate.

Boondall Wetlands Events

Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre has a number of events on this month:

Celebrate World Wetlands Day – The day will help raise awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and our planet, and receive free native plants. Saturday, 6 February, 9.30-11am.

Shinrin-Yoku Forest Therapy Guided Walk – Immerse your senses in nature on a guided mindfulness walk through Boondall Wetlands. Sunday, 7 February, 8.30-9.30am

Discover Creatures of Mud, Sand and Sea – Children can meet and touch animals and learn about what creatures inhabit the Moreton Bay marine park and shoreline. Saturday, 13 February, 1.30-2.30pm

Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre
31 Paperbark Dr, Boondall

Sue's Korner Makeover

Sue's Korner in Boondall has been added to a list of sites that Brisbane City Council plans to upgrade as part of its Village Precinct Projects improvement program.

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy said he was pleased with this latest announcement.

"After petitioning and advocating for improvements to Sue's Korner over the past three years, I am proud to announce that a million dollars in funding has been secured for the Sue's Korner Village Precinct Project," Jared said.

"Sue's Korner is iconic to people who live in Boondall and those who travel through. These upgrades will be a really welcome addition to the community.

"This hard-won funding will go towards improving the amenity and accessibility of the iconic local shops, ensuring that Sue's Korner remains a strong part of the Boondall community for years to come.

"Expected improvements to the 'Korner' include footpath upgrades, street gardens and trees, bike racks, bins, water fountains, and the potential for a public art installation. This and much more is detailed in the project plans outlined for completion in 2022-23 and is very exciting news moving forward."



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Story Jodie Woodward
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Queensland Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC), founded for the purpose of yacht racing, has a proud history. The iconic Brisbane to Gladstone has been the club's signature event since 1949, and race days are always a highlight. It's not all about racing here, though. The venue boasts five function spaces as well as the popular waterside bar and restaurant.

Bar and restaurant manager Peter Thompson said the restaurant was situated away from the crowds of the Sandgate foreshore, but was still right on the water with a family-friendly atmosphere.

"Our yacht club is relaxing and breezy," Peter said. "It's such a beautiful spot that many a bride has been married here, and many locals come every weekend without fail. There's a relaxed friendliness that's both welcoming and contagious."

When it comes to food, chef Mark Wright is creative and passionate about modern Australian cuisine. He has 20 years' experience serving in some of Brisbane's finest restaurants, and has even cooked for some celebrities.

"Chef Mark and sous Dave have proven their worth when it comes to supplying meat or fish dishes cooked superbly," Peter said. "Winter saw Mark's tasty lamb shoulder enjoy a great following, and his range of seafood dishes and platters are taking over as it warms up."

The club's menu includes something for everyone. For Peter, a highlight of the menu is the seafood,

including the prawns, which are sourced from the trawlers right next door.

"For me, I can't go past the fruits de mer. Who wouldn't love a plate full of fresh and local seafood?" he said.

QCYC is the perfect venue for a relaxed meal with family or friends, or for celebrating a special occasion.

"We show sporting events on the big screen in the members room, and we have Thursday evening Happy Hour and Sunday afternoon live music by the water," Peter said. "There's also a monthly open mic night that is always well attended."

With all the club has to offer, Peter would love to see even more people enjoy this waterfront venue.

"Having lived at the marina for 20 years, I have a good handle on our local clientele and would like to expand that to include others who don't know of our 'secret on the water' in Shorncliffe."

For more information or to make a booking, visit www.qcyc.com.au

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🎵 **PAUL CLAIRS**
ECLECTEA 4PM

