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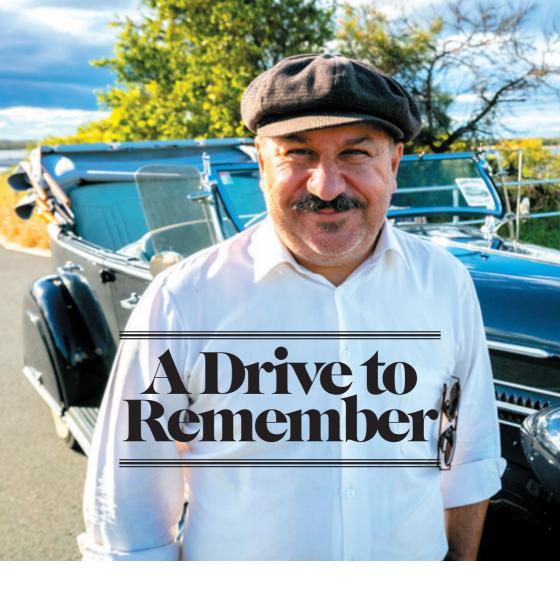
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Story **Eve Vickerson** Photo **Bruce Redman** 

joy ride in this machine makes it feel like you'll spy a glamorous Hollywood starlet or a bank-robbing gangster around the next corner.

The midnight blue 1937 Dodge convertible, Clyde, is named after one half of the infamous gangster duo from the same era.

Clyde's owner, Moe Akgun, said that it was his love of vintage cars that inspired him to start local business, Roaring Twenties Vintage Car Hire.

"I enjoy doing it because I want other people to enjoy our vehicles," Moe said.

"It's lots of fun. All of our cars are very easily noticed by people. They get lots of waves and smiles."

Wearing a white shirt with braces and a newsboystyle cap as he drives, Moe said that the job was not without its hazards.

"I used to wear a fedora hat but that blew off," Moe said.



The Brighton local said he did all the mechanic work on the cars himself.

"I've been doing mechanical work since I was 18," he said. "So, the great thing about these cars is that they are very simple."

As well as being simple, they're more about style over speed.

Downhill we go
very, very fast," Moe said.
"Uphill? Not so much. It's
more a leisurely drive. On
the Hornibrook Bridge, we
almost get to thirty-five
miles an hour."

One of the most memorable tours Moe has ever done was for a couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

"It was a surprise," he said. "The whole family got together and booked one of our cars. They [the couple] had no idea what was going on. They were shocked!"

These days, you can spot Moe taking people for a spin on bayside tours either in the convertible or in his other ride, Capone, a 1936 Chrysler Airstream.

"Last year we realised that it's such a lovely relaxing drive up to Scarborough from Sandgate, that other people might like it too,' Moe said.

"It's for anyone who wants something different to do. It really is an enjoyable experience."

Moe said that you can dress up twenties style if you want to.

"Some people do, others don't. It doesn't matter but it's always fun when people do," he said.

Find out more via www.roaringtwenties.net.au.

For someone who originally loved muscle cars from the 1960s and '70s, it's been an interesting ride for Moe.

"I was into muscle cars until I met my partner, Samantha. We went to the world's biggest art deco festival in Napier, New Zealand.

"From that day onwards I was in love with the vintage art deco style and the vintage cars as well. That, and also watching movies like The Great Gatsby. It really is glamorous."

# SASArt Powers into 2021

t's over 10 years since the Sandgate Chamber of Commerce encouraged John Blackley to run the Art Exhibition of the Bluewater Festival. Sandgate Art Society (SASArt) was formed, with many achievements along the way. Enter 2021 and John has decided to stand down as president.

Prominent Sandgate artist Marie Smith has taken the reins as president, ably assisted by Jim Hansen as vice president and a committee comprising Lou Stevenson, Ross Smith, Fiona Meyer, Grace Cross, Andrea Naismith, and Linda Brandt. The change has also signalled a decision for SASArt to make the formal step of developing a constitution and seeking incorporation.

Marie said, "Standing on the shoulders of giants, we have the potential to reach even greater heights in developing the pool of local talent and to encourage the Sandgate and districts community to recognise and appreciate all mediums of art".

First order of business will be to conduct the Easter Art Show 2021, opening Thursday, 1 April, from 6.30pm, exhibiting Good Friday 9am-9pm and Easter Saturday 9am-2pm.

The 2020 Art Show at St Pat's College was a victim of COVID restrictions, but SASArt members conducted an impromptu online art exhibition. It was great fun offering prizes such as dinner for two with Boris Johnson who, at the time, was suffering from COVID. There are back-up plans to go online in 2021 should Queensland enter a further lockdown period of COVID restrictions.

Local art features at the Coffee Club and the regular monthly rotation of art is being reinvigorated, beginning with Kerri McSweeney's Ode to Sandgate exhibition, which launched in February.



John Blackley and Marie Smith

The latter part of 2020 also saw monthly popups of SAS artists, showcasing a variety of art mediums on the southern end of Flinders Parade. There were great buying opportunities, with the local scenery and buildings featuring prominently and very popular with the passing public.

While none of our political and health leaders are predicting plain sailing as we emerge from COVID in 2021, the wider visual art community has been very busy with major exhibitions like Brisbane Portrait Prize, the Archibald and Wynn Exhibition and Gold Coast SWELL sculptures, all attracting record entries.

Marie said SAS hoped in 2021 "to re-encourage our artists to reach new heights in their work".

Each Monday night, SASArt members create art in the Artrageous Studio in Loftus Street, Deagon. New members are welcome. Further information info@sandgateart.org or call Marie ph. 0417 739 341 or Jim ph. 0408 190 549.







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#### Women Lead IWD Celebrations with Bramble Bay Deadly Runners

Story Sally Eberhardt Photo Bruce Redman

he Indigenous Marathon Foundation and Bramble Bay Deadly Runners invite everyone to enjoy a wonderful community-minded event in the first International Women's Day Warrior Run.

The theme for this year is 'Women Lead' and the Deadly Runners look forward to celebrating all the strong, beautiful, and amazing women leaders amongst its own as well as in the greater community. With the choice to walk or run either 3km or 5km, Deadly Run coach Gabrielle Tochterman said everyone was encouraged to participate.

"We are surrounded by so many supportive women – we want to acknowledge all women and celebrate an inclusive community," Gabrielle said.

"We invite everyone to join us in recognising the women we love and admire and to set examples for our young women and future women leaders.

"It's a great opportunity to get outside, enjoy nature and meet some of our Deadly Runners," she said. "And who doesn't love a barbeque?" "We hope people feel happiness from the day, and a sense of appreciation. People will get to spend time with family, friends, and community. It's a chance to learn what Deadly Runners is all about and enjoy being together."

International Women's Day is a time to reflect on how far women have come in their struggle for equality, and celebrate the courage and determination of the women who change history. It is also an opportunity to unite, network, and act to make the future better for everybody.

Gabrielle's daughter, artist Zoe Carson, recently created an artwork as her own contribution to the day. Zoe said An Ode to Women was her most important painting so far, and depicted her connection to her culture and her womanhood.

"With International Women's Day coming up, I painted the strong yet delicate journey of being women," Zoe said.

