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The Secret Life of Bats

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO RENATE HOTTMAN-SCHAEFER

R ats sometimes get a bad rap, but there's much to admire about these unique creatures.

Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association (KSBA) Inc are inviting interested locals to find out more about these important native animals at a bat walk in Curlew Park this month.

The event will be presented by Paul Middleton, who has lived close to the local flying fox or fruit bat colony for 30 years.

"I have taken an interest in the flying foxes ever since I moved to Deagon in 1991," Paul said. "I have learned a lot through living close to and observing the flying foxes over a long time.

"Flying foxes are essential to the health of our native forests, pollinating and spreading seed in bigger volumes and over much larger areas than smaller mammals, birds and insects. This also helps to provide habitat for other flora and fauna species."

Attendees will learn about the importance of flying foxes to the environment, their breeding, parenting and social habits, and the different species in Curlew Park. "The Curlew Park colony has been home to three different types of flying foxes – Black, Grey-Headed and Little Red," Paul said.

"In the last five years, the patterns have changed. Numbers in the Curlew Park colony are significantly reduced, and for much of the last three years there have been no flying foxes there at all."

Paul said local flying foxes were more dispersed than they used to be, as a few smaller colonies had formed in nearby areas.

"The Black flying foxes arrived back a couple of months ago, and they are the only ones in the colony at the moment," he said.

Black flying foxes give birth between September and November, and those on the walk may glimpse a few newborns.

"There should be a few new babies in the colony when the bat walk takes place, although they should be observed with sensitivity," Paul said.

There are many ways the community can care for flying foxes.

"Avoiding disturbing roosts," Paul said. "If you find a sick or injured flying fox, do not touch it, as there is a risk the animal may be carrying Lyssavirus. Instead phone a flying fox rescue organisation."

Bat Walk Saturday, 6 November, 9am

Curlew Park (meet at pedestrian bridge) 74 Curlew Street, Sandgate

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Christmas Spirit Starts Early

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

Shorncliffe's Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) will be kicking off the festive season in 4017 with Carols by the Creek.

VMR volunteer David Massam said they were delighted to be holding the first of many Christmas activities on the northside, on 19 November.

"We thought we'd get in early this year and get into the Christmas spirit," he said.

"The VMR hosted Carols by the Creek in 2019 and it was very successful. We wanted to hold it again last year, but of course COVID threw a spanner in the works there."

Carols by the Creek will feature entertainment, a wide selection of food trucks and face painting for children, while the VMR bar will be open for the grown-ups.

"The Multitude Choir will be performing, they're a great local choir and they'll be performing all the classic Christmas carols," David said.

"Santa will be coming along as well towards the end of the night."

The event, sponsored by Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy, is free, with takings from the bar going to support the work of the VMR.

"We're putting this on as a night for the community," David said.

"The VMR operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and we provide on-water help for people who have broken down, or if there's an emergency situation – and it's all totally volunteers."

David said one of the highlights of Carols by the Creek was the location itself at VMR headquarters.

"It's really beautiful, there's views right across the bay to the Port of Brisbane. People can come along and spread out on the grass there, with a chair or a picnic rug," he said.

"It's a great family night out that doesn't have to cost the earth, so we'd like to encourage the whole community to come out and start their festive season with us at the VMR."

Carols by the Creek Friday, 19 November, 5pm-8pm VMR Headquarters Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe.

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Lee-Anne Embarks on a Novel Adventure with NaNoWriMo

Lee-Anne Ford.

STORY SALLY EBERHARDT PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

hat is NaNoWriMo? November is National Novel Writing Month, and NaNoWriMo is a non-profit organisation that believes your story matters. It helps people find their voice and achieve their creative writing goals.

This year, on 1 November, writer Lee-Anne Ford of Boondall will join hundreds of thousands of people around the world as they start writing, determined to end the month with 50,000 words of their new novel. Lee-Anne said she saw a post about NaNoWriMo on Facebook and in a moment of bravado, decided it was the impetus she needed.

"Friends have been encouraging me to write a book about my lived experience during my late husband's decline with Huntington's Disease. But on learning of NaNoWriMo, the whimsical notion of writing a novel really appealed," she said.

"I have written for most of my life, starting with my first competition essay in Grade 2, which I won. From the teen years, into adulthood, a notebook was always within reach. In my fanciful mind, the potential for a story is everywhere from the plane flying overhead, to the dog trotting down the street, to the girl waiting at the bus stop."

NaNoWriMo encourages people to make writing a habit. It is a huge challenge, but however many words a person writes, it's more than they had before.

Sometimes it's difficult to decide what to write about. Lee-Anne is contemplating two ideas, both with a soulful message.

"For NaNoWriMo, I am torn between a romantic thriller set in South Bank and St Lucia, and a series of vignettes, in different time periods, showing the same souls in relation to each other from life to life, before coming together," she said.

Check out nanowrimo.org for valuable information including how to get ready to write, and pep talks from famous authors. Nanowrimo tracks your word count, and even helps you find writing buddies. It's free, and many authors, including Sara Gruen (Water for Elephants), began their best-sellers here.

If you ever dreamed of writing a novel, November is the time. Join Lee-Anne and other writers online for NaNoWriMo.



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FESTIVAL FUN BACK AT ZILLMERE

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

here's no need to travel to get a taste of different cultures this November, with the Zillmere Multicultural Festival making a comeback.

Festival production manager Deb Suckling said the community was abuzz with excitement.

"This festival has been running for 19 years, so people really missed it last year," she said.

"We were a little worried with the last lockdown, but Brisbane City Council has really been driving this and saying 'yes, let's go ahead'."

The festival has a COVID-safe plan, with sanitiser stations, social distancing and spread-out attractions.

It will showcase an array of cultures from Chile to Indonesia to China, and will also feature a large First Nations presence.

"Here in Zillmere about five per cent of the population is First Nations, which is huge, and we have advisory groups running that part of our program, which is fantastic," Deb said.

Festival-goers can expect beautiful food and craft stalls, together with displays, workshops, crafts, demonstrations and performances.

The popular Youth Stage will also return.

"Our young people are feeling the effects of COVID, there's very few places and opportunities for them to perform at the moment," Deb said.

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"The children's area will be heavily focused on the arts. We feel that young people learning culture through art is really important."

And then there's the food.

"Every food stall has to have a \$5 meal option, so that firstly people can try lots of different food from around the world, and secondly so that it's affordable for everyone. We want people to be able to come and stay for the whole day," Deb said.

Organised by the Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services Association, the festival celebrates the diversity and richness the multicultural community of Zillmere brings to Brisbane.

Jabiru CEO Brett Roland said he was thrilled the festival could go ahead this year.

"Zillmere Festival is such a big part of our community identity – where people can come and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of our truly diverse and multicultural community," he said.

For more information, see the festival's Facebook page or email events@jabiru.org.au

Zillmere Multicultural Festival Saturday, 27 November, 10am-3pm O'Callaghan Park Zillmere Road, Zillmere.



A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

CR JARED CASSIDY

nother successful Sandgate Youth Festival was held on 23 October. It was so great to be entertained by such a talented group of young performers. I was proud to host this youth music



ud to host this youth music event once again, alongside Brendon Hofmeier from Beat Connection. Providing a platform for young people to perform in their own community is something I'm very passionate about.

