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A Note from the editor

ith 2021 already a month behind us, I wanted to wish everyone a belated welcome to 2022.

With this, the first edition of the Guide for the year, I wanted to say a big hello as I take over the role of Editor for the Sandgate & Redcliffe Guides. Coming from an administration background, I am also an avid reader and dabble in a bit of creative writing myself, so I very much feel like I have found my creative home. I am very excited to be embarking on this new adventure with you all.

But when there is a new hello, there is always a sad goodbye. The Sandgate & Redcliffe Guides are an institution in their respective local communities, delivering interesting local stories and up to date information on the events in the area. For more than 10 years there has been a dedicated husband and wife team behind each edition. Dominic and Elise Alberth started the Guides when Dom realised a desire to find

out more about what was happening in his community.

He quickly realised there was a need in the market for this information and the first Sandgate Guide was born, and it was a mere A4 page of paper. Over the years, with Dom's desire to showcase his beloved community and with the support of that community behind him, this one page information sheet became the professional monthly magazines that you all know and love today.

Dom has made the difficult decision to turn his hand to new ventures and I am dedicated to continuing the professional monthly publications in Dom's tradition. I am looking forward to seeing you all out and about in the community!

Jodie



Elise and Dominic Alberth with new Editor Jodie Morphett



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E-Scooter Trial Underway

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

esidents have been rolling around town with thousands of trips taken on e-scooters as part of a new trial.

Council introduced the six month trial of e-scooters in Sandgate and Shorncliffe last year following a submission made by the Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce. Acting Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport Angela Owen said since the trial started in December there had been more than 12,000 trips taken in the area.

"Visitors and residents asked the Council to bring e-scooters to the bayside to support tourism and local businesses, as well as to improve connections to public transport," Cr Owen said.

As part of the trial, there are 150 e-scooters in the Sandgate and Shorncliffe area provided by e-mobility operators Neuron and Beam.

A representative from Neuron said they had experienced a successful start to the service in Sandgate.

"The vast majority of our users are riding in a responsible and safe manner," the Neuron representative said. "People have been using the service to travel along the Sandgate foreshore. We are also seeing e-scooters provide a fantastic link to public transport with Sandgate Train Station being one of the most popular places for people to start and end a journey."

Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce President Bill Gollan said the scooters had improved connectivity between the main street of Sandgate and the beachfront.

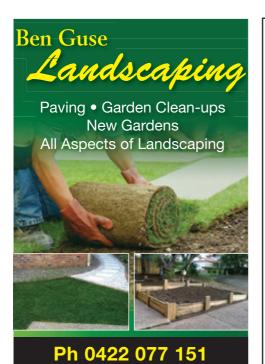
"Quite often now I see families on scooters going for a ride along the beachfront and through the avenues," Bill said.

"They add another dimension to life in our area. It's created another way in which we can enjoy our bayside lifestyle."

Some of the criteria Council will be looking at during the trial includes trips-per-vehicle-per day, community feedback from riders, businesses and residents and injury/incident trends.

Feedback to Council can be provided via the Contact Centre on 3403 8888 or via email to TfB.Correspondence@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Bookings essential. To book visit Eventbrite or for more information phone BEAKA on 0419 648 296.

Hutchison Park, 77 Friday Street, Shorncliffe

Sourdough for Beginners with LeahSATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

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Jazz at Sandgate Town Hall SUNDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

New Groove performs each month in the heritage-listed Sandgate Town Hall, regularly filling the hall's capacity. They focus on bringing together the Sandgate community, as fans and new friends come together for an afternoon of jazz, dancing and afternoon tea.

Due to COVID-19, tickets to New Groove Jazz Ensemble's concert must be pre-paid and bought online, with all attendees completing contact details. Tickets will be released four weeks before each gig.

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Pedal the Morning Away on Popular Bushland Bikeway

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

njoy the end of summer with a free guided ride along the Cabbage Tree Creek bikeway.

The two-hour ride is part of Council's Cycling Brisbane program, and starts at the Bracken Ridge BMX Facility at 7am on Sunday, 13 February.

Acting Transport Chair Angela Owen said more and more people were using bikeways to explore Brisbane.

"Brisbane has hundreds of safe, dedicated bikeways and this event is a great way to take you through leafy parks and bushland along Cabbage Tree Creek at a relaxed pace," Cr Owen said.

"Whether you're experienced or new to cycling, this guided tour is a great

opportunity to discover local connections and treasures in your own backyard."

An experienced cyclist from Cycle Away will lead the way as riders take in the sights along the bikeway, which connects Bracken Ridge to McDowall.

Brisbane by Bikeway is for people aged 12 years and above who are comfortable riding but not yet confident riding on the road. The ride is mostly off-road on bikeways and includes some quiet backstreets.

Before setting off, cyclists will learn some basic skills, safety information and bikeway etiquette. Participants must ensure their bicycle is in good working order and bring along their own helmet, water and sun protection.

Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/brisbane-by-bikeway-cabbagetree-creek-tickets-199559155807

Brisbane by Bikeway: Cabbage Tree Creek Sunday, 13 February, 7-9am Bracken Ridge BMX Facility Cnr Telegraph and Lemke Road, Fitzgibbon





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Mick Morgan

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or many parents, finding the right musical instrument for their child can feel like a daunting task. Whether it's your child's first year in their primary school band, or they're an experienced player looking to upgrade, buying a new (or new to you) instrument can often feel overwhelming.

Local professional musician and entrepreneur Mick Morgan takes the stress out of the equation for both parents and students.

With a long history as an instrumental music teacher, Mick has helped hundreds of students develop a love of music and experience the joy of playing an instrument.

"I started with Education Queensland in 1980. and taught at countless schools over the years," he said.

"However, I bit the bullet and left teaching about 10 years ago to start my own company, Mick's Mobile Music."

Instrument quality and craftsmanship has always been a great passion for Mick, and he now buys, restores, and sells high quality, genuine factory model instruments and works closely with parents to help find just the right one for their budding musician.

With so many new brands popping up of varying quality, Mick said it could be challenging for parents to feel confident making this type of purchase.

"As I work closely with the schools, I'm able to obtain valuable input from a child's music teacher before assisting the student in selecting an instrument," he said.