"It's an ode to amazing women everywhere; I am an amazing woman because of those who have influenced me."

An Ode to Women will be on display at the event.

Gather friends and family for a communityspirited day celebrating all women.

For more information, search IMF International Womens Day Deadly Run on Facebook.

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#### Story Aleasha Bliss

reparations are a-go for the iconic Bluewater Festival and Long Table Dinner on the Shorncliffe Pier. After a devastating blow to events in 2020, this year is looking up, with all your favourite local festivals to satisfy your entertainment fix.

The Bluewater Festival will be celebrating its 24th year on Good Friday, 2 April, 2021, and has Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan doing everything he can to ensure the event will occur this year and "be bigger and brighter" than ever before.

"This year people can expect to see a great music line up, the great bay fireworks display that everyone has become accustomed to, local handicraft markets, and great food," Bill said.

"The Bluewater Festival is renowned as a day for the people of this area to have a reunion. We celebrate the start of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race while showing off our local area."

The foreshore will be buzzing as the family-friendly festival kicks off with live bands, rides, food and market stalls before turning into a beach party celebration with fireworks as the finale.

Experience the yachts begin their journey at the firing of the cannon form the end of the Shorncliffe Pier.

Bill said he was also working on plans for the 2021 Long Table Shorncliffe Pier on Saturday, 24 April, with further details to be announced on the Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce webpage.

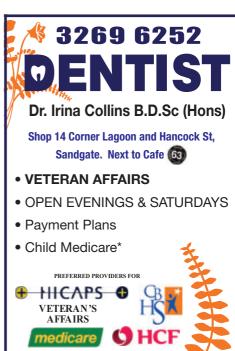
The Long Table is a catered, open-air, fine-dining event that has had 700 people sharing a meal on the Shorncliffe pier on a single table. The dinner allows everyone a waterfront view of the beautiful Moreton Bay and a chance to make new friends while enjoying the sunset and entertainment of the evening.

"The Long Table dinner showcases what we can do in our local area and it is a must-do event for locals and people of the Brisbane area," Bill said.

While these events are being planned, it will be subject to any lockdowns and government recommendations.

For up-to-date information on these events, or to purchase tickets to the Long Table dinner once available, visit the Sandgate & Districts Chamber of Commerce website www. sandgatechamber.com.au or Facebook pages.









Story Wayne I Flack Photo Pete Johnson

he Brighton Bulldog junior teams have been training the house down in preparation for their 18-round season, which kick starts this March.

They're now poised to strike against teams from rival clubs such as Albany Creek, Virginia, Peninsula Power, North Star, and Ridge Hills.

Brighton Bulldogs FC president Matt Smith said the leagues in 2020 were reduced to eight teams, with a shortened 14-game season and no finals.

"We went pretty well, actually winning U12s Div 2, and U13s Div 2 finishing third," Matt said.

"We're very optimistic about the season ahead as we have good numbers with our U12s, U13s, and U14s all playing in either the top divisions or one of the top two divisions of junior football."

The club's Capital League senior men's squad, along with the endless voluntary capacity of mums and dads, share the coaching duties. Mark Harbord, qualified coach of the Capital League squad, oversees all coaching.

Brighton Bulldogs is on an upward trend and has strong numbers registered so far in boys and girls. The club is looking with a particular slant at female facilities and has received a grant from Council to build new female changing sheds.

"Our female teams continue to grow and this year we will have an U11s, U12s, U13s and U14s girls teams, with girls up to the age of 10 playing in mixed teams," Matt said.

Brighton Bulldogs has always been seen as a breeding ground and had huge numbers in the past, especially coming through its MiniRoos program.

Matt said with the way of the world, better players had gone onto either Peninsula Power or Moreton Bay.

"Historically we've had one team per age group, but if you take our U14s, for example, we will have a division one team, a division three or four, and a girls team, making it three teams in that age group," he said.

"So our long-term goal is to have a performance team, a participation team, and a girls team in each junior age group."

The U14 Div 1 season commences 5 March and the season for U14 Div 2 and all divisions for U13, U15, U16 teams kick off on 12 March.

For more information visit www.brightonbulldogs.org.au.

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# Stallholders Wanted for the Sandgate Village Markets

Story Nadia Chapman

he Sandgate Village Markets is welcoming 2021 with an increase in stallholder positions to complement the existing vendors.

The markets have been running since June last year, and run on every second and fourth Saturday of the respective month, from 8am-12pm.

Market operator Melina Wales said the markets have always been an event that focuses on supporting local and micro-businesses, where locals can find a place within the Sandgate community.

"We aim to provide a safe and nurturing environment to trade, and a venue to promote sustainable and eco-living options for locals and the broader community," Melina said.

This year, Melina and the team at Sandgate Village Markets are looking for a range of stallholders to expand their offerings to the local community.

"We are looking for an additional 10-20 stallholders, and we are excited to support local makers, artisans, eco products, fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, plants and garden products, gifts and homewares," she said.

The markets also host a bunch of stalls that include fashion, authors, jewellery, arts and crafts, live music from local musicians, and coffee and food stalls.

Find out more via www.sandgatevillagemarket.com.au

Sandgate Village Market Saturday 13 and 27 March, 8am-12pm Einbunpin Lagoon Park

#### Park Bench Raises Awareness of Domestic Violence

Story Alyssa Mackay

A park bench fitted with a commemorative plaque has been installed in recognition of domestic violence prevention. The new bench was funded through the Bracken Ridge Ward's Suburban Enhancement Fund, and has been placed along the Keith Murray Bikeway at Bald Hills.

Councillor Sandy Landers said the initiative was suggested by SANDBAG as a way the community could come together in a positive way and collaborate to shine a light on the issue of domestic violence. "We want the park bench and plaque to generate conversations about domestic violence prevention," Sandy said.

Trees have been planted over successive years along the Keith Murray Bikeway with the aim of raising public awareness of domestic and family violence.

Sandy said the avenue of trees leading up to the bench would grow and provide a place for reflection. "It's a peaceful location for residents to sit and enjoy the view of Bald Hills Creek and is a popular walking track for locals," she said.

"Planting a tree provides a tangible and visual focus of our energy, and gives us hope as we nurture it and watch it grow. It is a gift for future generations."

"Council is committed to supporting this project for years to come."

#### Clean Up Sandgate Beach

Join a Clean Up Australia Day event down at the beach. This event is hosted by Surf Connect Wind & Kitesurfing School, Sandgate Girls Standup Paddleboard Club and Brisbane SUP Club. Bring a cap, sunnies, gloves, sun cream, rubbish bag, and a good rake if you have one. Starting at 12pm, there will be a sausage sizzle for helpers at 1pm. Meet at the beach near Arthur Davis Park on Flinders Parade. Sunday, 7 March from 12pm.

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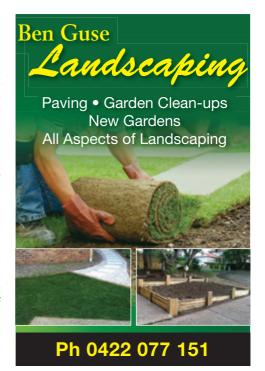
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#### March: East of West and Beier ● Griffin ● Pollak Trio

his concert offers double the joy for lovers of Mediterranean, Balkan, and Macedonian inspired music when East of West, and Beier • Griffin • Pollak Trio perform on Saturday, 6 March.