A youth music event of a different kind will be held at the Einbunpin Lagoon on 2 December – the annual Carols By The Bay. The voices of the Sandgate, Nashville and Brighton State School choir singers will entertain us all, singing everyone's favourite Christmas tunes like Feliz Navidad and Santa Claus is Coming to Town. At the end of the night, Santa Claus will be coming to our town. A big thank you to Stirling Hinchliffe and Anika Wells for joining me in sponsoring this wonderful family fun night once again. There will be food and drinks available for purchase on the night so grab your picnic rug, your family and friends and come on down for a lovely night under the stars.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

want to congratulate all of our local year 12 students for their hard work and adaptability during their final year of school.



It has been a difficult year and I want to commend all of you on working hard through the challenges created by COVID-19.

While I'm sure it feels like you've missed out on various opportunities throughout the year, your ability to persevere and work

through this crisis will be sought after in the future; employers will see your application and know that you are adaptable and resilient, placing you with a major advantage.

Congratulations and all the best for your future, graduates of 2021.

On another note, I hope members of the community will join me on Remembrance Day on 11 November to remember those who lost their lives in service of our country. The sacrifices these people made were to protect the Australian way of life and freedom and is why at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

CR SANDY LANDERS



s the Barbour and Norris Road intersection upgrade nears completion, Beams Road is set to undergo a significant upgrade over three stages to improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, improve travel time and provide better connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. This is a jointly

funded project between the Morrison Government's Urban Congestion Fund and the Schrinner Council's Better Roads for Brisbane Program to get residents home quicker and safer.

Serving as an important east-west corridor accommodating more than 19,000 vehicles daily, we recognise some of the key project points include widening the corridor to four lanes between Lacey Road and Handford Road, a centre median, upgrading intersections and signalising the intersection of Beams and Dorville Roads. A highlight of the project is a pedestrian and cyclist shared underpass at Cabbage Tree Creek.

Council is currently finalising the detailed design for the corridor and it is anticipated that early works will commence next year.

For further information or to view the plans, please contact my office on 3667 6000 or Council's City Projects Team on 1800 870 437.

To the year 12 students who are entering their final exams, I wish you every success. After another year of tough schooling conditions, I hope you will be able to enjoy a well-earned break before embarking upon your next endeavour.

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his Christmas, impress your family and friends by festooning your front door with a floral wreath of your own making.

Wallflower Floral Design in Deagon is offering dried wreath and fresh wreath workshops in November and December.

Owner Renae Handy will show participants how to make their own wreath in the hands-on, two-hour session.

"In the dried wreath workshop, participants will be making their own dried circle wreath using a mix of preserved flowers, grasses and foliage such as banksia leaves, amaranth, ruscus, paper daisies and pampas grass," Renae said.

"They can hang these on their front door for Christmas or place them on a table as a centrepiece, or they can hang them on their internal wall as a piece of art all year round." Tickets are \$165 for the dried wreath workshops and \$145 for the fresh wreath workshops. "Both include all flowers and materials and also a delicious grazing platter and a glass of wine," Renae said.

"There is no experience necessary so anyone can attend."

Those keen to get creative will find plenty of interesting workshops at Wallflower.

"Wallflower offers lots of different types of creative workshops, such as embroidery, pottery, terrariums, floral table centrepieces, macramé and floral arranging," Renae said.

Workshops are capped at 20 participants. Participants must be over 16 years of age. For dates and times and to book tickets search for Wallflower Floral Design on Eventbrite.

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Christmas Tree Festival to Light Up the Night

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

ig out the tinsel and baubles and get ready to trim the tree because the magic of Christmas is coming to Bracken Ridge.

The community is invited to showcase their Christmas spirit by decorating a tree for the inaugural Christmas Tree Festival at the Sandgate Northpoint Anglican Church on Friday, 26 November.

Sandgate Northpoint priest in charge Mike Donaldson said the church was hoping schools, community groups and businesses would get involved in the festival.

"We are seeking participation from across the community, asking them to contribute a decorated tree up to 1.2 metres tall that tells a story of their organisation or business," Mike said.

"We encourage contributors to be creative and make or decorate a tree that reflects their business or organisation. Families are also encouraged to contribute.

"It is free to contribute a tree and admission on the night will also be free."

There will be plenty of activities to get everyone in the festive mood, besides enjoying the decorated trees. Festival-goers will be delighted when the front lawn of the church comes to life with Christmas lights.

"Over the last few years we have developed our display of lights," Mike said. "At the centre of the display is a tree about six metres tall and featuring twinkly programmed lights."

Food stalls will have the crowd eating, drinking and feeling merry and there will be unique Christmas gifts available for purchase.

We will have a sausage sizzle, tea, coffee, cold drinks and donuts," Mike said. "We will have handmade tree decorations and

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handmade gifts along with a wide range of Christmas cooking."

Singers from the Samoan community, a group of ukulele players and other musical entertainment will spread Christmas cheer throughout the evening.

"We are focusing on the event being a gathering of the community," Mike said.

Those wishing to contribute a Christmas tree will need to complete the registration form at www.anglicanin4017.org.au and email it to admin@4017anglican.church as soon as possible.

Participants are asked to deliver their imaginatively decorated trees to the church on Thursday evening between 4pm and 6pm, or Friday morning between 10am and midday.

For more information search for Sandgate-Northpoint Anglican Parish on Facebook or go to www.anglicanin4017.org.au.

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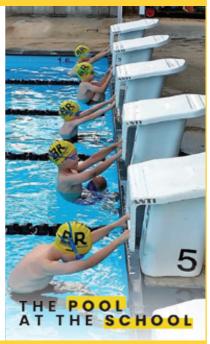
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5. Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes

America's most notorious serial killer, Ted Bundy went on a killing spree across the USA.

Once he was caught (spoiler) he wasn't shy about spilling the beans. He retells his story to the police, accompanied by accounts from the cops who were hot on his heels. Although he felt like he was "just a normal individual", I'm sure once you've heard his recordings, you'll disagree.

4. Heist

Bringing a lighter tone to the true crime genre, Heist features different stories and interviews from criminals who stole millions of dollars and got away scot-free (sort of). This show helps answer the question, "What do you do with all that cash?". Where can you hide, who can you trust and does money really buy you happiness?

3. The Staircase

If someone is awkward and unlikeable, does that make them a murderer?

The Staircase follows the trial of Michael Peterson, who may or may not have fatally pushed his wife down the stairs. Just when you think the truth is about to reveal itself and you've cracked the case, another layer of mystery is revealed.

2. Cocaine Cowboys: The Kings of Miami

There are some crims who just seem to keep getting away with it, such as Willy & Sal. The most prolific drug traffickers in US history, they sometimes handled more than 75 tonnes of cocaine – leading to the world's largest drug case. It's fascinating to watch how they elude their rivals and the police, especially when they're hiding in plain sight.

1. American Murder: The Family Next Door

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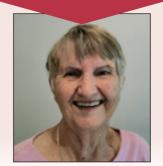


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Lloyd Spiegel to perform at Music By The Sea

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Interstate and overseas artists make up 40 per cent of our program, while 60 per cent are from Queensland.

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November: See musicbythesea.com.au for updates.