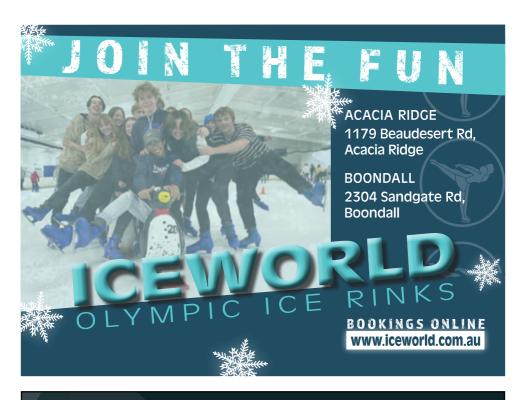
"I can also help refine ease of playability by advising on things such as mouthpiece selection, key distances, air control and embouchure. My stock is always changing and I welcome a 'try before you buy' option to ensure the instrument fits the student."

There have been many studies on the benefits of learning a musical instrument, and it's not surprising that Mick has seen so many positive outcomes over the years.

"My take is that playing an instrument helps with personal organisation and dedication, and student musicians appear to do better academically," he said.

"Just have a look at the end of year awards' nights and see how many high achievers come from where the band is sitting."

To contact Mick about getting the right instrument for your young musician, visit www.micksmobilemusic.com.





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andgate District State High School has welcomed a new principal, Andy Stergou.

Andy was appointed at the start of Term 3 last year. He said he applied for the job after researching the history of the school.

"Sandgate District has had a good standing within the community for sixty years," Andy said. "The school has catered for a wide and diverse student body and that diversity was one of the draw cards."

Andy brings more than 20 years teaching experience to the role, with his most recent position being a Deputy Principal at Albany Creek State High School.

He commenced as principal shortly after a Quadrennial School Review.

"The school has undertaken both an internal self-review and external review from the Education Improvement Branch and both have provided our team with some guidance on where we need to focus our energy for the next four years, through our strategic plan," Andy said.

Strategies include the reintroduction of an academic extension program for gifted students in Year 7 through to Year 10.

"There will also be a review of our day structure to ensure we are able to provide time for staff collaboration, whilst also providing a flexible timetable to cater to the needs of all students," Andy said.

"Sandgate District State High School is a really good school and we do not communicate and celebrate this as well as we should with our community, so we need to have a huge focus on this."

In a bid to continue the traditions of the school, Andy has been working with previous principals Phil Campbell and Jeanette Gentle.

"I want to ensure we uphold the high values of our past alumni and staff," he said. "Both Jeanette and Phil had campaigned for a performing arts centre and I am glad to announce that we have finally got one coming. We had our first architect and project manager meeting with the Department of Education in December."

Andy said he would be making the big decisions together with his leadership team.

"I have a great community and they are all up for the challenge of where we can take Sandgate District State High School," he said. Life is worth hearing



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Margie Rose Williams

Fashion with a conscience

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ocal nurse Margie Rose Williams wears her heart on her sleeve - and now she's doing so literally, launching a fashion label aimed at helping others.

Her new business, EYD (which stands for Enjoy Your Day), has a range of slogan t-shirts, with a percentage of every sale going towards local mental health charities. For Margie, helping those with mental health issues is something deeply personal.

"My brother has suffered with mental health problems for many years, and we have had a lot of organisations help our family during that time," she said.

"So, with our new business, we wanted to give back to the community that has helped us."

Margie worked in pathology for 22 years and has been a nurse for 13 years. She said the idea for EYD came to her while on a sunrise walk around Shorncliffe.

"For years after I jabbed people with a needle, I would say 'enjoy your day'," she said, laughing.

"And one morning I was walking around our beautiful area, and it hit me – enjoy your day. It's such a positive thing to say, and it can really give people a lift, so I thought, I'll put it on clothing.

"I think we all need a little positivity in our lives right now."

The range so far includes men's, women's and unisex t-shirts, all available online.

"I come from a family of nurses, so that caring aspect has always been there and there is no discrimination when it comes to mental health – we all have been, or know someone who has been, affected," Margie said.

"This brand was formed and created here in Shorncliffe, and I want this business to help and support local charities and organisations.

"We're just putting it out there and hoping we can raise some awareness and make a difference," Margie said.

"I'm really happy knowing that a percentage of our sales will go towards helping others."

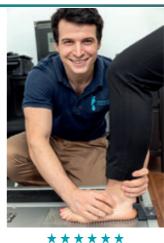
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Paul and Merran and friends greeted 2022 in style at the 'Boogie Wonderland' New Year's Eve party at Full Moon Hotel, Sandgate.



St John Fisher College students, Jordyn, Emily and Tayla, sang along to carols at the college 'Fisher Christmas for Hope' concert, raising funds and taking donations for charity 'Share the Dignity'.



Happy 100th birthday! Sandgate Golf Club President for 2021-22, Cameron Boaland wife Pip Sturgeon, attended a night of fine food and jazz on the greens at the club's Centenery Soiree.



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n keeping with its mission statement, "Art is essential for the wellbeing of the community", Music By The Sea brings out the big guns, Umberto Clerici and Daniel de Borah to launch its 2022 program on 26 February.

These high flyers didn't quite make it last year. You know the story, upstaged by a superbug. But now superstar cellist Umberto Clerici, and acclaimed pianist Daniel do Borah intend to touchdown in Sandgate for their much anticipated Mendelssohn and Chopin program.

Don't really need to give them a wrap-up, but a simple and elegant reminder won't hurt.

Umberto's stellar career spans more than 20 years as a soloist performing in all the great halls around the world, backed by multiple awards, accolades, and so on. News update! He has two great new solo recordings with ABC Classics.

Also of note, according to de Borah, is that Umberto "swapped his bow for a baton", with a conducting debut at the Sydney Opera House in 2018.

By the way, do you know that Umberto plays a 1722 Matteo Goffriller from Venice, and a 1758 Carlo Antonio Testore from Milan? Keep an eye out for which one he plays here!