With the addition of some jazz, and sounds from original hand-made instruments, added to the warp and weft of the fabric, both trios will take you on a journey across the fertile borderland between genres.

Like a weaver's thread, Philip Griffin is the link between both camps. "I'm the common element in both as a person, and also that my main instrument in both groups is the oud – the fretless lute," Phillip said.

"On either side of me in East of West is composer Goran Gajic with a double bass, and Malindi Morris on hand percussion.

"Either side of me in the other trio is Lindsey

Pollak on his vast array of wind instruments, and Tunji Beier with an array of largely South Indian hand percussion. So, there's a certain level of excitement, a higher level of excitement with these instruments.

"Broadly speaking, both groups perform in a style you might call contemporary modal music. That means we're interested in melody and rhythm, and not so much harmonically.

"We're quite concerned with the emotional architecture of how pieces are constructed, and what journey the audience is invited to go on through those different moods.

"When prepared to enter into this sound world, some people say they feel like they're in a market in a faraway place. It reminds them; takes them back."

East of West & Beier • Griffin • Pollak Trio Saturday, 6 March, 7.30pm Sandgate Town Hall Book online - www.musicbythesea.com.au

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Little Gabriella watched her Mum, Sasha Limbach, one of Australia's newest citizens, as she took the pledge at the Australian Citizen Ceremony at Saint Patrick's College, Shorncliffe, on Australia Day 2021.



All ready for school! It's Charlotte's first day of school ever. With her Mum and Dad saying have a great day, she's off to start Prep at St Kieran's School, Brighton.



Grace, 11, and Arjun, just turned 1, celebrated their birthdayw with sister Trace, friends and family at a joint birthday party on the weekend.

## Feeding Families in Need

Story Alyssa Mackay

he Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group (SANDBAG) is offering grocery items to community members experiencing hardship via its Bag a Bargain initiative.

Every Wednesday, residents living in the 4017 postcode area can visit the Sandgate Community Centre and receive a bag of fresh fruit and vegetables for a gold coin donation.

SANDBAG community support Garry Hunt said the initiative was supporting those members of the community who were struggling financially.

"We have a number of regulars and many of those people have children to support," Garry said.

The bags always include fruit and vegetables, and sometimes fresh meat, tinned food, and other non-perishable items. People can also choose from a range of miscellaneous items such as body lotions.

"The community really appreciates the service because we are helping people in a financial crisis or housing crisis," Garry said.

SANDBAG also holds Community Café lunches on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, where residents in the 4017 area can have a meal for a gold coin donation. "People often come in for lunch and then grab their bag afterwards," Garry said.

Bag a Bargain tickets can be purchased at 9am with bags available for collection at 12pm. Find out more via www.sandbag.org.au

Bag a Bargain Every Wednesday, 12pm **Sandgate Community Centre** 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate





#### **MUSIC SPOTLIGHT**

## SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME BRETT CHENEY: SOUND ENGINEER

Story **Sandra Beynon**Photo **Bruce Redman** 



hen next you enjoy a concert, take a minute to think about how that sound is created. Brett Cheney, 57, has lived in his childhood home in Sandgate since 1969, and is one of those quiet achievers who manipulates the airwayes as a sound engineer.

Playing bass in his youth, he wondered why his early bands sounded bad. This sparked his interest in sound.

"Curious to learn, I volunteered with a sound guy with the best gear in town," Brett said. That guy was none other than Kerry Nicholson, who later become Dolly Parton's production manager.

Brett went on to play in Love's a Blur and later Madame Bones Brothel, while developing his sound engineering skills at the same time.

Since the 90s, Brett has became a sought-after 'soundie' – until COVID came to town.

Brett was instrumental in starting up Women in Voice, enjoying a 20 year association with the concept, supporting artists such as Kate Miller-Heidke, Carol Lloyd, Katie Noonan, and more.

"Renee Geyer – now she's a hard taskmaster. I've seen her eat sound men alive if they're not on their game.," Brett said. "Luckily, I escaped unscathed.

"Chrissie Amphlett – she was amazing. When she realised I drove a Maserati (not a new one), she wanted to go for a spin."

Brett became the female voice specialist.

Other passions include mixing for the high-profile classical group Topology, with whom he's toured throughout the world.

So, why are soundies often so grumpy?

"A musician shouldn't assume that we're not in their corner," Brett said. "We need to make you sound good or we won't get work in the end."

Brett was appointed sound consultant to the now closed Doo Bop Bar in the CBD.

"I'm saddened by what's happened to the industry and artists post-COVID," he said. "I worry about their souls and spirits."

Brett hopes he will soon return to the joy of creating a room of sound from the ground up. "I've never wanted to be an in-house soundie – I love the fresh challenge of a new location, every time," he said.

Look out for Brett at a sound desk near you.



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Sunday, 7 March, 12-3pm, Arthur Davis Park, Sandgate

#### Franco Twilight Market

Farewelling summer in the best way possible, Franco Markets has teamed up with Capulet & Co yet again and will host a twilight market this month. There will be some new sellers, musicians, makers and of course, the best range of pre-loved clothing.

Friday, 5 March, from 5pm. 95 Brighton Road, Sandgate

#### **Quota Street Stalls**

Sandgate Quote Club will resume its street stalls on Friday, 26 March. Stalls are held in Sandgate on the last Friday of each month.

During COVID, the club's regular fundraising events ceased. As restrictions eased it was decided to hold street stalls to raise funds, with local shoppers enthusiastically embracing the street stalls. All money raised goes towards the club's service program, which supports disadvantaged women and children (Aspley Care, SANDBAG, and Hummingbird House) and the hearing and speech impaired (Hear and Say Centre). For more information about Sandgate Quota email quotasandgate@gmail.com or call 0409 635 417

#### **Musical Bingo**

Dropping beats not balls, the Full Moon Hotel's musical bingo is on every Tuesday night from 7pm. Listen to all the hits songs of different decades and sing a long while winning great prizes. Come with your friends or on your own. Entry is free. Full Moon Hotel, 118 Eagle Tce, Sandgate



# Story Club

Story Nick Allford

ho doesn't love a good yarn, especially when it's funny, fascinating, and brutally honest?

Picture this. You've committed your most embarrassing memories to paper. You sit in front of a crowd of strangers and recount your tale – exposed, like the adult equivalent of a sibling reading your diary... aloud... to the entire school.

Well, that's what these celebrities, comedians and storytellers do, often repeatedly.

These gluttons for punishment have taken the time to give us more than a word vomit retelling of a time they got drunk and fell over; they're carefully crafted personal tales.

Like any good storyteller, they know when to shut up, keeping the episodes down to around 12 minutes a pop. Be warned, it looks like they may not be making any more episodes in this COVID-19-plagued world we live in, but there are over 100 episodes to keep you going.

So, if you feel like a voyeuristic deep dive into someone's hilarious memoirs, told by the people who have lived them, then sign yourself up for Story Club. Have a listen and then ask yourself: what anecdote would you share with a room full of randoms?