December: Lloyd Spiegel - acoustic blues guitarist, singer/songwriter

Modern blues artist Lloyd Spiegel hit the heights performing with the likes of Ray Charles, Bob Dylan and Etta James, and will certainly create ripples in the atmosphere in Sandgate this December!

Lloyd speaks from the heart when asked what people can expect from his award-winning modern blues. "I've always figured I'm kind of in social work... sitting in front of a group of strangers from all walks of life and giving them a couple of hours off. A break from reality for whatever reason they need that break for."

And digging a little deeper, from the local stage to the global stage, what does Lloyd have to say about our brave new world, and the role that music plays in our physical and mental health?

"There are elements of these past two years that we need to remember always. As much as it's tempting to forget how you felt once things are 'back to normal', the arts sector needs you to remember how you felt without live music, without access to art galleries, without something as simple as your local craft market. It was boring. Really, really boring. Remember that and support the art around you that takes that boredom away."

Lloyd Spiegel Saturday, 4 December, 7.30pm Sandgate Town Hall Book online: musicbythesea.com.au

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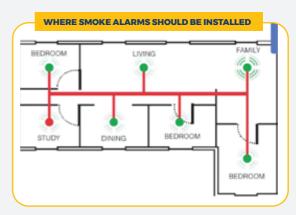
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SPOTLIGHT

Young Singer on the Road to Stardom

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

Source and taken the first steps on the path towards following her dreams.

After starting her singing career busking at age 12, the 17-year-old has just released her first original song on Spotify.

The song is called Handshake, and Dublin said she was "so excited" to have the tune out in the world.

"I just love singing and writing my own songs," she said. "It allows me to express myself and talk about things that I otherwise wouldn't talk about. And I just love the positive vibes of the whole process and getting to see people's reactions and making them smile."

Handshake was influenced by Dublin's time performing in the Nudgee High School Musical earlier this year.

"Everyone was just doing handshakes and I was inspired by that and I added a bit of a love tune to it," she said.

Mum Genevieve said she was so proud of her daughter.

"She's amazing," Genevieve said. "From the moment she picked up the guitar, it was definitely life-changing."

Dublin is school captain at Mary Mackillop College and has recently completed her university applications, hoping to study a Bachelor of Music next year.

"I also put in an audition tape at the Conservatorium of Music and I have a callback for that, which is super exciting," Dublin said.

Dublin has plenty of stage experience, having performed locally at the Sandgate Youth Festival, the Einbunpin Festival, Bluewater Festival, Jingle All The Bay and the Zillmere Festival.

"This community is awesome and I just love seeing all the familiar faces when I'm performing. Even people I went to primary school with come up and say hi, and it's just such a fun vibe," she said.

"I have missed performing during COVID, but I'm always filming little bits and putting them up on Insta and it's been great to have more time to write."

Genevieve said people in the 4017 were "so supportive" of young talent.

"There are so many opportunities here to get up on stage for young people and there's a lot of great local talent," Genevieve said.

Dublin Rose's song Handshake is available to stream on Spotify

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A lthough combining beer and yoga sounds like a bit of a stretch, sipping a session ale between sun salutations is a great way to get over that midweek slump.

Every second Thursday of the month, limber up and unwind with a session of Cheeky Midweeky Beer Yoga at EclecTea in Brighton.

EclecTea owner Kara Rigg said she decided to offer beer yoga after seeing it in the inner city.

"We thought we'd bring some light-hearted beer yoga fun to the bay," Kara said.

"Basically, you grab a beer and get a little bendy. It may seem silly, but the combination actually helps improve flexibility and reduce stress."

Tickets are available at an introductory price of \$20, which includes a 45-minute beer yoga session and a can of Sabre from All Inn Brewing Co.

"Just bring yourselves, an open mind and some comfy clothes," Kara said. "Food is available from 5-9pm, so feel free to arrive early, or stay a little longer."

Classes are run by a fun-loving, qualified yoga instructor. Anyone can attend, as long as they are over 18 years of age.

"We mostly do chair yoga, so it makes it more comfortable and inclusive for all ages," Kara said.

For more information and to book tickets search for EclecTea on Humanitix.

Cheeky Midweeky Beer Yoga Thursday, 11 November, 7-7.45pm (every 2nd Thursday of the month) EclecTea, 2 Queens Pde, Brighton

Rock Under The Clock

Saturday, 20 November, from 6pm Sandgate Bowls Club

Rock Under The Clock – British Invasion Tribute Show will be an unforgettable night with Jim Hanson and The Sonics, filled with music from the 60s. This is a show not to be missed. There will be a fully licensed bar with tea and coffee available. Bookings essential. Tickets start from \$29 and can be purchased online at trybooking.com by searching Rock Under The Clock, or call 0499 608 703.

Franco Twilight Markets

Friday, 5 November, 5-9pm Laneway near Capulet & Co

Welcome to warm summer evenings and the return of the Franco Twilight Markets. Get ready for a picturesque evening of all the good things – fashion, coffee, music, community, and the best of local artisans.

Community Banner Poles

Councillor Jared Cassidy has confirmed he will fund the installation of banner poles to allow community groups, clubs and schools to hang their banners to promote upcoming events. The banner poles will be installed at Deagon Sportsground close to the roundabout, and the banners will be managed by the Deagon Ward office via an online booking system. For further information, contact the Deagon Ward office on ph. 3667 6011.

Fab Finds Markets

Sunday, 28 November, 8am - 11.30am Geebung Bowls Club

If you're fashion sustainability-minded, then head down to the Geebung Bowls Club for the Fab Finds Markets. Held on the last Sunday of the month, there will be over 40 stallholders showcasing their closet clear out, preloved clothing and accessories, along with food trucks and coffee vans available. Stallholders can register a spot at the markets by going to www.trybooking.com and searching Fab Finds Markets.



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Celebrating 100 Years of Sandgate Golf

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S andgate Golf Course has a long history. Built across fifty-seven acres of low-lying land between the railway station at Shorncliffe and Cabbage Tree Creek, the waterside course features one of Queensland's oldest nine-hole golf courses in a natural setting. This year it celebrates its 100th birthday.

Allan Head, chair of the Sandgate Golf Club Centenary Committee, said the 250 members enjoyed attending a strong club with a countrystyle atmosphere that retains some of its heritage.

"The original clubhouse has been extended but retains its step-back-in-time feel," Allan said.

"Original honour boards detail the proud club history on the painted timber walls".

The club and course have been through some changes over the years. Allan said the challenging course layout was redeveloped in the 1990s with significant input from Paul Jones and John Armstrong.

"One hole hasn't changed though: the ninth hole retains its originality even down to the large gum

trees which flank the approach to the green," he said.

The centenary year celebrations began in January of this year when life members Joy Black, Lex Hughes and Kevin Madsen planted a centenary tree with three levels of government present. A plaque commemorating the tree planting will be unveiled at the next centenary event.

The clubhouse also includes a display of golf clubs from the 1920s that were owned by Dick Carr.

"He won the Queensland Open at Brisbane Golf Club in 1926, and in 1927 he won the Queensland PGA trophy played at Royal Queensland. Remarkably, records show he was born in 1910," Allan said.

The centenary year events will culminate in an open-air Twilight Cabaret for members and their friends this month. Held under lights on the first fairway, the night will include music from local jazz big band Swingalicious, who will be playing songs from the last 100 years.