★ **THE STOWAWAYS** P.10
SANDGATE TOWN HALL 7:30PM

🎵 **QUINN & MIC G**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

07 SUNDAY

🎵 **BELLA PATON**
SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

🎵 **MONTANA**
FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

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

08 MONDAY

📅 **HENDO'S SUPER BOWL**
MONDAY 2021
MR HENDERSON 9AM

12 FRIDAY



🎵 **OASIS MAK**
ECLECTEA 4PM

🎵 **FONOTI**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

13 SATURDAY

SANDGATE VILLAGE MARKET
EINBUNPIN LAGOON 8AM - 12PM

CALEB CASWELL
ECLECTEA 4PM



AMY VARLEY DUO
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

14 SUNDAY

DANNY MOSE
SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

NEW GROOVE JAZZ ENSEMBLE
SANDGATE TOWN HALL 2PM

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19 FRIDAY



🎵 **OASIS MAK**
ECLECTEA 4PM

🎵 **C & C**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

20 SATURDAY

★ **QLD GUINEA PIG REFUGE**
OPEN DAY P.22
BALD HILLS SCOUT DEN 10AM

🎵 **ANGUS HALL**
ECLECTEA 4PM



🎵 **TOM ROBERTS DUO**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

21 SUNDAY

🎵 **NATE DANIELS**
SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

🎵 **PETE CULLEN DUO**
FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

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

26 FRIDAY



🎵 **OASIS MAK**
ECLECTEA 4PM

🎵 **LINK & LAW**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

27 SATURDAY

📌 **SANDGATE VILLAGE MARKET**
EINBUNPIN LAGOON 8AM - 12PM

🎵 **HANNAH MCLEOD**
ECLECTEA 4PM

FULL MOON
RISE TIME 6:36PM



🎵 **MONTANA**
FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM

28 SUNDAY

★ **BRACKEN RIDGE LIONS**
TRAIN DAY P.6
MCPHERSON PARK 9AM

🎵 **DARYL JAMES**
SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

🎵 **WILKO**
FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM

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



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*President of All About Living Darryl McNamara, and
Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe.*



New Resident For Old Sandgate Fire Station

The former Sandgate Fire and Rescue Station will become the new home for All About Living, a not-for-profit organisation supporting the Sandgate area.

Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe congratulated All About Living on its new Sandgate base.

"This is great news for All About Living and wonderful result for the Sandgate community," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"I made a commitment to the community that the old fire station and its land would become home to valued local community organisation.

"All About Living is a highly respected and valued provider of support services to elderly and disabled members of our community and their families.

"Plans were announced three years ago to move the operations of Sandgate Fire Station to a new complex in Bracken Ridge.

"Since then, I've been determined the station and its land would remain in the service of Sandgate as a community asset.

"To hand over the old station to a not-for-profit organisation like All About Living is a great outcome for the future."

Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Mark Ryan, said it was fitting that the Sandgate site would continue to provide a valuable community service.

"As a Fire and Rescue facility, the old Sandgate station served Sandgate and the surrounding region well, saving property and lives.

"Now with All About Living moving to the site, the people of Sandgate will have another layer of community support.

"Community organisations play an invaluable role in society, and the government will always look to support groups like All About Living wherever possible," Mr Ryan said.

Under the arrangement, All About Living will receive the land in freehold.

The organisation's plan is to immediately undertake fitout works to the building, to facilitate its work supporting the aged and those with disabilities.

In a second stage, All About Living is looking to investigate a plan to build a multifunctional community hub on the site.



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Story **Robyn Baker**

Photo supplied by **Tamara Wecker,**
RE/MAX Property Shop Sandgate

Each month I'll be sharing a snapshot of what's current and happening in real estate in the Sandgate area.

Our property market ended on a high last year in light of the global pandemic. Australia has managed well against many overseas countries with local agents reporting the housing market as extremely busy. Why is this so, and what is driving this hive of activity?

According to local agent Tamara Wecker from RE/MAX Property Shop, "Last year's real estate activity was unique and record-breaking. This was unexpected given the challenges that were originally anticipated due to COVID-19," Tamara said. "This has continued into 2021 and record low interest rates have been a driving factor."

With the shift to working from home, buyers are seeking properties that offer options. Detached properties, homes with separate areas such as a granny flat or a separate office

area have proven popular. This has resulted in a reduction of demand for apartments and units.

Sandgate is one of the few areas in Brisbane with a relaxed beachside lifestyle with easy commuter access to the CBD and a wonderful village full of eclectic shops and dining options. It has always been popular with sea-changers. There are also many local recreational options for water sports with open ocean access, and many great parks to have a picnic, kick a ball, or walk the dog. Sandgate has easy access to the Sunshine Coast highway, local Westfield shopping centres, and even its own racetrack. Tamara said, "Once you enjoy Sandgate's bayside living, it's hard to fathom living anywhere else."

Housing options in Sandgate are mixed and there are options for all stages of life. This is reflected in the fact that more than 50 per cent of buyers already live in the area. Whether upsizing or downsizing, Sandgate is spoilt for choice and some properties even have sea views.

Currently, the median house price for Sandgate is \$779,000, a 12.1 per cent growth increase in the last 12 months and a capital growth of 29.83 per cent in the last five years. (Source: CommBank property app 14/1/21.)