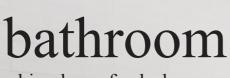
Sharing the limelight, Brisbane based Daniel de Borah is also a multi award winner, and global performer. An avid chamber musician who "communes with his piano", Daniel is billed as one of the country's foremost musicians, constantly praised for the grace, finesse and intelligence of his performances.

Plato was onto it when he said "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."

We hope you'll enjoy this special evening with Clerici and de Borah as they ignite both life and soul into the magnificent music of Mendelssohn and Chopin.

Check the music by the sea website as it is always up to date.

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How To Be Amazing

PODCAST REVIEW NICK ALLFORD

eed motivation at the start of yet another **COVID** infested year?

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Coming from the point of view that "Everyone is amazing, in their own way, we're all in the same boat, often looking for similar things". Now don't get me wrong, this isn't some spiritual, existential celebrity sermon. The fact that it's told through a comedy lens makes it all the more entertaining and informative.

One of his more interesting lines of questioning is when he uncovers how they handled failure, picked themselves up and created something special. Whether it's celebrity status, a PHD or a podcast, Michael has called on his mates to answer some probing questions, while always keeping the mood light.

As well as their own stories, guests share any good advice they've received that's helped guide them to where they are now.

Even if their fields of expertise are vastly different to your own, there's still plenty of nuggets to take away and maybe guide you on your creative ventures.

BITS & BITES

Fab Finds Markets SUNDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

Fab Finds Market is a morning of fun, food and fashion. An indoor and outdoor fashion event held monthly with 40+ Stallholders showcasing their preloved wardrobes at Geebung Bowls Club.

Geebung Bowls Club, 8am - 11.30am

Wanda Craswell Photography **Workshop** - SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

If you're interested in improving your photography skills, get up early and meet Wanda at the Shorncliffe Pier for a two-hour long sunrise workshop. There is specific gear required and limited spaces so contact Wanda on the link below for more information and availability.

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The Super Bowl MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

Live and free on the big screen at the Bracken Ridge Tavern. Starting from 9am, sit back and enjoy the game. Food and drink specials on the day. For more information contact the BRT directly.

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Bob Marley Tribute Show SATURDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY

Roaring Lion is a 9 piece reggae band playing tribute to Bob Marley at Thirsty Chiefs Brewing Company in February. Close your eyes and hear all your favourite classics. If you love reggae and the music of Bob Marley, this is a tribute not to be missed.

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Kate Wall

Budget Hacks for Successful Gardens

f you have noticed more people spending time in the garden lately, you might be wondering how to transform your own garden without digging too deep into your pockets.

The good news is you don't have to be raking it in to turn your garden into a thriving space.

Gardening consultant and writer, Kate Wall will be presenting her popular workshop, Gardening on a Budget, at the Sandgate Library this month. Kate said the workshop was suitable for gardeners at all levels of experience.

"Gardening is for everyone and every budget," Kate said. "But if you don't know what you are doing, gardening can be full of expensive mistakes. This workshop will help you avoid those mistakes, as will getting a bit of information before you start.

"This can be via local workshops, engaging a garden consultant or borrowing books from the library."

Workshop participants will learn gardening basics including understanding your site, building great soil and how to choose the right plants.

"Before we spend lots of money on plants, we need to know how to ensure those plants will not just live but also thrive," Kate said. "Sadly, too many new gardeners start by buying plants then wonder why they don't thrive. If we start by improving our soil, we will create conditions that plants are far more likely to be happy in."

Kate has been a subtropical gardener since she was seven years old. She has been sharing her knowledge of sustainable gardening for ten years and has written the books Working with Weeds and Earth Repair Gardening.

"We all need to start by realising that we are wasting so many great resources," she said. "Do you reuse your grass clippings by composting them? Or do you throw them away? What other things are you throwing away that could be composted to improve your soil? Are you throwing away plants that look bad in one area when they could be moved to the other side of the garden?

"The workshop covers ways to do it all without spending a fortune. It is filled with tips and tricks to save money while creating a fabulous garden."

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

How To Make This Valentine's Day Both Fun and Covid-Safe

STORY KELLY WALKER

ith all of the challenges that the last few years have brought, there's no time like Valentine's Day to have some fun and spread the love. Whether you're wanting to impress a new special someone, or looking for a fun way to spend time with your long term love, there are many COVID-safe ways to make your Valentine's Day memorable.

For the perfect romantic date night, a seaside picnic with the one you love is hard to top. With ample parkland and picnic areas right at the water's edge, there's room for everyone to enjoy ocean-front views - and reservations aren't required. Roll out a picnic blanket, pop some bubbles and support local by grabbing a take away grazing board or picnic hamper to enjoy

while taking in the sunset. To make the evening even more special, opt to have a local pop-up picnic provider do all the hard work so you can just show up and soak it all in.

To incorporate some heart-healthy fun into your Valentine's Day plans, take a romantic stroll along the foreshore, bike or rollerblade to your favourite fish and chips spot, or hire kayaks (the perfect social distancing activity) and spend the day on the water. Fresh air and exercise are not only good for the heart and soul, but being outdoors is also a great way to unwind, unplug and spend quality time with those you love.

Of course, Valentine's Day fun isn't just limited to couples. It's also a great time to do something kind for friends, neighbours, and even strangers. Make it a family affair by having the kids create heart-shaped cards to drop in local mailboxes or mail to family far away. Kids love special holidays so make the day memorable by planning a special dinner together (heart shaped pizzas are always a favourite with little ones), and set some time aside for playing board games or having a family dance party.

Although Valentine's Day may be just another day on the calendar, it's always a good excuse to do something special and find meaningful and memorable ways to show those around you just how much you care.



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Nigel Silver, also known as Funkinova

Funkinova's Tracks Gaining Global Attention

STORY ALEASHA BLISS

n 2016 Nigel Silver, also known as Funkinova, started a hobby producing and manipulating digital tracks to create different sounds. That hobby resulted in more than 350 digitally altered tunes on his Soundcloud account - some of which have hit over 100,000 plays individually.

The self-taught hobby music producer recently moved to Sandgate and is a public servant by day. He used the time in lockdown to perfect his tech skills and master the art of modifying MIDI files.