"This connects well with the strong tradition of local Sandgate jazz bands playing at Sandgate Golf Club festive occasions way back in the 1920s," Allan said.

For more information about the centenary celebrations, go to www.sandgategc.com.au

Sandgate Golf Club Centenary – Twilight Cabaret Saturday, 27 November, 5.30pm Sandgate Golf Club Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe

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Film Screening Turns Spotlight on Plastic Pollution

Lauren Hindmarch

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The destructive impact of plastic rubbish on Australian beaches and marine wildlife will be addressed at a double movie screening this month.

Sea Shepherd Brisbane will show two free films, Untrashing Djulpan and Rubber Jellyfish, at the Sandgate Town Hall as part of their Waves of Change project.

Sea Shepherd's Queensland Marine Debris coordinator and Waves of Change project leader Grahame Lloyd said the project consisted of 13 community clean-ups, three waste-free workshops, and three film screenings across South East Queensland.

"Our goal is to provide an opportunity for the community to get involved in caring for their local coastlines and protecting marine life, all while learning about plastic pollution and how they can be part of the solution," Grahame said.

"I am hoping by attending our screening the community will learn more about Marine Debris and sow hope, by providing practical steps on how they can help Sea Shepherd #Stemthetide."

Untrashing Djulpan details the devastating effects of plastic debris on the beach of Djulpan in northeast Arnhem Land.

"The film follows the joint efforts of Sea Shepherd volunteer crew and the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation's Rangers as they attempt to reverse the damage plastic pollution has done to this beautiful remote location and important turtle nesting beach," Grahame said. Rubber Jellyfish is a documentary by Carly Wilson, who travelled across Australia to explore the damaging impact of helium balloons on marine life.

"The film uncovered the jellyfish-like shape balloons burst once released into the atmosphere, and how easily turtles can mistake them for prey," Grahame said.

"The film acted as a catalyst in educating the general public about the consequences of balloon releases and may have contributed to the eventual banning of the balloon releases in 2018."

A Q&A session will follow the screenings, where audience members can speak to Grahame, Carly, Ocean Protect podcast co-host Brad Dalrymple, Brisbane City Council Litter Prevention team leader Paul Cusack, and Marine Debris coordinator and Arnhem Campaign crew member Morgan Beazley.

"I hope the films and guest speakers will provide a new perspective on plastic pollution and motivate the community to spread the word on the impacts of mindless plastic consumption," Grahame said.

Book free tickets by searching Sea Shepherd Brisbane on Humanitix. To help out at a beach clean-up search events on Sea Shepherd Australia's Facebook page.

Untrashing Djulpan & Rubber Jellyfish: A Sea Shepherd Film Screening with Guest Speakers Friday, 5 November, 6pm-9pm Sandgate Town Hall

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Suitcase of Historical Items Uncovered

Barbara Bow and Josh deGee.

STORY JODIE WOODWARD PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

local renovation recently uncovered more than just old structural work. A slice of history was revealed when a suitcase containing old wartime documents and items was found.

Sandgate Museum president Pam Verney said the suitcase was found by builder and renovator Josh DeGee. He recognised the historical significance of the contents and delivered them to Sandgate Museum for further inspection.

"The suitcase was hidden behind an enclosed area of the ceiling," Pam said.

"The family who lived in the house knew about it, and other community members were aware of it."

Pam said the museum and local historians played an important role in connecting the objects with their historical significance once they were delivered to the museum. A connection was immediately drawn to a local family – the Daceys.

"Shirley Dacey was the daughter of William and Faythe Dacey, and lived in the Blackwood house in Deagon all her life," Pam said.

"Shirley Fay Dacey was a Deputy City Librarian for the Brisbane City Council Library Services for many years. She was a member of the Sandgate Museum from 1995 and was instrumental in establishing the museum library. Shirley had been a staunch churchgoer, and her ashes are in the Memorial Garden at St Margaret's Anglican Church."

The suitcase contained a range of historical items relating to the family, including electoral roll cards, soldier's pay books, various dog tags, badges, Australian Imperial Forces Military medals, a land purchase contract, an embarkation card, and a birth certificate. Perhaps most notably, though, was a letter from King George, dated 1918.

"The fascinating link and connection demonstrates the value of our community museum. The archived newspaper articles, pictures and other history will support this community for many years to come," Pam said.

If you're interested in looking at these important historical items, they will be displayed at the Sandgate Museum throughout November, along with other World War I artefacts. Opening hours are Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am-3pm or by special arrangement.

For more information about the museum, go to www.sandgatemuseum.com.au.



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Fight Night Fundraiser

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ovice boxers are throwing their hats in the ring for a good cause and a fantastic night of entertainment.

Fight Night 2 will see mates pitted against each other in a safe, controlled environment at Sandgate Hawks AFC this month, hosted by local fitness group Dawn Patrol Boxing, in conjunction with Xtreme Gym Boxing Burpengary.

Dawn Patrol Boxing promoter Chris Ferguson said they decided to do a second Fight Night after the first one proved to be a great success.

"The participants and the people who came to watch had an absolute ball," Chris said. "Based on that, we decided to do it again and this time support a charity as part of it."

Profits raised from Fight Night tickets will go towards SMEAC Inc, a not-for-profit association that provides support networks for discharged veterans and helps them transition to civilian life.

Chris said the participants were not professional boxers.

"It's targeted at people who want to try something new, like bungee jumping or jumping out of a plane," Chris said. "It's there for them to have a challenge, like a bucket list thing, doing something they've never done before."

To prepare, the boxers have undertaken a professional 12-week training program at gyms like Xtreme Gym Boxing, which will also provide an accredited referee, judges and corner men for the event.

Fighters will be split into two teams, with a Red Team and a Blue Team coming to blows.

"They have embraced this team mentality," Chris said. "It's turned into red versus blue, which has been an entertaining and fun thing to watch."

There will be 14 boxers participating across seven fights. Each bout will consist of three 90-second rounds.

"The boxers get to choose their walk-in song and they can dress up how they want," Chris said.

"Some of the bios they bring for the MC to tell the crowd are quite entertaining as well. When the boxers walk in, they will walk through the crowd and everyone will be patting them on the back.

"I think it's going to be a wonderful night of entertainment and there's going to be heaps of laughs."

Tickets are \$20 with free admission for kids under 15 years. To book tickets go to trybooking.com and search for Fight Night 2.

Fight Night 2 Friday, 12 November, 5.30-11pm Sandgate Hawks AFC 120 Lemke Road, Taigum





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Raw Muscle Boys Back in Town

f you missed the Raw Muscle guys the first time around, you won't want to make the same mistake twice.

After a sell-out show in May, Raw Muscle Entertainment returns to the Bracken Ridge Tavern this month with their successful Male Revue performance.

Host-with-the-most and co-owner Davey Hughes said Raw Muscle were very excited to be back at the Bracken Ridge Tavern.

"It's one of our favourite venues as it's very intimate and we can get the whole crowd involved," Davey said. "We love the audience at the Bracken Ridge Tavern – they're loud and wild and that's what we want. We had such a good show last time."

This time around, audiences can expect the same award-winning Raw Muscle standard

but with new routines and more entertainers. The line-up includes Troy King (the Bad Boy), Caique Salvi (the Brazilian), Blaine Anthony (Smooth Moves) and Beau Privato, the youngest entertainer.