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ANGIE MCHUGH



Interview by Linda Read
Photo Bruce Redman

We're coming up to six years living in Deagon now. Before that, we [with husband Steve] lived in Nundah, but I was born in Goondiwindi.

I like this area because it doesn't feel like a suburb, it's got more of that village feel, which I love. We've grown to really enjoy the wetlands as well; we've got a little boat, and we love taking the boat up Cabbage Tree Creek – the mangroves are very beautiful.

[Steve and I] got married twice – we got married at the registry office and went for our reception at the Pancake Manor – it was just us. Then we had a pretend wedding a month later with 100 guests.

On our honeymoon, we went to Iceland, which was really beautiful, because I wanted to see a puffin. And we travelled to Malta to see a diving dog that I'd seen online. We went to about eight countries on the trip.

I studied sculpture in the 1990s, and I did teaching when I was a bit older. I was a nanny in London for a few years – that was really

interesting. It made me want to do something a bit more nurturing than regular teaching.

I work at a flexi-school [as an art teacher]. The kids are aged 11 to 18. I love that kids are honest, and they're very funny. They don't sugar-coat anything. I love the humour that kids bring, and I like their curiosity. That's really beautiful – and contagious. It's a bit of a challenge to find the conditions that these young people need to thrive, but when you work it out with them, they do.

Ralph, our dog, flew up from Newcastle when he was 16 weeks old and started coming to school with me. He has a little bean bag under my desk in the staff room, and a bean bag in the art room. His favourite food is banana bread from the tuckshop.

He's not an official therapy dog or companion animal, but he enjoys doing a lot of sleeping in there, and he will go and sleep next to people.

I'm also an artist; I do mostly portraits. I have ongoing commissions throughout the year. For me, it's a really great contrast to talking and interacting, because it means I can be really introspective, and I enjoy that quiet time.



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A photograph of John Borg, a man with grey hair wearing a blue button-down shirt, sitting in a grassy field. He is surrounded by three dogs: a black and white dog on the left, a black and white dog in the center, and a white dog with black markings on the right. The background is a lush green field with trees.

John Borg with Chance,
Smokey and Tramp

SHEEP HERDING FOR CITY DOGS

Story *Jenn Carrington*

City people who own herding-breed dogs as pets may find this all too familiar. Chasing cars, birds, rounding up other dogs at the park, and ignoring recall are most likely signs your dog is simply trying to herd.

Working dog breeds that are domestic pets who play in back yards, visit the local park, and have never seen a sheep, often transform in front of their owner's eyes in their first visit to trainer John Borg.

"The problem is we are trying to communicate with our dogs with human language, human instinct, and human emotion," John said.

"The issue is they are dogs, not humans, and we have to learn to talk to the dogs in their own language, which is body language."

John has always had an affinity with animals, and began training and competing at sheep-herding shows in 2012 with his first working dog, Bindi.

Born and raised in Redcliffe, John competes against farmers and sheep-station owners, and learned that by using sheep to train people's dogs, he could help city dog owners understand their pets.

"I tend to have a natural connection with dogs and they with me, so my training started evolving and I don't train like a lot of other guys; I'm more in tune to the animal and the dog," he said.

John said he learned that it was not about domination, but respect.

"Because I'm surrounded by dogs all the time and have 14 of my own, I see the body language between them," he said. "My pack leader, the alpha, does not dominate the other dogs, they all show mutual respect."

"So that's what I try to convey to people now and that helps change the way they communicate with their pet, by understanding their body language."

With more than 200 city dogs a week coming to see John, he said the most rewarding part of his day was seeing the enjoyment the dogs got from doing something instinctive.

"I love the new dog when the light comes on and they realise what they have got to do; it's a moving thing," he said.

"Then when their humans see their city pet – never been on a sheep farm before – naturally work the sheep, they are just so happy and proud."

All types of sheep herding breeds can come to the farm, such as Border Collies, Kelpies, German Shepards, Samoyeds, Rottweilers, and even Corgis.

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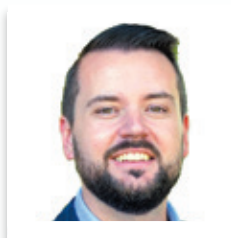
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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Jared Cassidy



With the New Year well and truly under our belt we've already had some challenges as a community facing the threat of COVID – but the way in which locals responded was simply amazing. The three day lock down we saw early in January saw Greater

Brisbane come together to head off community transmission. Well done to everyone!