# A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

#### Cr Jared Cassidy



Works to improve shade at the Deagon Sportsground Park will be commencing soon. Construction of two new shelters will commence on 22 February, and several advanced shade trees will be planted mid-March, with an ongoing maintenance program. The trees are a

very good height – 3-4m – and will provide good impact and future shade for the skate park.

Sunday, 7 March is Clean Up Australia Day. I encourage the local community to roll up their sleeves and participate in one of the many registered local clean-up sites. For more information on how you can get involved, head to the official Clean Up Australia website for details – www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join-a-clean-up. It's great to see so many local sites registered once again this year.

We have seen some new infrastructure at local sporting clubs over the last couple of months including brand new boundary fences at the Sandgate Hawks and Zillmere Eagles AFL clubs. We are also going to see some facility upgrades at the Brighton Bulldogs in the coming year with additional Council funding. These clubs and many others are currently registering players for the 2021 season – don't miss out.

#### **Cr Sandy Landers**



It has been an exciting few weeks in the Bracken Ridge Ward with another two major projects announced that will be delivered in partnership with the Federal Government. These are in addition to the Hoyland Street upgrade and the Norris and Barbour Road

intersection upgrade. Luke Howarth MP and I recently visited Roghan Road, Fitzgibbon, where \$2.3 million has been committed to formalise the northern shoulder of the road near Hidden World Playground. This will include a dedicated right-

#### Stirling Hinchliffe MP



Harmony Day is now Harmony Week. From the 15–21 March, Australians wear orange to celebrate our cultural diversity. The change from Harmony Day to Harmony Week recognises the growing demand for events that take place in our homes,

schools, workplaces, and communities.

COVID-19 sadly had a big impact on the many celebrations that had been planned for last year's Harmony Week. It's thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders in tackling the global pandemic that our community is able celebrate our diversity together for Harmony Week this year.

For many other parts of the world, gathering for Harmony Week simply isn't possible. Harmony Week 2021 has more relevance than ever for new Australian citizens who may not be able visit family because of international travel restrictions.

In Sandgate, most schools have organised multicultural celebrations that range from assembly presentations and newsletter write-ups to classroom activities and shared plates at lunchtime. Taigum State School will be having a large celebration to commemorate the 23 different nationalities in their student body.

Our multicultural celebrations don't end after Harmony Week – for more events visit: www.harmony.gov.au.

turn lane into Caribou Crescent, on-road cycling lanes and importantly, the construction of an almost 200m footpath. This footpath will provide connectivity, ensuring families can safely travel from the Fitzgibbon Community Centre to Hidden World Playground. There will also be formalised street parking along the playground frontage. The second project is at Dorville Road, Aspley, where Council will be formalising the eastern side of the road, south of Cabbage Tree Creek. This upgrade will improve drainage, eliminate washouts, and improve pedestrian safety, notably for local school students and market goers. These projects will both be delivered in the second half of 2021.



#### **Anika Wells MP**



Great news, the 20th Welcoming the Babies event is back for 2021.

A highlight of the year northside for manv families. Lillev Welcoming the Babies ceremony has been replicated around Australia.

Being a parent is certainly not easy, and this annual event acknowledges the important job that parents do in our area.

It is also a special way to welcome some of our newest and youngest residents.

The event will be held on Sunday, 28 March, at Mulbeam Park, corner Beams and Muller Roads. Boondall from 9am to noon.

Due to the pandemic delay, the event will this year be open to families with newborns through to 24-month-olds.

They will be presented with a certificate and a small gift to commemorate the occasion.

In addition to the welcoming ceremony, the day will feature an Easter egg hunt, stalls, food trucks, a coffee van, Bounty Bags and free children's activities.

To participate, parents must register on my www.anikawells.com.au/community/ welcoming-the-babies-2021/

The 2021 Lilley Welcoming the Babies will be a COVID Safe event.

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#### Story **Eve Vickerson** Photo **Bruce Redman**

or many, a rainbow is a symbol of hope. It's also the name of a thriving local speech pathology clinic in the heart of Sandgate.

From what began as a small home office in the street that shares its name, Rainbow Speech Pathology recently moved to its new, larger Second Avenue location in December last year.

Principal speech language pathologist Calla Dolton said that one of the reasons she chose the business name was because it represented what they do.

"We work with people with disability; people across various spectrums of communication ability, across the lifespan," Calla said.

"Living a colourful life; that's kind of our motto. We want all our clients to be able to say whatever they want to say, to whoever they want to say it to."

Calla said that as well as being able to help with speech and language difficulties, many people were often surprised to learn that speech pathologists could also assist with feeding issues.

"We work with children who have oral motor difficulties," she said. "Often the nerves and muscles involved with speaking are the same for chewing and swallowing. If there's a deficit in one area then often their eating and drinking are impacted as well."

Fussy eating can also be a problem for some children. "We get a lot of kids on the spectrum who have sensory issues with food," Calla said. "Even looking at food or smelling a food can be really overwhelming. So we do lots of play. [We] play with food and desensitize them to food in a playful therapy session."

In the future, Calla said that she was eager to develop group therapy sessions at the clinic.

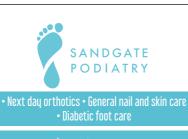
"That's kind of the dream of having a space where we could get our clients who've got similar goals together, and have a group where we work on social skills," she said.

Calla said that living and working in Sandgate was where she wanted to be.

"I love being here," she said. "Our clients come to a session and they go down to the beach or go get fish and chips for lunch. People want to come here."

To learn more, visit www.rainbowspeechpathology.com.au.





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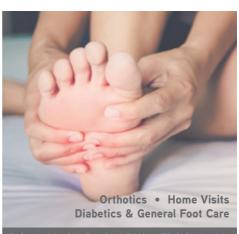


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Lee-Anne Kerr

#### Story Jodie Woodward Photo Bruce Redman

f hole-in-the-wall coffee shop Mug Shots Espresso was your favourite place for a caffeine hit, you'll love their new venue. Now in larger premises, Mug Shots has also incorporated a dine-in café experience to its offering.

Café owner Lee-Anne Kerr said the move had been incredible and she could now cater her business to a larger demographic.

"Our café area caters to anyone and everyone who enjoys great coffee, a moment to stop and enjoy the atmosphere, or a catch-up with family and friends. We also kept the on-street hole-in-the-wall experience for the quick pick-me-up required to get to work or school run," she said.

The menu includes a wide selection of coffee, tea, hot chocolates, frappes and smoothies. There's also café-style food with a range of lunches during the week, and breakfast for the weekends are coming soon. The hot food menu will also include the ability to BYO alcohol.

"At the moment we offer a range of homemade gluten-free goodies, as well as bakerystyle muffins," Lee-Anne said. "But my favourite would have to be the ham and cheese croissants. Tony's Bakery supplies the croissants, and they are divine."

Lee-Anne said it was the coffee, though, that was the real stand-out item on the menu. The signature blend is the Moreton Bay Gold – a light to medium roast best enjoyed freshly made in store. Or, if set up with your own coffee machine at home, you can pick yourself up some beans instead.

"Our coffee is set apart from others within Sandgate due to being the only locally roasted coffee in the 4017 area. I personally roast all of our blends and single origins. We stock a selection of single origin and always have our blends on stock for your home as well."

The café is open every day from 5am, so you'll never be without your coffee fix. If you've got the time, though, sit back and relax inside.

