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CHRISTMAS NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

ith publication of the December issue, I will end my first year as editor/publisher of the Sandgate, Chermside and Redcliffe Guides. What an amazing journey it has been!

I am blessed to have the support of an amazing sales team, talented writers, photographers and contributors, graphic artist, printers, distributors, loyal advertisers and an amazing local community, all of who without, the Guides wouldn't happen.

So, a HUGE thank you to everyone who has been a part of the success of this year's publications. I am truly looking forward to working with you all next year!

Our first publication for 2023 will be the February issue. As has been the case in the past, there will be no printed issue for January, but you will be able to find live gigs and events for January in the online 'What's On' pages.

From our families to yours, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas, we hope you have a welldeserved break with family and friends and a prosperous 2023.

Jodie

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Marie Nobbs and John Harman

HISTORIC HOFFY CYCLES FOR SALE

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

ne of Brisbane's oldest and finest bicycle stores is for sale. Hoffy Cycles on Bowser Parade has been a mainstay in Sandgate for almost 95 years and owner Marie Nobbs is hoping a new proprietor will keep the pedals turning.

Marie said she had been working seven days a week to uphold the legacy of the store.

"It's time for me to hand this most loved business over to a new owner, whom I hope will uphold its values of service and celebrate its pending 100 year anniversary," Marie said.

Hoffy Cycles has had a long and successful history. The business was established in 1928 by Bill Hoffman. When Bill died in the 1970s, it passed to Eric Hendren, who came to be known as a master frame builder.

In 1997, Les Bews purchased the business. Marie started working alongside Les in 2001, and became the owner after his passing in 2011. She has been assisted by qualified bicycle mechanic, John Harman.

"Hoffy Cycles is an iconic name known around Brisbane, historically known in racing circles for building winning racing bicycles, managing the repairs for Australia Post bicycles and telegram services," Marie said.

"We are grateful to the 4017 community for their never ending support for our business through generations, and have seen children grow through updates up to adult bicycles.

"All we ask is that the community help us find the newest owner by spreading the news of the sale."

Contact Jacqui McKeering for details of the sale on 0423231877.

New Groove Christmas Concert

The New Groove Jazz Ensemble Christmas Concert is back!

Formed in 1996, New Groove Jazz Ensemble is a Big Band of local members from high school students through to octogenarians who love keeping Jazz music alive. This year's much anticipated Christmas event will include favourites such as Winter Wonderland, Silent Night and Jingle Bell Rock. Dancing, as always, is encouraged!

The Christmas Concert will take place on 11 December starting at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for concessions and includes light refreshments. For tickets go to newgroove.com. au

An evening of Evidential Mediumship

For the first time in Sandgate, Rhys Wynn Davies, Psychic Medium, will present a two hour live demonstration. The event will be held on Friday 2 December from 7pm at the Sandgate Town Hall.

For more information and tickets go to www. rhyswynndavies.com/events/sandgate-anevening-of-evidential-mediumship-with-rhyswynn-davies-psychic-medium

Bracken Ridge Carols Spectacular

For a night of family fun entertainment, Norris Road State School will host their Carols Spectacular on Sunday 11 December. There will be food trucks and music starting from 4.30pm with the main carols show starting at 7pm. Bring your picnic rug, camp chairs and glow sticks and be prepared for a wonderful night celebrating Christmas with the community.

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STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

he proposed multi-million dollar accessibility upgrade of Shorncliffe train station is underway.

Queensland Rail released concept designs to the community in late October, which include new accessibility features for people using the network such as those using mobility devices and people with hearing or vision impairment.

Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe said the station's accessibility improvements would benefit the community from the elderly to parents with prams, to people with limited mobility.

"Shorncliffe station opened 125 years ago and has an important place in our community's rich history," Stirling said. "The station's upgrade has been a long time in the making because of the historic nature of its building infrastructure. It's terrific to see Shorncliffe station's upgrade now on track."

The works are part of Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program, which focuses on improving access to public transport by upgrading station infrastructure.

The Shorncliffe station upgrade will include a raised full-length platform, installing hearing augmentation loop technology, accessible ramps and seats, wayfinding signage and tactile platform surfaces.

Other new station facilities include unisex accessible toilets, bike storage, upgraded CCTV

and station lighting, upgraded accessible parking and extending the awnings to cover 60 per cent of the platform.

Queensland Rail CEO Kat Stapleton said the upgrades would provide better services for public transport customers, while protecting the heritage features of the station.

"During our preliminary structural investigations, hundreds of artefacts were uncovered under the floor of the 1897 station building, ranging from train tickets, newspapers, bottles from the turn of the 19th century, a gas lamp and clothing," Ms Stapleton said.

"To ensure the items were handled appropriately, Queensland Rail has worked with specialist consultants to uncover and document more than 900 artefacts, which mostly date between 1890 and the 1960s.

"It's extremely important that we get this project right and treat the building – an important piece of our local history – with the respect it deserves."

The station's heritage elements will be retained including the 1940s air raid shelter and restoring the building to its original 1897 blueprint.

Queensland Rail plans to release a tender to begin early works by mid next year, with the contract for main construction scheduled to be awarded in late 2023.