Before a vaccine is widely available it's important that we keep vigilant and follow health advice, whether it's face masks, social distancing or limits on crowds. The most up to date information can be found on my Facebook Page on a daily basis.

As 2021 rolls on I will continue to fight for our community in securing important funding for local projects that will help with our City's economic recovery and provide better public spaces. Some of the improvements coming our way include upgrades to the canoe ramp at Curlew Park, a Sue's Korner revitalisation, upgrades to local sporting clubs and new paths and playgrounds in the suburbs. The Einbunpin Lagoon will also see a major upgrade over the coming months and years after many years of neglect. I'll keep you posted as these projects roll out.

Stirling Hinchliffe MP



It was a stark reminder for all of us to begin this new year with yet another battle against COVID-19. As if this wasn't bad enough, the Greater Brisbane region had been exposed to the UK variant of the

virus, which is up to 70% more infectious than the normal strain.

This is why the Queensland Government ordered a sudden and sharp lockdown of the Greater Brisbane Region, to ensure that this variant remained contained.

I want to thank all members of our community for coming together and heeding the call to stay home and to wear a mask to keep our community safe. I want to thank the business owners in our community for recognising a short, sharp lockdown is better for all of us than the pain of a prolonged one.

I implore all members of our community to continue to follow the advice of Queensland Health and to get tested if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

Cr Sandy Landers



Over the last month, road resurfacing has been taking place and continues on Bracken

Ridge Road. On 18 January the Hoyland Street Upgrade officially commenced. As one of

the busiest roads in Bracken Ridge Ward, the primary

focus is to widen a 900m stretch of

road from two lanes to four lanes in each direction, between Bracken Ridge Road and Kluver

Street, improving travel time and safety. The project also encompasses upgrades to cyclist and pedestrian facilities as well as better lighting.

This project is jointly funded by the Federal

Government and Brisbane City Council. Another congestion busting joint project is the

upgrade of the Norris and Barbour Roads intersection that will also be commencing soon.

The existing roundabout will be transformed into a signalised intersection, including two slip

lanes. The intersection will provide reduced queuing and travel times for more than 19,000

vehicles per day. In addition to the intersection upgrade, we will also be installing a 2.5 metre

shared pathway on the eastern side of Norris Road between Barbour Road and Bracken

Ridge Plaza. For further information on these projects, please call my office on 3667 6000.

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Anika Wells MP



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The electorate of Lilley has access to total funding up to \$150,000 that can be allocated to successful applications.

Examples of eligible projects can include, but are not limited to, upgrades or fitouts of community centres, sporting facility upgrades, kitchen renovations, purchase of equipment, park furniture, community barbecues and community gardens.

After all expressions of interest have been finalised, my community consultation panel will conduct a preliminary assessment of proposals before inviting applicants to lodge formal applications.

Expressions of interest should be made to my electorate office before 5pm March 1, 2021.

Visit business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Stronger-Communities-Programme to see if your project may be eligible for funding.

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Lutjanus argentimaculatus

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It takes lures and live baits and seem to be more plentiful in the hot summer months and stormy days, so this a great time to get out there and chase it.

The mangrove jack can grow to well over a metre long, with most of the huge fish found out on the reef. A 60cm fish in the rivers or bay in South East Queensland is a great catch, but not uncommon, where most fish I see are below 50cm.

Found from around Sydney north and right around the top end to Geraldton in WA, they are 5-star eating quality, although a lot of avid anglers now practise catch and release.

My favourite method to target these brutes is drifting live bait such as herring or mullet a few feet below a float along rock walls, rock bars, mangrove lines, and bridge pylons.

These amazing fish can also make great pets, although due to their aggression and appetite, they are not compatible with many other species in an aquarium.

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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BRAMBLE *Bites*

Story **Brooke Jacobson**

THIS SPORTING LIFE

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Let's hope for an interruption-free season for all our sporting stars in the 4017.

MASK UP AND BE GREEN

Our community has been doing an amazing job wearing masks out in public during the past few weeks, helping to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Environmental groups have asked that if you wear a disposable paper mask, please cut the strings off before making sure it goes in the bin. A number of disposable masks have ended up

in our waterways, and if the strings aren't cut, they can get tangled up with wildlife, including birds and turtles.