"My aim with the new café area was to make a space that was warm and welcoming, somewhere to escape, unwind and enjoy the coffee and company," Lee-Anne said.

Now the move to a bigger venue is complete, the only thing left to do is continue to serve the community with delicious food and drinks.

"In five years, I am sure we will still be doing great coffee, with great customers and enjoying our beautiful bayside community."

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6 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

Art Café

0411 863 602

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74 Ward St, Brighton

Café

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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. Glutenfree options are available. Open 7 days a week from 6am, indoor seating, wheelchair accessible and pets welcome.



#### History

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#### Class times

Classes are held at various times throughout the week and are as follows:

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#### **TUESDAY**

Jujitsu starting at 6pm-9pm @ Zillmere PCYC

#### WEDNESDAY

Jujitsu starting at 6pm-9pm @ Zillmere PCYC

#### **THURSDAY**

Jujitsu starting at 6pm-9pm @ Pine Rivers PCYC



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# **Joen** DINING GUIDE



6 Knox Street, Sandgate Coffee Shop

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Pizzeria

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115 Brighton Rd, Sandgate **Coffee Shop** 

0480 254 973

## **MUG SHOTS ESPRESSO**

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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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SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL

1 Bowser Parade, Sandgate Hotel

3869 0606

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227 Rainbow St, Shorncliffe Specialty Coffee House

0413 849 814

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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

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### Story Alyssa Mackay

east on delicious food, dance to the very best in live music and finish up with fireworks. What more could you want from your weekend?

There's something for everyone to enjoy at Park Vibes, a family festival to be held at Pine Rivers Park on Saturday, 20 March. Only a short drive for residents living in Sandgate, this event is packed with so much entertainment you won't want to miss it.

When the festival kicks off at 3pm, kids can make the most of their afternoon in the dedicated Kids Zone, where they will be able to enjoy free rides and activities to suit all ages.

Park Vibes will also feature three Flavour Food Zones to tempt your tastebuds. Load up on pizza, burgers, hotdogs and donuts in the United Plates of America, or sample some sushi and karaage chicken at Taste of Asia. In Flavours of Europe, enjoy a selection of mouth-watering pastas and flavoursome gelato.

For those looking to sit back and relax with a drink, the festival will host a licensed pop-up bar where you can indulge in locally brewed craft beer and ciders, as well as sample an array of specialty wine and spirits.

Pack your picnic blanket and settle back on the grass when an impressive line-up of musical

talent takes to the main stage. Headline act Baker Boys Band are set to appear with a performance featuring a full horn section, guaranteed to get you on your feet.

Band producer and musician Hayley Barberis said the Baker Boys Band couldn't wait to play at Park Vibes.

"We've got a huge list of hits lined up," Hayley said. "We can't wait to get everyone moving."

The day culminates with a breathtaking fireworks display at 8pm, so get ready to take some videos or simply sit back and enjoy the spectacle.

The event is being organised by Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism in accordance with an approved COVID-safe plan, meaning numbers will be capped. To skip the contact tracing queue on the day, you can register for your ticket online.

Entry to the event is free with onsite parking available for \$5. Money from parking will be donated to local community groups.

Info: www.visitmoretonbayregion.com.au/whats-on/park-vibes

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# WHAT'S AROUND TOWN



### Story Nadia Chapman

With St Patrick's Day just around the corner, the Full Moon Hotel will be hosting an early St Patrick's Sunday celebration.

The free event will take place on 14 March in the Moonlight Bar for everyone to enjoy.

Owner Luci Black said this was an annual event that was always a hit with the locals.

"It will be the fifth year running and we're bringing the party to Sunday for everyone to come along and enjoy," Luci said.

Alongside the band The Madigans, who will be bringing Celtic and folk vibes to the venue all the way from Byron Bay, there will also be Guinness on tap.

"St Patrick's Day is the one time a year we bring in the Guinness on tap, so get in while you can," Luci said.

Bookings are not essential for this event, however, it's encouraged to book if you would like to dine-in on the day.

The event will take place from 11.30am-9.30pm, with the band kicking off at 2pm.

Find out more via www.fullmoonhotel.com.au



If you're in the mood for some afternoon blues, the Cardigan Bar will be hosting vocalist Barry Charles this month.

Regarded as one of the most innovative vocalists of today, Barry will bring his five-octave range with powerful tone and emotion.

Locals can expect some incredible vocal range from Tibetan Monk lows to Motown heights, along with a hint of driving blues rhythms.

Be prepared to feel moved, inspired and touched by Barry's vocal abilities and lyrics in both his original and cover songs.

Barry Charles will be playing on Sunday 14 March from 4pm.

## EclecTea will be hosting a late St Paddy's Day celebration for those who can't celebrate on the 17th.

The free event will take place on Saturday, 20 March, and is perfect for the entire family to enjoy.

EclecTea offers a safe and vibrant space for everyone to enjoy a fun, casual afternoon of Irish-inspired music, drinks, and food.

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# THE EVOLUTION OF AN AUSSIE ROCK GODDESS: SARAH MCLEOD

Story **Aleasha Bliss** Photo **Nix Cartel** 

ans of Sarah McLeod will be ecstatic to see her in a one-time-only tour where she showcases not only her electric rock style you all know and love, but also a show where she is her own support act in a vulnerable and raw piano set.

The charismatic songstress took time out from her birthday getaway – with a vodka in hand – to chat to Chermside Guide about her One Electric Lady in Concert Tour. The show will be at The Lounge (Royal Hotel) Nundah on 6 March.

Sarah said that the 2021 tour had morphed into a new concept, as her electric show from last year was cancelled due to the pandemic. She spent her time at home mastering the piano and decided to combine the original show with her new passion – in a way she has never been seen doing before.

"This is the only time I am going to do a show like this," Sarah said. "So, if you want to see the electric show and the warm-up piano show, this is your only chance.

"It's the best of everything I can muster in one show. It's the only time I will do a tour where I do two sets. I'll get it out of my system and then tour like a normal person."

Sarah said the electric show sounded like she was with a full band, however, it was only her on stage.

"I built a guitar that I can play both bass and guitar at the same time and then constructed this elaborate pedal board where I can trigger drums," Sarah said. "I've relearned all my songs so I can sound like a full band. I've got electric, dirty guitars, bass, drums – but it's just me."

"I'll be playing the piano prior to the electric show. I'm warming up for me - and then coming out as the main act as the wild electric lady. It's such a different headspace and attack on music for each part of the show.

"The piano is really stripped back, raw and beautiful and then it's the rock show and it's wild.

"I even get changed for each show; different setup, different light shows - two different personalities."

You will see the wild, rock star Sarah in the electric show with renditions of songs from her Rocky's Diner and Beauty of the Tiger solo albums. Her piano set features some of the Superjesus tracks - completely rewritten, interesting renditions, covers and some new music.

"I'm really enjoying the remake of Gravity," Sarah said. "I rewrote it with different chords, and I attack it differently. I am enjoying it because when I was doing it solo on guitar I would get so bored with it because everyone wanted me to play it - I'd find myself rolling my eyes, but I have found a way of loving it again. Now Gravity is new to me and the audience.