"We always get the most professional male entertainers who are in top physical condition and are very sweet to the ladies," Davey said.

Raw Muscle will perform in Bracken Ridge as part of a big Queensland tour in November and December.

"We always love performing in Brisbane," Davey said. "We hope to come back for years to come."

To book tickets search Eventbrite for Brisbane Ladies Night.

Brisbane Ladies Night: Raw Muscle Entertainment Saturday, 27 November, 8pm-11pm Bracken Ridge Tavern 154 Barrett Street, Bracken Ridge





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WHAT'S HOT AROUND TOWN

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oin' to the Cardi, gonna watch me a lotta Peaches. Peaches & The AlphaSonics hit Cardigan Bar on Sunday, 7 November and if you're into high-tempo blues and tapping your shoes, this fruitfully fabulous foursome are ripe for the picking.

Lead singer Lisl said she loved playing at the Cardigan Bar as the audience was always keen for a drink and a dance.

"We absolutely love it! Though small, it's got a hip vibe," she said.

Lisl said patrons should forget what they know about blues when it comes to the band's influences and shows.

"Envisage the growls of a young Etta James and a sassy LaVern Baker mixed with the early guitar stylings of a Guitar Slim or Johnny "Guitar" Watson, and the driving, good-time rhythm of an upright doghouse bass and drums."

See the Cardigan Bar Facebook page for more.

he Full Moon Hotel is showing off its facelift with country poppers Brooke Schubert Three Piece Band on Saturday, 20 November at 8pm.

The country-twinged chanteuse will take to the stage with her band, and if you've seen her at the Gympie Muster you'll know that voice can really fill the room.

Lucinda Dowling Black from the Full Moon



ow that you've rocked, get ready to roll with a full weekend of fun from 12-14 November as the Sandgate Bowls Club relaunches itself to the bay.

Expect live music, barefoot bowls, smoked barbecue food and much more family fun.

Function manager Steve Walsh said things would kick off with a huge night on Friday, 12 November.

"We are going to have live music on Friday night to get the party started," he said.

"Saturday, we have a huge day with a local 50th, barefoot bowls and good times finished off with West Texas Crude playing from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

"Sunday will be a massive family day with Cornhole, Finska, Giant Jenga, Quoits, barefoot bowls and the local legend himself, Nik Phillips, playing tunes from noon until 4pm.

"Barbecue Mafia will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen for all three days, we will have raffles and competitions, and the fridges will be full of icy cold drinks."

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Hotel said punters could enjoy the show in the popular pub's new live music area.

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Celebration of 160 years of the Sisters of Mercy in Brisbane...

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Sandgate staff recently gathered to honour 160 years of the Sisters of Mercy in Brisbane.

The Sisters of Mercy opened Sacred Heart Sandgate in 1893 initially with 50 enrolments, and operated from the All Hallows Convent in Fortitude Valley.

The Sisters of Mercy began in 1831 when Catherine McAuley made her vows as a religious including the vow to "persevere until the end of her life in the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy established for the visitation of the sick, poor, and the teaching of poor women"

As a religious leader, Catherine was loved by the women in Baggott Street, Dublin and wanted to continue her work throughout the world. Catherine was a leader, who was gentle, strong, serious minded and full of fun.

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On Saturday, 9th October, past Sisters of Mercy were invited to Sacred Heart for a 'comfortable cup of tea' and this was something that Catherine McAuley wanted her Sisters to remember 'when I am gone make sure the sisters have a good cup of tea'

The Sisters of Mercy were founded to serve the poor, sick and uneducated. May the spirit of Mercy, the example of the Sisters in Sandgate and what today's staff pass on to the children and Sacred Heart Community be a shining beacon that Mercy is still alive and active in our community.

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Cardigan Bar 7pm

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CASIS MAK EclecTea 4pm

SHANE WOLF SPORTS BAR Full Moon Hotel 5pm

BELLA PATON Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5pm

DUNTRASHING DJULPAN & RUBBER JELLYFISH Sandgate Town Hall 6pm

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17 WEDNESDAY

Cardigan Bar 2pm

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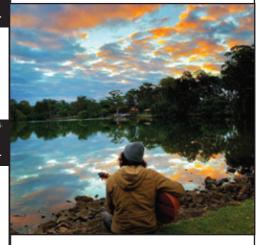
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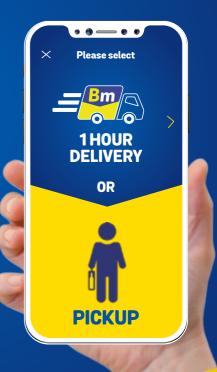
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New Phase for the Full Moon Hotel

STORY EMMA SANDERS

S andgate's iconic Full Moon Hotel has just put the finishing touches on a new renovation, which has been six years in the making.

With a deck leading to the bar and new spaces that merge perfectly with the surrounding architecture in the area, Full Moon Hotel coowner Lucinda Dowling Black said the design refresh was inspired by the unique homes that dot the Bramble Bay neighbourhood.

"The design concept was coastal Queenslander and our architects took inspiration from the beautiful Queenslander homes that are iconic to Sandgate and Shorncliffe," she said.

"This can be seen in design elements such as the timber bracing with feature lighting in the kitchen, the cabinet joinery with brass detailing in the café made to look like residential drawers, and weatherboards and whitewashed double hung windows with colonial glazing.

"Furnishings have been replaced with pieces curated by Lightfoot Commercial Furniture



such as warm rattan bar stools, café armchairs in butterscotch fabric and mosaic-tiled bar tops finished in brass."

Lucinda said by repurposing an existing space, the hotel had been able to increase the bar and dining seating by 80, creating a more spacious zone with settings to suit all occasions.

"Guests can indulge in knock-off drinks with workmates, cocktails with the girls, lounging with a coffee in the café overlooking the bay, or impress a date with one of the tables for two along the booth seating," she said.



And there's something for the little patrons too, with the reveal of a new kids' retreat, the Treehouse, coming later this month.

"There will be lots of happy little faces at the Treehouse, which allows for smaller ones to play creatively while not encroaching on surrounding areas where conversations are being shared," Lucinda said.

Full Moon Hotel publican Toby Black said the renovations had been in the works since the Dowling family took ownership in 2015.

"The venue hadn't seen a refurbishment in over 15 years, so it was quite tired and dated," he said.

"The Full Moon Hotel was already a popular and busy venue, so we were confident the refurbishment would only add to an already successful bayside establishment.

"Old pubs like the Full Moon Hotel, which was established in 1856, are interesting to work with as you never know what stories from the past are revealed, such as the time we uncovered old sign writing with hand lettering that was originally an external wall in the 1800s."

To make a booking or stay up-to-date with the recent renovations visit fullmoonhotel.com.au.



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Bracken Ridge Plaza 250 Telegraph Rd, Casual Dining 3261 6102



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'Tis the Season to Volunteer

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

et into the spirit of Christmas by volunteering to help SANDBAG with its annual Christmas Day lunch.

The team at the community-based organisation are seeking volunteers to help with a variety of festive tasks.

SANDBAG neighbourhoods and community program manager Erin Williams said the Christmas lunch would again be held at the St Patrick's College Callan Centre.