There are plenty of places in Sandgate and surrounds to pick up a washable, reusable cloth face mask. Search Facebook for two local makers, Breathe Easy Masks or Flash Faery Industrial Sewing. The NewsXpress near Woolies and Something About Audrey have also been selling cloth masks.

They're a great way to stay safe and look cool at the same time.

GOLF CLUB CELEBRATES

The Sandgate Golf Club has started its centenary celebrations with a tree planting. The club planted a Queensland Hoop Pine, with State MP Stirling Hinchliffe and Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy attending the ceremony. Cath Palmer represented Federal MP Anika Wells.

The golf course was founded in 1921 and began with just six holes, with the land leased by the State Government for one guinea a year. The club has more celebrations planned throughout the year.

CHARITY GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Queensland Community Foundation 2021 grant applications are now open. This year, the foundation is inviting charities working to support people affected by COVID-19 in the area of domestic violence and mental health to apply.

The grants are designed to assist charities to develop systems, strategies or people skills to deliver improved outcomes. Applications are open to charitable organisations that have Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 status from the ATO and have annual revenue of less than \$10 million.

For more information, visit qcf.org.au/grants/general-fund-grant-making

PADDLE THROUGH NATURAL WONDERS

See the Boondall Wetlands from a different perspective with the Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Social's Eco Paddle event.

SUP Social - Brisbane are hosting their first event for 2021 on Sunday, 31 January from 9am, with a leisurely paddle from the Shorncliffe Yacht Club, through the Boondall Wetlands to the overpass, and then back again.

It's a three-hour round trip on calm water, making it perfect for beginners and children. If you have a stand up paddleboard or a kayak, meet SUP Social members at the Shorncliffe Public Boat Ramp on Sinbad Street.

Search 'SUP Social - Brisbane' on facebook for more information.

Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

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HISTORY

DREW HOUSE STILL CAPTIVATES

Story *Leanne Palmer*

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Tucked away in Wharf Street, Shorncliffe, with Cabbage Tree Creek as its back boundary, is one of our area's most distinctive and characterful old homes – Drew House. The Heritage-listed building was constructed in the 1890s in three stages by Samuel Drew, an Englishman who migrated to Australia after spending nearly 20 years in the United States.

Eye-catching on account of its height, decorative features and symmetry, it has also attracted the nickname of the Wedding Cake House. Although now in a suburban street, in its earlier days it stood alone and commanded views all across the newly cleared paddocks along Cabbage Tree Creek to Moreton Bay. Boats entering the mouth of the creek could easily be spotted from its tower, and vice versa.

The Drews arrived at a time of growth, optimism and prosperity in the colony, and with the new railway line recently completed, Sandgate was experiencing significant development. Samuel Drew's carpentry and boatbuilding skills led him to be a prominent figure of the town, working

alongside William Street on projects such as the post office and the Baptist Church.

The family ran a boatbuilding business from sheds constructed on the creek bank behind the house. Making mainly pleasure craft, they became central in the early recreational sailing scene. His sons, Albert, Frederick and Samuel and their descendants, continued this tradition.

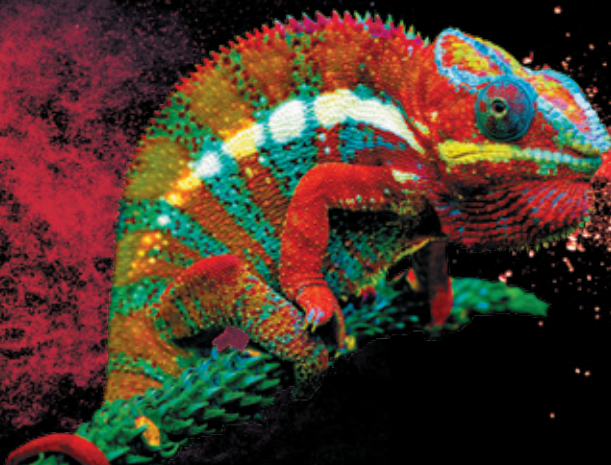
His daughters Mary and Elizabeth ran a sewing and sail-making enterprise from the property. A post office directory from 1910 lists Drews Sanatorium Home for Infants, and while convalescent homes were common in Sandgate at this time, no other records mention this activity.

Geoffrey Drew, great-grandson of Samuel, was an avid researcher for the Sandgate Historical Society several decades ago. He pieced together his family history and it was due to his efforts that the property received its heritage listing.