"I always love playing it with The Superjesus but not so much on my own. Now my heart is in it again and it's beautiful."

Sarah said she enjoyed the tranquility of the piano and found herself mesmerised by the music each time she sat in front of it.

"Going from The Superjesus shows to Solo is quite a different headspace," she said. "When I'm playing electric guitar, I'm on edge - there's so much going on and it's all so quick, jumping around.

"I don't think anyone's ever seen me calm. I'm always quite erratic on the stage, running around. I am way more vulnerable live now as I'm so used to going over the top to make sure everyone is having fun and moving around on stage."

Sarah describes herself as a "musical hermit" as she stays home and practises her piano all day, every day. She has started creating new music for her next album that she is hoping to release at the end of the year.

"I'm excited about this album because it's going to be very different," Sarah said. "I love every song and love every word on it. This record is



written from a different place within my soul, so it has a totally different angle.

"I usually get a little hook or melody come to me while I'm out in society. Then I formulate the chorus and it becomes like a puzzle: I work backwards to create the story to fit in with the

"I get inspiration from things I learn along the way - how to treat people, love people, about mother nature, mistakes I've made, where I've been, where I'm going, things I should have done, what someone else should have done. I put it into music so everyone else can learn too."

Sarah has a fan group on Patreon – McLeod's Wolf Pack, where she passes her demos on to her "Wolfies" to see if they like what she is producing.

"They are the first responders of my music," she said. "We talk about what they like, and then I groom my songs more. Everyday fans, they subscribe to join the wolf pack and hear everything first. It is great to connect with them we have a lot of fun."

To book tickets to Sarah's One Electric Lady Tour and keep up with her latest tunes check out her website at: www.sarahmcleodofficial.com

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#### **JOASIS MAK**

**ECLECTEA 4PM** 

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## **06** SATURDAY

## **★ IMF INTERNATIONAL**WOMEN'S DAY DEADLY P10

ARTHUR DAVIS PARK 3PM

#### **□** GEORGE HODGES

**ECLECTEA 4PM** 



#### **JADAM CHRISTY**

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

★ EAST OF WEST & B . G. P TRIO P.18
SANDGATE TOWN HALL 7:30PM

#### **MONTANA**

**FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM** 

## SUNDAY SOUNDS - PETER MENDEVEV

OCYC 2PM



**★ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** P.52 BRACKEN RIDGE TAVERN 3PM

#### **IT TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC**

**ECLECTEA 3PM** 

## 12 FRIDAY



#### **JOASIS MAK**

FCI FCTFA 4PM

### **□** STONED & SOBER

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 7PM

#### INICK KOSCHEL DUO

**FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM** 

## 13 SATURDAY

#### **A SANDGATE VILLAGE MARKET**

FINBUNPIN LAGOON 8AM - 12PM

#### **JELLA JONES**

**ECLECTEA 4PM** 



#### **J**QUINN & MIC G

**FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM** 

## 14 SUNDAY

#### **□** JENNA BRIGGS

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

#### INEW GROOVE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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## 19 FRIDAY



**JOASIS MAK** 

**ECLECTEA 4PM** 

**□** PLANET CLARE & SERENA STRANGER

CARDIGAN BAR 7:30PM

**■ SCARLETT GUNNER** 

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## 20 saturday

**★ ST PADDY DAY AT ECLECTEA** P.44

**ECLECTEA 3PM** 

★ PARK VIBES P.40
PINE RIVERS PARK 3PM

**□ PAUL CLAIRS** 

ECLECTEA 4PM

**□** LINK & LAW

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## 21 SUNDAY

#### **IJ SEAN JACKSON**

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

**I**MONTANA

**FULL MOON HOTEL 2PM** 

SUNDAY SOUNDS - FLATLINE

QCYC 2PM

**IT TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC** 

**ECLECTEA 3PM** 

## 25 THURSDAY

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QCYC 7PM



26 FRIDAY



**ECLECTEA 4PM** 

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SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 7PM

**STEVENSON ST** 

**FULL MOON HOTEL 8PM** 

## **27** SATURDAY

#### **\*** SANDGATE VILLAGE MARKET

EINBUNPIN LAGOON 8AM - 12PM

## **▼** BALD HILLS CEMETARY TALK AND WALK

BALD HILLS CEMETARY, BARRETT STREET, BRACKEN RIDGE 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Many significant Sandgate pioneers are buried in Bald Hills. This guided walk will visit 22 grave sites where you will hear the stories of early settlers and rediscover our heritage. Enjoy 'smoko' on the hill of billy tea and damper. Adults \$25, Child \$10, Con \$20 Bookings are essential.

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**ECLECTEA 4PM** 

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#### **J**BELLA PATON

SANDGATE POST OFFICE HOTEL 1PM

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SANDGATE MUSEUM, 150 RAINBOW STREET, SANDGATE 2PM - 3:30PM

Talk on the history of the Sandgate boy, 1867 who became an engineer with a great story - John Job Crew Bradfield was born in 1867 in Rainbow Street and he incorporated the rainbow arch in his design of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. His work included the Story Bridge, Hornibrook Highway and Somerset Dam

### SUNDAY SOUNDS -**JULIAN & RUSSELL**

OCYC 2PM

#### **J** WILKO

FULL MOON HOTFL 2PM

## **IT TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC**

**FCLECTEA 3PM** 

## 29 MONDAY

#### **FULL MOON**

RISE TIME 6.23PM











Story Brooke Jacobson

## FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Sandgate MP Stirling Hinchliffe has announced several organisations in the electorate have received funding from the latest round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Autism Queensland will receive \$70,000 to construct a storage area and upgrade its kitchen; Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum will receive \$5,856 to purchase laptops, signage, and paint internal walls; the Sandgate and District Men's Shed will receive \$15,858 to upgrade a dust extraction system; and the Sandgate-Redcliffe District Cricket Club will receive \$29,400 to purchase equipment.

"All of our successful recipients do fantastic work in our local community," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"These grants are helping communities get back to business and I would encourage any community organisations including sporting clubs, P&Cs and not-for-profits to apply for grants of up to \$35,000 for projects that will benefit their community."

## **VOLUNTEER AT THE WETLANDS**

The Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre is looking for volunteers to become Bush Kindy guided walk leaders. Volunteers will provide nature-based sensory walks for small groups of young children and their carers, pointing out interesting flora and fauna, as well as answering questions from young inquiring minds.

The centre is looking for people who are available to volunteer for two hours on a Friday, on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

For further inquiries, email Brodie at: bi-fsg-ecvolunteerprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au or call: 0466 502 516

## CWA RESEARCH PROJECT

Sandgate's Country Women's Association (CWA) members are researching the history of the local group as part of the centenary of the CWA in Queensland, which occurs in 2022.

The local ladies are contributing to a publication about the centenary and would like to hear from anyone who has memories of the Sandgate branch. If you have a grandmother, great aunt or friend who was part of the local group, the ladies would like to hear from you.

Search Facebook for QCWA Sandgate and send them a message.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Zonta Club of Northside Inc is hosting an International Women's Day afternoon tea on Sunday, 7 March at 3pm at the Bracken Ridge Tavern.

Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$25 for a student. Proceeds from a raffle on the day will support the club's advocacy and education projects.