I am a sort of digital manipulator of sound, I guess if I describe myself, but the end result is a whole bunch of music tracks that Spotify and SoundCloud can't identify because they're the pieces I produce," Funkinova said.

"At the moment I'm only doing covers, but once I retire, I will attempt composing my own pieces too. I should be up to a million plays in 2022 which is quite cool."

Funkinova said music had always been a huge part of his life, and it's always playing in his home. His re-produced tracks cover many genres over many generations, and he is getting a lot of attention on Soundcloud internationally.

"I think what's interesting is the globalness of the interconnectivity of the internet, and where your music goes when you put it out there, it's fascinating," he said.

"For some reason, Ukraine and Kiev seem to like my music behind America, Australia, and England."

Funkinova made sure he had the right equipment to create great tracks with digital keyboards and PC editing programs to enhance the quality of the sounds.

"You'll see all of my music is being produced by the computer or by the keyboard," he said.

"Even though it sounds like a guitar or trombone or trumpet or whatever instrument it is, it is all created through electronic digital music."

Funkinova recently produced a World Music Album consisting of tracks from 20 non-English speaking countries around the world. His latest release, though, is his Christmas album, available on SoundCloud now.

To listen to Funkinova's reproduced tracks and see what he is up to next, check out

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Story Alyssa Mackay Photo Bruce Redman

et ready to see some of the nation's best outriggers and ocean ski paddlers compete in a spectacular downwind racing event, right on your back doorstep.

The Polynesian Va'a-alo Outrigger Canoe Club at Shorncliffe will host the second in a series of six races organised by the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA).

Club secretary and race director Steve Tomoana said paddlers would come from all over Australia to tackle the 27.5 kilometre leg from Bribie to Shorncliffe on Saturday, 5 February.

"We are aiming for about 300 paddlers, so that's a lot of canoes," Steve said. "These are some of the best paddlers in Australia. It's a challenging race. Not many people can do 27 kilometres.

"The race is two hours long for the fast paddlers because they are basically surfing all the way. If they get a good wind behind them, they go about 13-14 kilometres an hour."

The long race kicks off at 10.30am. Paddlers will compete in four categories: OC1 (one-person canoe); OC2 (two-person canoe); V1 (rudderless); and surf skis. The short leg of the

race starts at 11.30am and runs 16 kilometres from Scarborough to Shorncliffe. More experienced paddlers will start the longer leg at Bribie Island. An awards presentation will be held at 2pm at Shorncliffe Pier Beach, with a celebratory function at Full Moon Hotel from 6pm.

On Sunday, 6 February, there will be an 18 kilometre race from Scarborough to Shorncliffe starting at 10.30am. Awards and a barbecue will be held from midday at VMR Shorncliffe.

The Polynesian Va'a-alo Outrigger Canoe Club was selected by AOCRA to organise the race.

"We are an up-and-coming club and they are giving us a shot because we have a strong committee," Steve said. "It's a great chance for us to raise some money to buy new canoes."

Spectators will be able to cheer paddlers on.

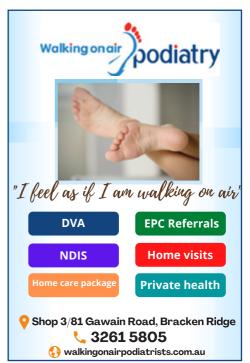
"You can see the race from Shorncliffe Pier and watch the paddlers coming from a long way out," Steve said. "There's quite a fierce battle as they come up to the finish line."

Paddlers will compete for locally sponsored prize money from En Point Solutions.

Australian Outriggers Ocean Downwind Race 2 Saturday, 5 and Sunday, 6 February, 11am Bongaree Jetty to Shorncliffe Pier



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Snorkeling Woody Point

t first glance you could be mistaken to think, "What a beautiful spot snorkelling on our Great Barrier Reef!" but this picture is taken at Scotts Point in the 'Green (no fishing) Zone' on the Redcliffe Peninsula not far off Suttons Beach.

You could easily forget where you are when snorkelling here as there is so much to see. Sea life is abundant amongst these rocky reefs with soft and hard corals, tubeworms, crabs, starfish, wobbegong sharks and even seahorses on the weed beds! This piece of paradise is even worth a low tide walk around.

The diversity of fish species is amazing. You could spot snapper, tuskfish, squid, cod, butterflyfish, wrasse and various baitfish just to name a few. Unfortunately the weather and tides play a big part in water clarity here with the best times for visibility being the middle of winter, which is great if you have a wetsuit. Sometimes after smaller tides and little wind, the water is calm enough in the warmer months for the visibility to be good.

If the conditions are right it's a great shallow shore dive or snorkelling spot. I know some people will ask about sharks so local advice is to not go into the water at sunrise or dusk, and don't swim in dirty water or when baitfish are abundant.

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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First Thursday of every month: Details on Facebook https://www.facebook. com/events/165425998743196/

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O4 FRIDAY



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11 FRIDAY

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Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

12 SATURDAY

☐ CELTIC SESSIONS WITH BLARNEY STONE

Cardigan Bar 3pm

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13 SUNDAY

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17 THURSDAY

JOPEN MIC NIGHT

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JOPEN MIC AT THE CARDIGAN BAR

Cardigan Bar 7pm

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18 FRIDAY

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Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

DANNY JAZZ TRIO

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm



19 SATURDAY

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Cardigan Bar 7:30pm



24 THURSDAY

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JOPEN MIC AT THE CARDIGAN BAR

Cardigan Bar 7pm

25 FRIDAY



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NATE DANIELS

Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5pm

JVINYL CLUB

Cardigan Bar 7pm

26 SATURDAY

20 SUNDAY

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Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

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'Torquay' is a magnificent Queenslander built in 1883, overlooking Bramble Bay. This landmark heritage listed home is on a 810m2 block on Flinders Parade in Sandgate, on Turrbal land. It has changed hands only twice in the last 50 years.

'Torquay', originally known as 'Avenal', was built during a time when Sandgate was the favoured seaside destination of residents of Brisbane and Southern Queensland. The Sandgate foreshore has gained even more popularity today from both interstate and international visitors wanting to walk the fully restored pier, the open stretches of beach, meet the hospitable locals, and make use of the parks to enjoy the outdoors and the abundant dining options and recreational activities.