"They are kindly letting us use their facilities and we really appreciate that and acknowledge their contribution to the day," Erin said.

"We are calling out for volunteers on the day itself but also for bits and pieces leading up to it. Last year we needed support with Christmas present wrapping, setting up the function centre on the day and cleaning up the day after."

Keen volunteers are asked to contact Belinda at SANDBAG on 3869 3244 and leave their details.

"Last year I think we had about 100 volunteers doing different things," Erin said.

People are pretty generous with their time, especially around Christmas. Anyone can volunteer. There's no age restriction, but children need to be with a parent."

SANDBAG will also be giving gifts to children and adults on the day. Anyone wishing to make a donation can call the centre for more information.



Christmas is Coming

STORY ALEASHA BLISS

t's time to brush up your Christmas decorating skills, as Bracken Ridge Baptist Church hosts the annual Christmas is Coming evening in November. The event will get you prepared for the silly season and will have you mastering gingerbread house creations by the end of the night.

Bracken Ridge Baptist Church lead pastor David Luthy said Christmas is Coming was a family friendly evening that would have market stalls for anyone wanting to purchase Christmas gifts, a couple of food trucks to satisfy the rumbling tummies on the night, live music and lots of gingerbread house making.

"We usually have between 200 and 300 people in attendance and the night is primarily based around building gingerbread houses," Pastor David said.



"It's a great night for families and is probably their first time getting in the Christmas spirit for the year."

The night gives families the opportunity to connect and have fun while creating their gingerbread house – something that is often difficult for time-poor households.

Pre-registration is required to ensure there are enough gingerbread house supplies for everyone to participate in the fun. For more information on the event and to register, visit www.brbc.org.au/events/christmas-is-coming

Christmas is Coming Saturday, 13 November, 4pm-8pm Bracken Ridge Baptist Church 47 Norris Road, Bracken Ridge



SocialShaps by PAUL NEIL If you have an event that you think is worth a photo, call me on 0449 660 473



Cheers to us! It's party time as Simone, Allesandria, Michelle, Brett and Steven celebrate Octoberfest 2021 at Mr Henderson Bar, Sandgate.



Let's dance! Leeonie and Rodney were first couple on the dance floor at Rockabilly Australia's Spring Ball at Sandgate Bowls Club.



Proud parents Marnie and Allan were there to see daughter Lilah (centre) presented with her players medal at Brighton Bulldogs Gala Day 2021.



Helping hands! Christian Hull, Rochelle Courtenay, Justin Hodges and Ali Briggenshaw were busy packing period product bags at Share the Dignity Charity's 'What's in the Bag' Drive at St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe.



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Windsurfing Come & Try + Retro Day Brisbane

Sunday, 28 November, 2-5pm Sandgate Beach near Arthur Davis Park Flinders Parade, Sandgate

Have you ever wanted to try windsurfing? Have you got old or new gear? Bring them all out and let's have a gala! All windfoilers are also welcome. Everyone between nine and 90 who can swim and are of reasonable health and fitness are invited to Surf Connect's open day too, where you can try out windsurfing. Instructors will be at hand during the event to show the basics.

It will also be a Windsurfing Retro Day where anyone with any windsurfing gear is invited to dust off their old gear and bring it out for a gala. Surf Connect will be organising water safety and free BBQ for all participants. For more details and to register for this free event, email info@ surfconnect.com.

Carseldine Twilight Christmas Market

Saturday, 20 November, 4-9pm 133 Dorville Rd, Carseldine

Santa Claus is coming to Carseldine for the Twilight Christmas Market. Yummy gourmet eats and treats will be available, and plenty of stalls to get artisan handmade gifts and stocking fillers. Rock the night away with festive entertainment and live music, and don't forget a photo with Santa. Entry is \$2.

CRIME NEWS

Business Advice To Avoid Armed Robbery

STORY SENIOR CONSTABLE VICTORIA CHRISTENSEN

ollowing a number of armed robberies in the South East, including several offences in which robbers used knives, guns and hammers to make their point, the Crime Prevention Unit has a few tips for businesses to help prevent them from becoming a target.

> Senior Constable Christensen said, "It is a good idea for businesses to take note of unusual behaviour, such as loitering, strangers asking about the business, customers who are acting out of character or dressed unusually.

"Don't provide information about your business to anyone you are not comfortable with," she said. "Never discuss your security arrangements in public, not even with friends."

She recommended staff try not to have the offender remain at the business during an armed hold up, instead comply with demands and contact police as soon as practicable.

Police are happy to provide free advice to business owners and their staff and can be contacted at GatewayDCPC@police.qld.gov.au.



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Morag Gamble

Grow Your Own Kitchen Garden

void the hassle of the weekly grocery shop by growing all the vegetables and fruit you need in your own backyard.

Learn how to grow abundant food when Morag Gamble from Our Permaculture Life presents 10 Essential Plants for Your Backyard Food Garden at Sandgate Library this month.

Morag will share her top tips for creating edible abundance at the free workshop.

"Through a discussion of my 10 favourite permaculture plants, I will unpack a world of

edible gardening that makes it easy to grow and enjoy an abundance of home grown food, from how to improve soil, how to create happy plant communities, exploring what thrives in the warm months in the subtropics, and how to make the most of each plant," she said.

Morag is a Global Permaculture Ambassador who has led programs in 22 countries over the past 25 years. She is the founder of the Permaculture Education Institute and runs the popular YouTube channel and blog, Our Permaculture Life. She lives an off-the-grid lifestyle with her family in an award-winning permaculture education garden near Maleny.

"Permaculture is about designing beautiful, edible landscapes that produce an abundance of food, recycle waste, draw down carbon and restore ecological systems," she said.

"Permaculture gardens work with nature. Permaculture is also about education for a one-planet way of life."

Morag said her interest in growing her own food began at a young age.

"My grandfather always grew tomatoes and beans in his tiny backyard," she said. "I have childhood memories of how proud he was to send us all home after every visit with a bag of fresh produce. It gave him such pleasure, and they tasted so good."

Workshop attendees will also discover how growing their own food can reduce their ecological impact.

"Growing food is such a beautifully rewarding and calming thing to do," she said. "I love being able to walk out into my garden and harvest fresh, healthy food for myself and my family. I think growing local food is also a great way to contribute positively to the wellbeing of people and the planet."

To reserve your place phone the Sandgate Library on 3667 6022.

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STORY NICK ALLFORD

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At the end of every episode the listener is assigned two pieces of homework: something to consume, and something to create. Working from an article, website or a YouTube video, you'll be asked to start that 'someday I'll do this' project, with guidance on how to bring it to life.

You're not just writing into the ether, either. You can share your work on the Start With This forum. Chat with like-minded writers, ask for feedback and maybe even find future collaborators ... or not. You won't get detention if you don't hand in your homework.

For more information, visit www.nightvalepresents.com/ startwiththis

Vaccination Reminder and Walk-ins

alk-ins are now welcomed at all Queensland Health vaccination clinics. Stirling Hinchliffe, State Member for Sandgate, said following the success of the Super Pfizer Weekend, Queensland Health's vaccination locations have pivoted to a walk-in model.

"Getting vaccinated is absolutely crucial when it comes to ending the pandemic, rebuilding our local economy and keeping members of the 4017 community safe," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"Walk-ins have been successful so far and with more supply, the Queensland Government wanted to make it as easy as possible for all Queenslanders to get vaccinated.