For more information or to book tickets, search Facebook for Zonta Club of Northside Inc and click on the links from the Facebook page.

## **INVESTING IN WOMEN**

The State Government has announced that applications are now open for the first round of the new \$540,000 Investing in Queensland Women grant program. The program supports the development and delivery of innovative events and projects that raise awareness of, or address the unique issues faced by women and girls.

If you've got an idea about engaging your community and addressing issues that affect women and girls, visit: www.qld.gov.au/grantsfor-women. Applications close Friday, 5 March at 5pm.

## Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

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## LOCALFACES

### Interview by Linda Read Photo Isabella Cate

"I've only lived in Sandgate for a few months, and I find people are really friendly here. It's a happy environment.

And everything's pretty close – you discover all these new little places. I love going walking along the waterfront, especially now they have the off-leash dog area, because [my dog] Casper loves that.

I work as a disability support worker; I've done that for about 16 years. It was first introduced to me through my family, because my Dad worked with people with disabilities in Toowoomba. I got to meet a lot of people, and just always had a soft heart for them. And they teach you so many things; they teach you to be grateful for little things. It's just work I've enjoyed, and even more now that I have one private client. We go to art classes, on holidays, to the pool. [To do this job

well] I think you've just got to want the best for them – look at their abilities, not their disabilities.

I was born in Goulburn, NSW, near Canberra. When I was about 15, I moved to Toowoomba with my family, and had my two kids Danny (now 26) and Melinda (now 32). I moved from Toowoomba to the Brisbane area about 11 or 12 years ago.

I've always enjoyed being creative, and I've always loved plants. I had my own garden business, Garden Glamour, for a while. Then I started playing around with pots, and with decoupage, using paper napkins. That took off, and I started selling them at markets as well as online a lot through COVID. Now I sell them through a retail store.

I think I just enjoy making things look beautiful – plants do that. They make me happy. It makes a big difference when you come home and you see all this colour. It can change a boring place into a little oasis.

I love this area – I've never lived anywhere where I feel so happy, or that I really belong. And I really feel that about here. It's got a beautiful feeling about it, and I'm very grateful to be here."



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Ladybird founders Jenny, Alma, and Shirley

## Ladybirds Celebrate 30 Years

Story Linda Read Photo John Pires

hirty years ago, three Bracken Ridge women got together to offer each other friendship and support. Little did they know that their new alliance would not only be still going strong three decades down the track, but it would grow to become what is probably one of the longest-running social groups in the region.

The Ladybirds Social Group, which now comprises around 30 members and still meets every single week, is celebrating 30 years this month of supporting each other through ups, downs, births, deaths, and almost everything in between

The original founding trio – Shirley Kingston, Alma Pickvance, and Jenny Kemble – are still proud members of the group, which thrives on its informality and lack of a hierarchy.

Operating under the auspices of Sandbag Community Centre at Sandgate, members get together every Wednesday at the Bracken Ridge Hall for morning tea, a chat, various activities, and social outings. Every month, birthdays are celebrated with cake and flowers, and at Christmas time, the Ladybirds head off to the Brighton Hotel for lunch.

They also hold in-house cent auctions, with any proceeds going to their Christmas fund, as well as donations to charities such as Beyond Blue.

While the weekly attendance may fluctuate, rarely do numbers fall below 20.

"It's very laid back," Shirley said.

"We don't have a president or anything like that. There's been ups and downs like any club, but we've stayed together.

"Sometimes we might get a speaker, and sometimes we play [card game] hoy, or other games. Sometimes we don't do anything; we chat, we discuss things."

Formed in March 1991, the group had begun when a mutual friend introduced Shirley to Alma and Jenny, who had emigrated from England and were new Bracken Ridge residents.

The rest is history – 30 years of it in fact, where strong friendships and social networks have provided many with invaluable support in times of need.

"We've had ladies who've had breast cancer, and then recovered," Shirley said. "About eight years ago, I had two major strokes, so I had to learn to walk and do everything again. But every Wednesday, there's always somewhere to go."

## Town Hall to Receive AV Upgrade

Story Alyssa Mackay

Government funding of \$150,000 is set to upgrade the audio visual equipment at one of Sandgate's most beloved heritage buildings. The upgrade to the Sandgate Town Hall is one of 41 projects announced by Council as part of a Federal Government investment of more than \$40m to fund local infrastructure.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said the town hall had been part of Brisbane's history since 1912 and the investment would help preserve it for generations to come.

"As a key meeting place for the community and centrepiece for theatre performances and events, the \$150,000 investment will upgrade the hall's audio visual equipment, including updating stage lighting, amplifiers, wall and portable control panels, computercontrolled projectors and screens and monitors for green rooms," Mr Schrinner said.

"Dimmable LED lighting will also be installed and the InfraRed hearing loops will be upgraded to a more modern device to improve the audio experience for those with a hearing impairment."

Federal Member for Lilley, Anika Wells said she was pleased the community had secured the funding for the town hall, which would improve a much-loved community asset. "The announcement also flagged \$700,000 for improving access across roads for fauna, sports field lighting upgrades (\$1.685 million), and \$1.125 million for repairs and compliance maintenance," she said.

Ms Wells said she was obtaining more information about how much of this funding would be delivered to the Northside.





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## Local Property Market Stays Strong

Story Robyn Baker

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ecord numbers of buyers have been turning out to open homes, and with less residential homes available it has very quickly become what is now known as a seller's market. This is where sellers can demand their terms with multiple offers submitted, allowing them to choose the most desirable conditions of sale.

As expected, the low interest rates are continuing to drive buyer interest in home purchases across the full spectrum of all price points in the market. It is interesting to note that the higher end suburb of Shorncliffe has shown a 2.1 per cent growth in the last 12 months. Deagon has seen a 3.7 per cent growth in houses, Bracken Ridge 4.5 per cent, Boondall 4.7 per cent and Brighton 5.4 per cent. Even though Shorncliffe's median home price is \$837,000, Sandgate continues as the standout suburb with a 14.9 per cent increase in housing growth price in the last 12 months, up

from 12.1 per cent in January, increasing the last 5 years figure to 24.8 per cent. With unit prices only available for Bracken Ridge and Sandgate, the median price for Bracken Ridge is \$313,000 and Sandgate \$424,000. Unit demand remains low.

Long-term agent, Tamara Wecker from RE/MAX Property Shop said that historical patterns and seasonal swings in both buyer and seller behaviour hasn't applied in the current market. Tamara reported that buyers were looking for houses on land as the most sought-after properties, with demand for single-level contemporary homes being extremely high. Unfortunately, there are few of this style of property available locally. Her advice is that with the vast majority of homes for sale selling very quickly that buyers shouldn't wait until the second week that the property is on the market as it may have already sold. Tamara suggests, "be the first at the open house or arrange a viewing with the agent as soon as you can. If you sleep on it, you may never sleep in it!" Her advice to buyers is to set up a free account with www.realestate.com.au to get instant alerts when a new listing comes to the market, to avoid disappointment.