'Torquay' has had only a handful of owners ranging from businessmen of the time, doctors, members of parliament and philanthropists.
Currently listed on the Queensland heritage register, this grand old lady has been restored by its past owners and was awarded the John Herbert Award for Excellence in Heritage Conservation in 1988. The current owners have been delighted to completely renovate her throughout whilst keeping the essence of her Queenslander and heritage qualities.

This magnificent home is sprawled across one level featuring a generous hallway with VJ walls, polished timber floors, ornate archways and stunning period features. Offering a multitude of

entertaining and sitting rooms, the home also has a spacious lounge, separate kitchen and stylish pantry. With four oversized bedrooms (one with a separate entry), home office, two bathrooms and a powder room, the master bedroom and sitting room at the front of the home enjoy uninterrupted, spectacular views of the waterfront and Moreton Bay.

The home also features a private courtyard, a lovely garden with a 1.8-metre-deep plunge pool and wrap-around verandas to host a few or many guests. A lock-up garage with an additional workshop serves as perfect storage and cover for vehicles. Homes of this calibre, reputation and prestige rarely come onto the market. Be one of the privileged few to own a part of history. Enjoy the bayside lifestyle in absolute luxury. This home is 'For Sale', please call Aarthi to discuss.





Cr Jared Cassidy with Sandy & Team at She Knows Coffee

Small Business Fees Being Waived

ouncillor Jared Cassidy has revealed that \$5 million in fees, rents and charges will be waived for Brisbane businesses and community groups being heavily impacted by the spread of coronavirus.

Cr Cassidy said this latest economic relief package will benefit more than 5000 Brisbane businesses, sports clubs, and community bodies by eliminating a significant number of fees and charges for the first quarter of 2022.

Food safety, outdoor dining, food trucks and temporary food stalls along with river moorings, film permits, advertising and live music fees will be among the charges eliminated as well as leasing costs for clubs and community groups on Council land. For those organisations that have already paid these charges since 1 January, the fee relief will be either refunded or the relevant amount reflected in their next bill.

Cr Cassidy is now pushing Brisbane City Council to extend this relief for the remainder of 2022.

"Small businesses right across our city are struggling to keep the doors open and the impacts of this omicron wave will last much longer than just one quarter.

"We need to see extensive and ongoing support for small businesses and community groups and that's exactly what I'll be pushing for Brisbane City Council to commit to."

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STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

adies, get ready to swing into 2022 at the Sandgate Golf Club. There's lots of fun in store for female golf enthusiasts this February and March, with places available at special golf clinics and the annual Ladies Open Day.

Sandgate Golf Club ladies captain Pat Thomas said they were hoping to welcome new members to the club with these exciting events.

"The club endeavours to provide a challenging golfing experience for members and visitors in a friendly community environment," Pat said.

The ladies clinic offers new members the chance to improve their game by participating in group lessons with professional golfer and Sandgate local, Chris Chaplin.

"Chris will take participants around the game of golf, so they know how to manage a game of golf on the fairway and how to use the equipment," Pat said.

The 90 minute lessons will take place on the first three Wednesdays in February, with a two-hour on-course session on Wednesday, 23 February. The cost of the clinic is \$130 per person, which includes a two-month membership to the club.

Those who miss out on a place in the February clinic will be able to contact the club about dates for another clinic in March.

There's also the annual Ladies Day to look forward to on Tuesday, 29 March. Tickets are \$25 and include morning tea and lunch.

"After successful centenary celebrations last year, we are again holding our Ladies Open Day," Pat said. "It is a team event where participants travel from afar to attend, enjoy golf and meet new friends.

"We have morning tea, then go out and play in pairs. There's a presentation and lunch, raffles and prizes on the day. It's very social."

In a bid to boost membership, Pat said the club were also hoping to get young people between the ages of 10 and 18 interested in golf.

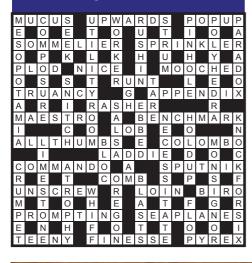
"We recognise that the youth of today will be the membership of the future," Pat said. "We haven't run any junior clinics before so that's something we are looking to do."

Interested young golfers are invited to contact the club for more information.

To book your ticket to the Ladies Open Day and to book a place at the Ladies Clinic, phone Sandgate Golf Club on 3269 3252.

Sandgate Golf Club Ladies Open Day Tuesday, 29 March, 7.30am registration for an 8.30am shotgun start Sandgate Golf Club Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe

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FOODIE HEAVEN **BLOSSOMS IN SANDGATE**

STORY EMMA SANDERS PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

ith a focus on local producers and produce, Sandgate's newest eatery Myrtle & Blossom celebrates Queensland's incredible food.

Owner and 4017 local Mike Kirwin said it was important to spend time in the community

Mike Kirwin



before opening in November last year, so he could listen to the community and what they valued most about Sandgate.

"Connecting with Sandgate's residents and regular visitors has really helped us to fine-tune our vision for Myrtle & Blossom," he said.

"Ultimately the space, character and history of the building is rich, warm and inviting, and lent itself perfectly to help showcase our style of food and the stories of our producers and growers."

Mike has a long and esteemed career in hospitality, which has taken him from country house hotels in the UK to Sydney's The Westin and Brisbane's Urbane, The Euro, The Laneway and Jellyfish, with his most recent experience as executive chef for the award winning Clovely Estate.

Overseeing Clovely Estate's food and beverage operation across **Brisbane and the South Burnett** really allowed me to connect directly with agriculture, country, farmers, producers and growers, and helped me to listen to their stories," he said. "It allowed me to understand the challenges of farming and highlighted the abundance of incredible produce we have here on our doorstep in Queensland."

Mike has mirrored this approach at Myrtle & Blossom, highlighting fresh seasonal ingredients and regional specialties, and ensuring every meal is delicious and sustainable.

"We strive to purchase directly from local farmers and growers who have a regenerative approach to agriculture, so their produce and their business can blossom and we can help to shorten our supply chains," he said.