"If you're yet to get vaccinated, I urge you to come forward."

Community members who have bookings will continue to take priority, but Queensland Health is encouraging members of the community to pop into one of more than 80 clinics throughout the state and get the jab.

4017's nearest vaccination centre is located at the Boondall Entertainment Centre (1 Melaleuca Drive, Boondall), open 7 days a week. Please see Queensland Health's website for opening hours.

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1918 when the Armistice was signed, and lessons could be learned from that day.

"Days like these we should remember that peace is a preferred default setting to conflict," he said.

"Conflict comes at a great personal sacrifice to those directly involved, the families and the communities.

"The decision to enter conflict comes with great responsibility to those in power to make a decision, it also comes with a moral obligation, that those that hear the call are not disadvantaged because of what is asked of them on behalf of others."

Remembrance Day is not the only official occasion to be held in Sandgate this month.

The Sub Branch will be unveiling a plaque to recognise the completion of stage one of the restoration of the Sandgate Memorial Park, funded by the state government.

The cenotaph was in desperate need of maintenance after many decades in the elements.

Committee member Paul Harris was instrumental in making the restoration possible, sourcing funding, finding contractors and coordinating the project.

"We knew it needed the maintenance work and also to have the added names reetched into new stone to get them back in sequence," he said.

However it was not until the memorial was opened up that it was discovered it had filled with water and required drainage.

Stages two and three of the memorial repairs have been included in the Brisbane City Council budget.

Remembrance Day will be held at Sandgate RSL Sub Branch on Burnett Place. Arrive before 11am for the ceremony.

To find out more about the Sandgate RSL Sub Branch search on Facebook, phone 3269 1135 or email administration@sandgate. rslqld.net.au

The Sub Branch also hosts a monthly social afternoon from 4pm on the first Friday of the month at 12 Burnett Place, Sandgate.

Silence Falls Across Sandgate

Paul Harris, Denis Hickling, Cecil Gretton, Don Baker and Paddy Evans

STORY RENEE MCKEOWN

minute of silence will fall across Sandgate as people stop in their tracks on Thursday, 11 November to remember those who died or suffered in war or conflict.

Sandgate RSL Sub Branch will be holding a service on Burnett Place at 11am to mark Remembrance Day, open to the entire community.

Sub Branch president Paddy Evans said the guns first fell silent on the Western Front in



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Womenspace chairwoman Ludmila Doneman.

Fresh Look For Womenspace

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON PHOTO ISABELLA CATE

omenspace in Sandgate has combined a makeover with a fresh way of helping women share their stories.

The building itself on Second Avenue has had a new coat of paint, a new downstairs ceiling, and a number of repairs, as the organisation prepares for its 25th anniversary in 2022.

Chairwoman Ludmila Doneman said the works on the space had made a huge difference and helped in more ways than one.

"It's great to have the space spruced up, especially the ceiling, as before, our upstairs tenants could hear everything that happened downstairs and vice versa," she said.

"Everything is being painted, and with a donation from a local business, we're able to do a project, a mural on the building, which will be part of celebrating 25 years of Womenspace next year."

Womenspace is starting a new series of events this month called Women Weaving Stories.

The events will feature three local women in conversation with a moderator.

"It's about women who live here, or work here, or contribute to this community in some way, sharing their stories," Ludmila said.

"Not just about their career, but 'this is what made me who I am', or 'how and why I ended up here' and 'what I love about this community'."

Womenspace is run entirely by volunteers and has a weekly Cuppa and a Chat morning on Wednesdays, as well as two different yoga classes, two book clubs and a garden club.

The space also hosts women's circles and other events.

"This place was established almost 25 years ago in Kedron, originally with a gift from the Sisters of Mercy," Ludmila said.

"Those women had an idea of sharing education in a safe space – and this is a safe space, not just physically safe, but it's a place to have an idea and to share it without fear.

"In these days when we're separated by the circumstances of COVID, yes we can see people on Zoom etc, but there's a need more than ever for face-to-face community interaction. We need each other and we need to be vulnerable and open without judging."

To keep up to date with events at Womenspace, including Women Weaving Stories, see their Facebook page.

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Hi, I'm Helaine Wilesmith, Owner-Manager of BOQ Geebung. I've been a local in our 4017 community for the last 20 years – and loved every minute! Myself and the team at BOQ Geebung are proud to support our local community, and we'll continue to work hard to show you how.

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LADIES BRING THE LAUGHS

our comedy queens of Queensland will hold court for a night of side-splitting laughs on the northside this month.

The whole audience will be in stitches when The Sit Down Comedy Club presents Comedy Queens at the North Lakes Sports Club on Saturday, 20 November.

Sit Down Comedy Club owner and director Fedele Crisci said North Lakes could expect a night of hilarity from four truly hilarious and gifted comedians.

"All four acts have incredibly different life experiences and comedic styles, which guarantees a little something for everyone," Fedele said.

The cast of comedy royalty includes Fiona McGary, who has performed for over 20 years in almost every comedy venue in the country, award-winning comedian and cabaret artist Jenny Wynter, Brisbane comedy scene favourite Ting Lim, and 2021 Raw Comedy Qld State Champion, Bron Lewis.

Fedele said the gender ratio in the global comedy industry was quite heavily skewed to men.

"This is not a reflection of talent, there's just simply more men performing comedy than there are female or non-binary comics," Fedele said.

"We decided to put together a show that

exclusively celebrates some of the truly hilarious and talented women that are currently performing in the South East Queensland comedy scene."

Ting Lim, who has been performing with The Sit Down Comedy Club since 2011, said the audience could expect to have an awesome night.

"Everyone on the line-up is an absolute crusher and I am honoured to be on the same line-up with them," Ting said.

"I personally like talking about things that irritate me or don't make sense to me, so they can expect that from me."

Ting said she enjoyed playing to Brisbane crowds.

"They like having a good time and are honest," she said. "So you know when they are laughing that they are laughing because they are enjoying your performance.

"There is nothing better than to have a whole room of strangers laughing at an idea you find funny. I feel awesome after a great gig, especially when a joke I have been chipping away at worked. I love the rawness and the camaraderie that comes with it."

To book tickets go to www.trybooking.com and search Comedy Queens.

The Sit Down Comedy Club: Comedy Queens Saturday, 20 November, 8.30-11pm North Lakes Sports Club (Discovery Lounge) 36-42 Flinders Parade, North Lakes

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Seasonal Fun

Bracken Ridge Plaza is gearing up for the festive season, and we're being encouraged to give as well as receive.

In the spirit of giving, shoppers will find a food donation box at the plaza, with all donations going to local organisation SANDBAG.

And if you're looking to receive, you'll be able see a fantastic Christmas art display from the students at Norris Road State School.

Healthcare at School

State Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, has announced Bracken Ridge State High School will be part of the GPs in Schools pilot program.

By May 2022, fit-for-purpose clinics will be established at 50 schools around the state, where a General Practitioner will provide free healthcare consultations to students one day a week.

"This service will remove barriers students may otherwise face in receiving timely and appropriate healthcare," Stirling said.