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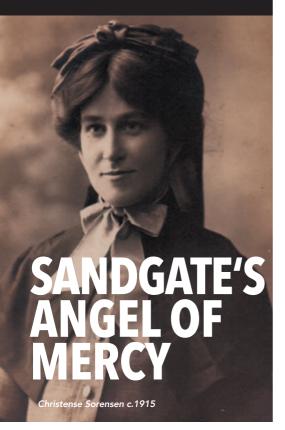
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## HISTORY



### Story Hellen White

here is conflicting information about when Christense Sorensen was born – September 1885 or 1887 – but this remarkable woman was a daughter of Sandgate who was awarded an MBE in 1952 for her services to nursing and innumerable service awards for her work during WW1, often mentioned in dispatches for Gallant Conduct.

Second daughter of immigrants Emanuel and Hannah Sorensen, Christense took over care of the family when her mother went blind after the birth of her 11th child. But in September of 1910, she started nurse training at Brisbane Hospital. In 1913 she qualified as a registered nurse. Her considerable skills led to her being rapidly promoted to charge nurse and then sister.

1914, with Australia involved in WW1, Christense was appointed as a staff nurse to the Australian Army Nursing Service. She was posted to the No.1 Australian General Hospital in Cairo, Egypt and then to the British hospital ship, Guildford Castle, which transported wounded from Gallipoli. As sister, she was sent to Poona, India, to nurse soldiers suffering from deadly diseases such as cholera and dysentery. In January 1917, she was sent back to Egypt, but this time to Abbassia.

The incredibly tough conditions took their toll on Christense's health and she returned to Australia in 1917 to recuperate. With her health restored, she shipped out to the British hospital in Salonika, where the makeshift canvas hospital cared for 2000 soldiers suffering malaria, dysentery and blackwater fever. From there she went to the Australian Auxiliary Hospital in Dartford, England, before returning to Australia in 1920.

Back in civilian life, she became matron of the Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, and then the Brisbane Children's Hospital. Gaining a certificate in midwifery, Christense eventually became matron of the combined Children's Hospital and Brisbane Hospital, where she remained until her retirement in December, 1951.

Matron Sorensen became a founding member of the College of Nursing and was involved with several other nursing organisations. Student nurses feared being brought before her as she was a strict disciplinarian. But she was also loved and respected by those around her, showing kindness and compassion to all. In an era where matrons were notoriously unbending, Christense was thought of as intensely humane and flexible, with an amazing memory for names and faces. She took time to learn who of her nurses were friends, and tried to keep them together during training.

In retirement, she regularly attended Sandgate Baptist Church. She enjoyed reading and golf and was interested in art and ceramics. Christense suffered a stroke in 1956 and passed away in January 1958. Her remarkable career and life are commemorated with her name on two Sandgate Rolls of Honour.

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When I was growing up, I remember a married couple in wheelchairs on Urangun Jetty in Hervey Bay that specifically fished for them and took them home to pickle. I like them butterflied on the barbeque with garlic butter.

Your local jetty (Shorncliffe or Woody Point are great options) or marina are easy places to find them and they are easily attracted with bread crumbs as berley. I then like to use a light fishing rod with a size 10-12 long shank hook about 30cm under a float with a piece of prawn as bait just covering the bottom of the hook.

There is no size limit and the possession limit is 50 in Queensland, so it is quite easy to catch a heap of bait and enough for a feed.

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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## Oktoberfest Reinvented for March

Story Aleasha Bliss

xperience the fun of Oktoberfest at Redcliffe – in March. The much-loved German-inspired event is having a makeover, and to honour the missed celebration of 2020, Marchtoberfest was born.

Marchtoberfest is being hosted by Redcliffe company Beam Entertainment and is set to be a memorable day filled with live entertainment, games, competitions and of course, German beer with all of the traditional bites.

It will be a foodies delight as the event will definitely satisfy your schnitz fix, and with sauerkraut, bratwurst, pork knuckle and pretzels – to name a few of the popular dishes on offer – all that is left to do is select the right beer to wash it all down.

The adults-only event will be held in the Webb Hall at the Redcliffe showgrounds and costs \$26.70 per ticket. The hall will be transformed into an authentically decorated beer hall consisting of tables to share your German treats and listen to the German musical entertainment, while participating in stein-holding and schnitzeleating contests.

Beam Entertainment event manager Craig Miley said this was a genuinely German event with a

German band, menu, drinks, decorations and competitions, with a local flavour.

"The brewer is local," Craig said. "The caterer is local, the band is local, a whole gamut of things are local. While it is a German cultural event, it is an entirely locally produced festival."

The festivities will include a competition for the best Ms Marchtoberfest and Mr Marchtoberfest, so get your dirndls and lederhosen prepared to set the theme for the day and maybe take out the top prize.

"You betcha we are dressing up for this," Craig said. "The staff will all be decked out in lederhosen and dirndls and we can't wait."

"There's genuine excitement out there for this. When was the last time you saw an Oktoberfest event in Redcliffe? We are putting on this event in March in the lead-up to the even bigger event in October."

Craig said that half of the tickets sold out when they were released, and he was already predicting great success. "I'm very excited to be creating this event," he said. "It smells, it looks, it feels and tastes exactly like Oktoberfest."

You can get your tickets for Marchtoberfest at visitredcliffeqld.com.au/marchtoberfest-redcliffe-2021/

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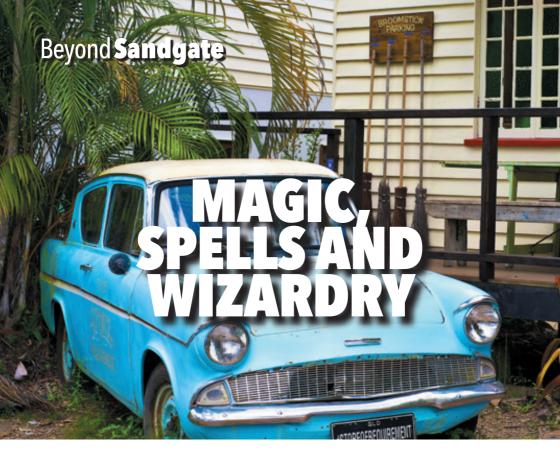


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Story **Jenn Carrington**Photos **Warwick Green** 

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The sorting hat

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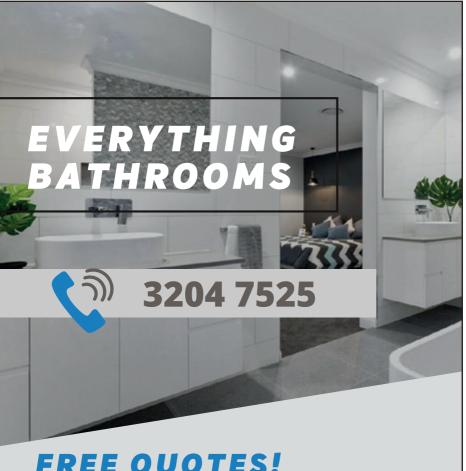
Or why not book a birthday party, a wand ceremony, attend a children's workshop, or even cake decorating. Kim said they have even planned a scavenger hunt later this year in the Samford Area.

"We also have our annual book club night too, so we are trying to offer more than just souvenirs, but a real experience to cater for all ages," she said.

Harry Potter, the English half-blood wizard, was made famous thanks to British author JK Rowling, who wrote the very first book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in 1997. Eight books, seven movies and 24 years later, the Harry Potter phenomenon remains as epic as ever.

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