"It was important to me that our cafe took a sustainable approach whilst still offering food and service that was fresh, light and inviting.

"We maintain a minimal waste approach to what we do and recycle all our fresh food scraps into compost via my flock of chickens, which is then used to grow some of the harder to find native produce used at the cafe in my home market garden."

For more information or to check out some of their delectable dishes, visit the Myrtle & Blossom Facebook page.

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

CR JARED CASSIDY

he start of 2022 probably isn't how many people expected it to be two years into this global pandemic, but a resilient community like ours shows its true colours in challenging times.



I have seen first-hand how our community comes together and supports each other. While more events will have to be changed or postponed and the way businesses, community groups and schools operate will require more adapting, I think we are all up to the task.

This year we will see some great local projects take shape like a major upgrade of Fernwood Place Park in Taigum and work progressing on the upgrade to Sues Korner at Boondall. But there is always more to be done and I will push even harder in 2022 for funding from the Lord Mayor for works on the Brighton Foreshore and the Einbunpin Lagoon.

We have seen in the last few weeks how devastating sea level rises will be for a community like ours. The king tides in early January showed that a 70cm rise will cause permanent inundation. Council now has a coastal hazard adaptation strategy which will be critical if we are to protect our unique bayside community in years to come.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

hope everyone in our 4017 community enjoyed a much-deserved rest over the Christmas period.

As many parents are aware, the 2022 school

year in Queensland has moved from Monday 24 January to Monday 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and to allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19

vaccination. As the Chief Health Officer has said, there is no way to completely stop this virus from spreading, but we can take steps to protect the community – including our children – as much as possible.

I know parents in our community are concerned about sending children back to school at a time like this and I want to assure them that delaying the start of the school year by just two weeks is a sensible solution. It provides that extra bit of time to add a jab in your back-to-school checklist.

I thank members of our community for working around these changes to keep as many of our children safe. Parents and caregivers can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments here: https://bit.ly/3K2D0M5

CR SANDY LANDERS



n some exciting news,
Council's Growing Older and
Living Dangerously (GOLD)
program is back with some
fantastic activities locally
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Activities include music,
yoga, scrapbooking, kayaking,
Pilates and many more. You can

pick up a copy from my office at the Bracken Ridge Library or call on 07 3667 6000 and we will get a copy to you.

With the new year upon us I know many are clearing out old and unwanted items, if you require further waste vouchers please contact my office. The free waste vouchers can be used at any of Council's four resource recovery centres around Brisbane. To find out which

recovery centre is closest to you, please checkout Council's website: https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/rubbish-tips-and-bins/waste-and-recycling-facilities/resource-recovery-centres

If you haven't already done so don't forget to take advantage of the Schrinner Council's free native plants program. The program is open to residents and entities within the Brisbane Local Government area, to find out more information please visit Council's website: https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/green-home-and-community/sustainable-gardening/free-native-plants-program

I look forward to continuing to deliver projects for our community in 2022 and welcome your feedback.

To stay up-to-date with news and upcoming events in the Bracken Ridge Ward follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/ Cr.Sandy.Landers or Instagram @crsandylanders.



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Music and Healing Through Satsang

Three spiritual leaders will fuse sound with meditation at a free wellbeing initiative presented by BrisAsia Festival.

Satsang Sacred Gathering takes place at the Fitzgibbon Community Centre this month.

Hindu spiritual leader and accredited meditation teacher Guruji Sai Saileshwara said satsang meant a gathering in the company of truth.

"This sacred gathering will bring together three spiritual leaders from different traditions who will facilitate an experience of meditation, music, chants, song and speech to uplift, inspire, relax and connect with the audience," Guruji said.

"Each of the performers will deliver a meditative presentation from their own cultural tradition and at the end, we will collaborate, fuse, jam and free-flow to create something absolutely unique." Guruji will be joined by Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal and yoga and meditation expert Yogi Kunga.

"It is a unique opportunity to hear from a Tibetan Buddhist musician, a Tibetan Buddhist yogi and a Hindu spiritual master on a shared and collaborative platform," Guruji said. "We will be supported by live musicians including guitar, harmonium and table."

The event also includes a panel discussion on culture, the arts, and community health and wellbeing.

The BrisAsia Festival is presented by Brisbane City Council and celebrates Asian art, culture and cuisine across more than 50 events.

No bookings required. For the full BrisAsia Festival program visit BrisBane City Council and search BrisAsia.

BrisAsia Festival: Satsang Sacred Gathering Sunday, 20 February, 4pm-6pm Fitzgibbon Community Centre 545 Roghan Road, Fitzgibbon

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BRAMBLE BITES

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR A BIT LONGER

Students across the 4017 will be starting school two weeks later due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Education Minister Grace Grace, said the new term one start date of 7 February applied to all state, catholic and independent primary and secondary schools.

Students in Years 11 and 12 will start remote learning from 31 January, and to ensure other year levels don't miss out on learning, the end of the school year will be extended by one week, to 16 December.

Schools will open from 24 January only for vulnerable children and the children of essential workers.

SOCIAL MEDIA KEEPING US CONNECTED

The hot topic of conversation on all the 4017 social media sites has been COVID, COVID and more COVID.

The Sandgate Mums Facebook page has a dedicated comment thread each day for COVID related posts and questions, while many locals have joined the South East QLD COVID Exposure Sites Facebook page in a bid to keep up with the number of venues visited by a COVID positive person.

The popular Sandgate Mums page also received a shout out from the state health minister during a press conference at the Brighton Health Campus.

Community pages are also trying to help advertise the availability of Rapid Antigen Tests. Keep it up 4017, we're all in this together!

INCOME ASSISTANCE

Financial support is available if you, or someone you're caring for, has contracted COVID-19 and you're unable to earn an income. There are a number of eligibility requirements for the payment, including if you have no sick leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave, or leave to care for another person.

For more information, go to: www. servicesaustralia.gov.au

REGISTER NOW FOR FOOTY SEASON

Registrations for the 2022 season is now open at the Brighton Bulldogs Football Club. Games are due to start this month for FQPL5 (formerly Capital League) and the Under 13 to Under 18 junior development teams.