Lilley Honours List

Federal MP for Lilley, Anika Wells, has announced nominations are now open for the 2022 Lilley Honours List. The awards recognise locals who go above and beyond to contribute to our community.

The Honours List categories are: active citizenship, community leadership, fostering the development of young people, business, and the environment.

If you think someone in our community deserves to be recognised, go to: www. anikawells.com.au/community/lilley-honourslist or call her office on ph. 3266 8244.

Nominations close Monday, 6 December.

Funds for Local Club

Anika also recently announced that the Sandgate Paddling Club had received \$9000 in funding from the Stronger Communities program. The club will use the funds to purchase new training kayaks.

Rise and Chill Out

Looking for inner peace? Or maybe just a break? Come along to the Peaceful Hub each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for an hour from 5.30am. Bring your own meditation app and headphones, or make a cup of herbal tea, journal and read. You deserve an hour to yourself! The cost of entry is a can of food to donate to SANDBAG, which will be matched by the Peaceful Hub. Find the Peaceful Hub at 15 Lascelles St, Brighton. Email Vera at vera@ peacefulhub.com.au for more information.

Tune In to Good Times

SANDBAG is hosting the Unplugged Café on Friday, 5 November, from 7pm to 10pm. Come along and enjoy live music from Disputes, Pete's Lounge, and the Jim Hanson Band. Tickets are just \$6 and are available online at Eventbrite or at the door.

Stormy Weather

Storm season is here again and 4017 residents are being reminded to prepare their homes. In the event of an emergency, you can get sandbags from the depot in Jennings Street, Zillmere.

If your home sustains damage and you need help, please contact the SES on 132 500.

Any localised flooding or tree damage on public land can be reported to Brisbane City Council on 3403 8888.

In a life-threatening emergency, always call 000.

And if it's flooded, forget it!

Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

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

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Planning underway for Christmas Street Party!

he Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and community organisations have started planning the annual Christmas Street Party in Sandgate; Jingle All The Bay!

Brighton Road will again turn into a magical street full of Christmas stalls, stage entertainment, family activities, amusements and of course the street parade with Santa's special arrival. The Christmas celebration is FREE and will be held on Friday 3 December from 6pm to 9pm along Brighton Road from Burnett place to Bowser Parade.

Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce president, Bill Gollan said:

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We'd love to have as many local businesses and community organisations as possible get involved.

"There is so much opportunity to celebrate with a stall on the street and a float in the parade. Each year we also encourage businesses in the 4017 area to decorate their shopfronts with Christmas lights and decorations for the month of December."

Please get in touch with us to find out details via admin@sandgatechamber.com.au

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Dealing with Divorce

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avigating a divorce can be one of the most stressful events in a person's life, and for women in particular there are a lot of pitfalls.

Retired Shorncliffe lawyer Ken Harrip has written a book aimed at helping women get through it.

"Of course, not all men set out to disadvantage an ex-partner during a separation," Ken said. "But during my time practising law, I was seeing a lot of women not ending up with their proper share of the assets.

"One woman who ran a successful business was sweet-talked into signing an agreement she shouldn't have; another was entitled to 60 per cent of the assets, but was told by her ex to settle for 30 per cent or he was going to take the kids interstate. It's a distressing situation, and a lot of women get to the point where they say 'whatever, just get it over with'."

Ken said women could often end up financially disadvantaged after a divorce, as they generally earned less and accrued less superannuation during their working life.

He said he was inspired to write the book to try and change outcomes for women.

"Divorce can be devastating for a woman's financial future and there's no question their standard of living can fall after divorce," Ken said.

"The cover of the book is red because this is really a red alert to women – get legal advice, get it early, and demand what you're entitled to. And hang on until you get it."

Ken described his book as a toolkit for women, with advice on legal matters, finances, and self-care.

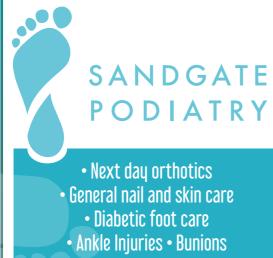
"I talk about how to successfully deal with shared parenting, and also how important it is to take care of yourself," he said.

"Self-care is absolutely critical, women have a great capacity for caring for others and it's important to apply that to yourself."

The book also contains a chapter on same-sex divorce.

"There's nothing about specific laws in the book – as laws change all the time – so it's advice that can apply to women here in Australia, as well as in the US and the UK," Ken said.

Girl vs Divorce: A Woman's Guide to Justice in Divorce and Meeting the Challenges of Post-Divorce Life is available now on Amazon as an e-book or a paperback, and has just been uploaded to IngramSpark. It's also available on Apple Books and Google Books.



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Morven c1912; Sitting Room c1890

Morven by the Sea

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riginally named Cressbrook, Morven was built in 1863-64 by John McConnell as the family home.

A prominent pastoralist, McConnell had purchased Durundur, a cattle farm near Esk, in 1863. However his wife Amy was not fond of country life, and John was often in the city, so he purchased land in Shorncliffe.

He engaged architect Benjamin Backhouse to build the house on land bounded by Upper Esplanade, Kate Street, Yundah Street and Signal Row.

Others had also purchased land in this area, but it is believed that John bought some land from his neighbours as Morven eventually sat on three acres. The substantial brick residence took well over a year to build. It was 16,000 square feet and had 28 rooms.

The red cedar and beech used in construction was grown at Durundur and carted to Shorncliffe. The family moved in some time after 1864. The house was nearly lost when wood shavings under the incomplete timber flooring caught fire. Brown, of Thomas Brown and Sons, in 1866. He changed the name to Morven, after his home in Scotland. The family owned the property for 25 years, during which time General Sir Henry Wylie Norman, governor of Queensland, was often in residence.

In 1910 Morven was passed to Mr E.G. Blume, a police magistrate. His sister-in-law eventually ran the home as a guest house.

From the mid 1920s, Morven was unoccupied for a number of years. All proposals to repurpose the property were rejected. The house lay dormant until 1951, when it was bought by the Catholic Church and became St Patrick's Christian Brothers College.

Opened by the Most Reverend J. Duhig in February 1952, local parish priest Father O'Rourke was at the forefront of the project. The school started with 172 students, but is now attended by over a thousand.

Over time other school buildings were constructed around Morven, which is now the administration building for the college.

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As seagrass is their staple diet, we are lucky to see them on this side of the bay at all at the moment, especially since the 2011 floods killed off large quantities of the seagrass growing around the Redcliffe Peninsula, Bramble Bay and Deception Bay.

Now, ten years later, the seagrass is recovering so we may see more. I do still see the occasional dugong around Redcliffe and Clontarf.

On the eastern side of Moreton Bay, however, it's a different story. Along the Moreton Island and Stradbroke Island sand banks and weed beds, they are quite plentiful. We see them regularly on our fishing and day trips over to the islands.

Fun Fact - the dugong is more closely related to elephants than to whales or dolphins.

Peter Hansler is a local fish enthusiast. He can be contacted on phansler@hotmail.com. Or visit rainbowrunner.ausfish.com.au.

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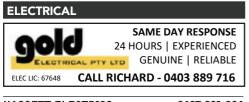
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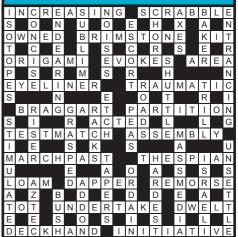


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