It still stands proud and tall, flanked by a bunya pine on one side and a flame tree at the front. The house has undergone some minor changes over time – additions, repairs, conversion into flats and then reversion back into a single residence – but it looks as though little has changed from the grand house it was, and it still commands the appreciation of passers-by.

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Story *Aleasha Bliss*

With over 150 exhibitors, the expo will highlight the latest in camper trailers, leisure vehicles, boats, and four-wheel drives, and provide all the expert tips you need to perfect your next outdoor adventure holiday.

Australian Events managing director Bob Carroll said the event was very exciting for 2021 as it was filled with a variety of entertainment including Ron Wilson aka King Brown, a well-known camp oven cook. The event would also



incorporate more destination information into the expo.

"It's the first major leisure event for the year," Bob said. "Often we have a lot of people who come that have been spending their holidays deciding where to go next and what else they need to improve their camping experiences.

"People who might traditionally go to the Sunshine Coast or Gold Coast for their yearly trip are asking more questions, as they want to know what else Queensland has on offer."

"We want to show everyone some of the amazing places they may never have realised were so close. We have a fascinating country."

Bob said the presentations offered at the expo aimed to show everyone a new skill, and he was impressed by the number of women and children that were showing interest in the event.

"It used to be ladies worrying about if they could safely four-wheel drive off the beach in case of emergency if their partner got hurt," Bob said. "Now the women are planning camping trips with their girlfriends, taking kids by themselves, and some are driving bigger

four-wheel drives than the men. It is fantastic, as camping, caravanning, boating and four-wheel driving is for everyone."

This year, all attendees need to pre-purchase tickets via bayexpo.com.au, with single and multi-day passes available. A big bonus this year for families is that although children receive free admission, they still require a ticket, which entitles them entry into all the competitions. The major prize is the best the expo has had to date – a boat valued at \$10,000.

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Story Philip Woods

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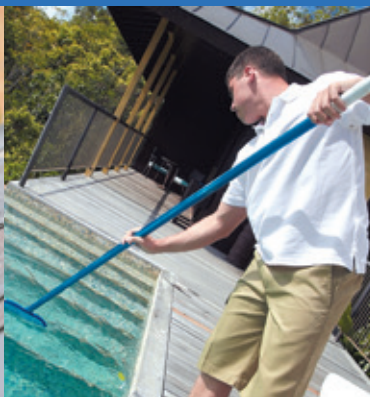
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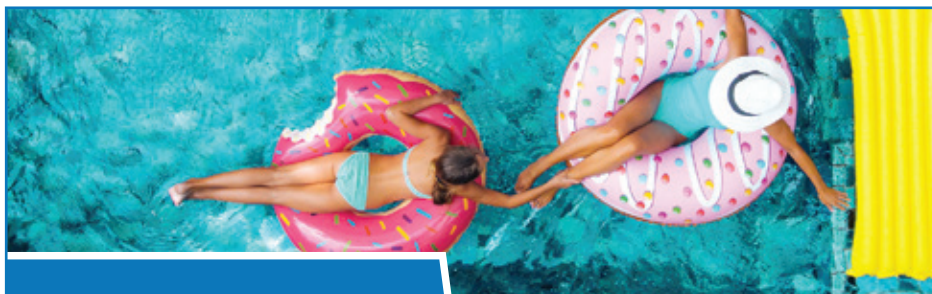
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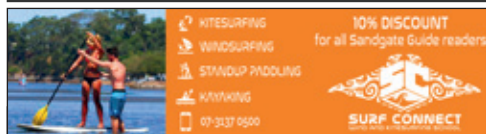
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R	O	L	F	A	U	A	L	P	E							
E	A	S	T	E	R	E	G	G	L	N	A	I	V	E	L	Y
E	E	P	B	S	P	E	C	K	M	N	S					
F	U	R	T	H	E	R	E	H	B	A	N	D	I	T		
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R	O	M	A	N	I	A	L	S	W	E	E	T	C	O	R	N
A	E	T	R	E	T	T	I	B	E							
L	O	A	F		H	Y	P	O	T	H	E	T	I	C	A	L
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S	T	E	G	O	S	A	U	R	E	R	E	I	S	S	U	E
T		R	T	R	A	N	S	I	T	R						
I	N	V	I	T	E	G	O		O	U	T	L	A	S	T	
M	A	H	H	E	A	D	S		I	U	R	I				
A	T	S	T	A	K	E		C		C	U	S	T	O	M	E
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