Under 13 to Under 16 metro divisional and metro men's and women's city league games start in March, while the Under 6 to Under 12 MiniRoos start in April.

For more information, or to register, go to: www.brightonbulldogs.org.au

BE PREPARED FOR SUMMER STORMS

Sandgate has already experienced some king tides and minor flooding this year, due to the La Nina weather conditions.

If you need sandbags, they are available at Jennings Street in Zillmere. If your property sustains damage and you need help, call the SES on: 132 500. For localised flooding or tree damage on public land, you can report it to Brisbane City Council on: 07 3403 8888.

And of course, in any emergency situation, call Triple Zero 000.

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, at the local café, or the school gate? Email Brooke to be included in the next Bramble Bites: bites@sandqatequide.com.au

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From the Horse's Mouth

STORY PATTIE TANCRED

acing at the Deagon (originally Sandgate)
Racecourse was off and running in 1888. By
that year, the racecourse boasted stables, a
grandstand and a newly laid one-mile racetrack.

While there were other courses the Brisbane racegoer could enjoy the sport of kings, Deagon Racecourse could offer a little extra for the city-dwelling punter. The Queenslander reported on Deagon Racecourse, "Brisbane's seaside racecourse is so situated that visitors can idle away the early hours of the day on the sun-bathed shores of Sandgate and spend the remainder of the afternoon at the races."

Special trains ran from the city on race days. For the Tattersall's Club spring meeting in August 1899, a combination ticket covering the railway journey and admission to the racecourse was available for three shillings and sixpence (3s and 6d). While at the course, patrons were entertained by the Sandgate town band and enjoyed food provided by 'Mr Dennis O'Connor and the Brisbane Sandwich Company'.

Racing fans have probably not changed much since those days, but the horses must have been a bit more rugged. At the August meeting in 1888, The Courier reports, "that useful old mare, Melody, who was in the pink of condition, won both the [Nundah and Shorts] handicaps quite easily".

As on every racecourse since the beginning of time, questionable behaviour was not unknown. In 1902, for example, the weighing scales were interfered with by way of a device, operated by pulling a string outside the jockeys' room, which could alter a jockey's weight up or down.

By 1922, horse racing was not the only spectacle available at Deagon Racecourse. The novel sport of motorcycle racing was a new spectator favourite. As advertised in the Brisbane Telegraph on 3 March of that year, two wheels rather than four legs were the attraction: "Speed! Speed! Speed! Speed! Speed! Speed! Don't miss seeing the most thrilling of all sports".

The course has also been host to the Sandgate Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association annual show, Mayday picnics and Sunday school picnics.

The course may no longer echo to the cheers of excited racegoers, or the revving of engines, but it still accommodates horses, which no doubt provide as they have for more than a hundred years, bucket loads of manure for many a Deagon garden.

With thanks to the Sandgate Historical Museum. Photograph: John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland Neg No 116185.









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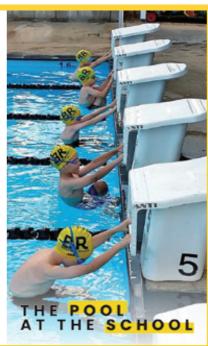
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Brisbane's fifth Board Game BBQ Game Day takes place at Geebung RSL this month, presented by the hosts of a popular podcast.

Board Game BBQ podcast host Adrian Smith said around 120 people usually attended their Brisbane events.

"Last year we decided to host our first Game Day in Brisbane and it was a huge success," Adrian said.

"It is our opportunity to take our passion for playing board games and share it with the community. It is important to us that Board Game BBQ Game Days are a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone."

The Board Game BBQ podcast started in May 2020 when nine like-minded people came together through a Facebook group. The team now hold regular family friendly events in Sydney and Melbourne, as well as Brisbane.

Tabletop gamers will enjoy playing popular titles like Wingspan, Everdell, Gloomhaven and other bestsellers. Beginners can also sign up for sessions where they will be taught to play a specific game.

"We have an extensive library, mostly donated by local game store 2D6," said Adrian. "You can find everything from family games and party games, to heavy euro games, as well as old and new favourites."

The Game Day will take place in two rooms at the Geebung RSL.

"Upon arrival you will be greeted by one of our team members and we can help you find a suitable game to play or learn," Adrian said.

Everyone with a ticket will automatically be entered into a special prize draw to win board games or a voucher for the Brisbane online board game dealer 2D6, who will have a pop-up shop there on the day.

"We really have a very mixed group of people joining our events," Adrian said. "For many people it's the first modern board game they have ever played. We have a great group of volunteers who help teach people games throughout the day. We have a very welcoming community where everyone learns games from each other."

Tickets are \$15. To book tickets https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/board-game-bbq-brisbane-game-day-5-tickets-238742293627?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

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BIGGEST EVER MORETON BAY EXPO

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

utdoor enthusiasts will find everything they need for their next adventure holiday at the Moreton Bay Expo and this year promises to be the largest one yet.

An extensive range of caravans, camper trailers and boating, fishing and outdoor gear will be on display when the major shopping event returns to the Redcliffe Showgrounds from Friday, 18 February to Sunday, 20 February.

Australian Events director Bob Carroll said the annual event was a unique showcase of thousands of products to get people outdoors.

"From new cars, to 4x4s and every conceivable option for off-road motoring, we also have over 50 major companies with the very latest in camper trailers, caravans, and all the nifty bits and pieces to go with them," Bob said.



"Over 170 exhibitors and thousands of products make this unique event the first on the annual must-do calendar."

This year the event precinct has been extended to meet demand and exhibiting companies have expanded their displays.

Featured exhibitors include caravan and camper trailer manufacturer, Prime Campers Australia, personal watercraft dealership Brisbane Sea-Doo and Can-Am, 4x4 accessories megastore Opposite Lock, caravan dealership Caravan HQ, and many more to keep expo-goers busy during the three-day event.

Once again the expo will feature free daily entertainment. Ron 'Kingbrown' Wilson will be back to present Kingbrown Camp Oven Kitchen at three daily shows, where he will demonstrate how to make simple but delicious meals like lamb shanks and damper using camp ovens.

Owner and operator of 4WD Adventures and Training Australia, Michael Boyle, will also appear daily to share his love of the great outdoors with off-road demonstrations.

"The idea is to run expo participants through the basics of four-wheel driving on some man made obstacles." Michael said.

"We tend to find most people don't even know the basic things so it gives them a bit of an insight. They are shown techniques to recover from thick sand. They also learn what we call entry angle, ramp-over angle and exit angle, getting wheels off the ground, traction control, and electronic stability control and how that helps you when you're off-road."

Bob said he expected millions of dollars in sales would be transacted over the three days of the event and millions more in the following months.

The expo has attracted more than 40,000 patrons over the last two years.

Entry tickets are \$15 for a single day and \$18 for three days for adults, and \$12 for a single day and \$15 for three days for seniors. Children under 16 are free. For more event information and to get your tickets go to bayexpo.com.au

2022 Moreton Bay Expo Friday, 18 February to Sunday, 20 February, 8.30am-4pm (5pm on Saturday) Redcliffe Showgrounds

MORETON BAY EXPO





Geoff Grounds, Terry Duffy

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

espected local optometrist Terry Duffy has retired after decades serving the Sandgate community in eye health.

Sandgate Optical has been in the Duffy family since 1948, but last year was taken on by a new family, Geoff and Sarah Grounds, marking the end of an era.

Terry's father James "Jim" Duffy established the business, the first optometry practice outside the Brisbane CBD.

"This was just after WW2 when premises were difficult to obtain," Terry said. "Sandgate and the surrounding suburbs were flourishing. In the fifties as the city expanded and cars and roads improved, this popular holiday destination changed to an honest, hardworking family area."

Terry began work experience as a schoolboy in the sixties before training as an optometrist. He took over the practice in the seventies when his father retired, and continued working until his own retirement.

Terry met Geoff at an optometry conference a few years ago, in what would prove to be a fortuitous encounter. Nundah resident Geoff rang Terry looking for work last February, and bought the business in July. "Terry tells me his father lived in Nundah when he set up the shop at Sandgate, so I feel like that's a little bit of history repeating," Geoff said.

Geoff graduated from optometry in 1999 and has worked in Warwick, greater Brisbane and Caboolture.

"Terry had a very loyal clientele that I am planning on winning over with my wit and charm," he said.

"I enjoy optometry and the problem-solving aspect can sometimes be a bit like detective work, which keeps it interesting. Unlike Terry, I am unable to converse on the topic of sailboats, and this has been pointed out to me a few times already."

Another new face is store manager Paul Smith, a Bracken Ridge local who brings more than 30 years of optical experience to the role. Terry's existing team also remains on board.

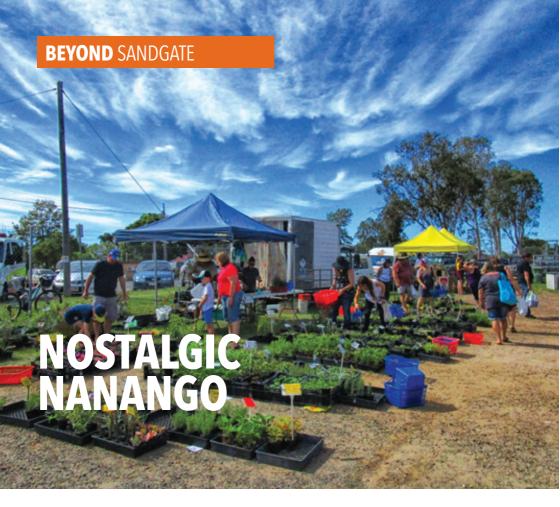
"I wish to thank the local community for their kind support over the years," Terry said. "It has been a rich and unforgettable experience and I wish the very best to all."

Terry plans to spend his retirement enjoying nature, the sea and boats.









STORY JENN CARRINGTON PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY NANANGO SHOW SOCIETY

or Queensland's fourth oldest town, the community of Nanango in the South Burnett region is far from sleepy, small, or quiet.

With a jam-packed year ahead of country and bush inspired events, Nanango is a bustling, vibrant and true-blue iconic representation of country Australia.

Nanango Heritage country market coordinator Henry Seears said Nanango attracted people from all over Queensand.

"My wife Jenny and I have been the managers of the markets for ten years, and we have people travel from as far as Gympie, the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane to come and buy and trade with our farmers."

"We have had up to 600 stalls in the past, but generally we get around 350-400 stalls every month and we are the largest country market that we know of in Queensland."

"After a successful market on New Year's day, the markets are shaping up to be even bigger and better in 2022," Henry said.

The markets started around 30 years ago and were very diverse and full of interesting artifacts and products.

"We have a lot of plants, fruit and veggies, old machinery and tools, women's clothing, olives, honey, artists, farm supplies, produce, animal feed and much more. We even have a hairdresser on site."



"Aside from all that, we also sell a lot of animals, from chickens, ducks, pigs and dogs," Henry said.

It takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure the markets run smoothly. With a small team of staff and volunteers, Henry was proud of the pristine showgrounds and the effort put in by everyone to make the markets run so smoothly.

Nanango is the second-largest town in the South Burnett and home to about 4,500 people. The farming community not only boasts the monthly markets, but several bush-inspired events throughout the year.

Coming up in 2022 The Nanango Show Society is hosting the annual CampDraft event in May, Heritage Music and Country Muster in September, and Rock and Roll/Classic Car festival weekend in October.

Henry said all of these shows and events supported the local community and economy for Nanango and they welcomed everyone to come experience a piece of Aussie country lifestyle.

For some weekend getaway inspiration, check out all the information on these amazing Nanango events.

To contact the Nanango Show Society: www.nanangoshowsociety.net Facebook page @nanangoshowsociety Tel 07 4163 1273 nanangoshowsociety@bigpond.com





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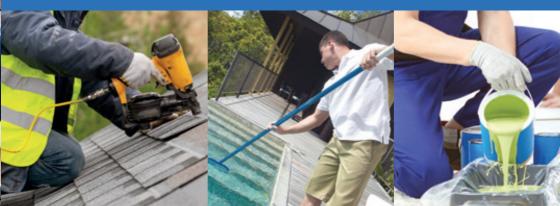
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