For more information go to www.queenslandrail.com.au/ inthecommunity/projects/shorncliffe-station-precinct-heritagerestoration



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STORY JULIA LEWIS

hristmas Lights is back and this year they are raising Christmas spirits and bringing family and friends together during the most joyous time of year. From December 16, Uniting Church Sandgate will open each night to offer a place the community can celebrate the year that has been, while remembering what the season is truly about.

The theme this year is "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season", and the program will include festive live music and a stunning light display. There will be plant and craft stalls, sausage sizzles, scavenger hunts, children's take-home activities and even cake and doughnuts.

Christmas Lights convenor, Paul Fletcher, said this is the Church's way to give back to the community after having suffered through floods earlier this year.

"There is no entry cost as it is our gift to the community," Paul said. "Our church is very community oriented, and this is another event to bring the community together to share in Christmas.

"After the events of this past year, especially with the trauma to many people after the flooding earlier in the year, it is now time to look forward to Christmas and all that it entails and to find peace and comfort in community, friends and family."

Performing at Christmas Lights will be The South East Queensland Symphonic Winds and The South East Queensland Big Band. They will be playing a mix of Christmas favourites and some other well-known tunes to keep the crowd singing along and tapping their feet.



President and Musical Director of the South East Queensland Symphonic Winds, Adam Pittard, said music is the essence of the Christmas spirit and a way the audience can feel part of the show.

"Music brings people together, and that's what Christmas is about. Live music is special because it's two-way," Adam said. "Instead of just listening to a recording, live music allows the audience to be part of the performance too.

"It's a wonderful way to bring music and the spirit of the season to the community. We love being a part of the Sandgate Uniting Church's celebrations every year and look forward to doing it again."

Christmas Lights 2022 Sandgate Uniting Church 116 Board Street Deagon

For more information about the events visit www.sandgate. unitingchurch.org.au. Email office@sandgateuc.org.au or call (07) 3869 0277. Free event. Light display will be turned on Saturday 10 December and will remain on until 24 December 6pm – 10pm. Friday the 16 December - 23 December the church building will be open from 6pm – 10pm with entertainment from 7pm to 9.15pm. The South East Queensland Big Band will perform at 7pm on Saturday the 17th of December, followed by The South East Queensland Symphonic Winds at 8.15pm.

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A FEAST OF FACTS ABOUT SANDGATE'S SHOREBIRDS

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

hen it comes to fine dining, there are some migratory birds who find Sandgate's mudflats akin to the fanciest of restaurants.

Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association Inc (KSBA) are inviting the community to visit 'Poseidon's Palace Café' on the foreshore on Sunday, 18 December to learn more about these fascinating birds.

Queensland Wader Study Group (QWSG) education officer, Sheryl Keates and fellow QWSG member, Melissa Whitby will be there to talk about shorebirds' amazing migration journeys and feeding habits.

"Shorebirds' lives depend on the tides, not the sun," Sheryl said. "When the tide is out, they feed on the mudflats and sand bars. When the tide is in, shorebirds will be resting, preening and sometimes feeding on higher ground and waiting for the tide to start receding so they can feed on the freshly exposed mud/sand.

"When shorebirds are trying to build up their fat supplies for their long migration back to the breeding grounds from February to May, they need to feed undisturbed, otherwise they waste their fat supplies flying around trying to find a safe place to feed or rest. This could mean they won't make the journey to breed or may not survive."

KSBA president, Jenny Carey said Poseidon's Palace Café was a fun way to engage and educate beach goers, particularly those with dogs, that migratory shorebirds need to feed on the mudflats undisturbed.

"I know when I first moved to the area, I let my dogs chase the birds as I had no idea they'd



migrated from Siberia or Antarctica. I thought they were just seagulls," Jenny said.

"We hope people will look at the migration route maps we'll have on display and be impressed at the remarkable feat this is for relatively small birds and take home a brochure on how to identify the migratory birds from seagulls."

The KSBA marquee will have doggie treats on offer, as well as activity worksheets for kids to take home.

"Sheryl is also a character in a children's book The Call of the Far Eastern Curlew and the illustrator, Geoff Logan, is painting some wooden birds that we'll have on display," Jenny said.

The book, by Katrina Logan, will be available for purchase on the day.



For more information about shorebirds go to

www.waders.org.au or visit Queensland Wader

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arols By The Bay is back to kick off the festive season, and word has it, Santa is getting ready to mount his sleigh.

Brought together by Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy, the much loved Christmas event is highly anticipated in the community's calendar and provides a reason to bring the whole family together.

Councillor Cassidy said it comes at the perfect time, when families are finishing up the school year, and are getting ready to celebrate Christmas festivities.

"It's a great chance for local families to celebrate Christmas and support their kids who have practiced hard for the night." Jared said. "Being the last week of school, it gives the families a chance to relax and unwind after a busy school year."

The evening provides a place for families from the local community to gather and celebrate Christmas, spend time as a family and listen to the wonderful sounds of Christmas Carols. On the repertoire this year are Christmas favourites such as, Away in a Manger, Jingle Bells, Silent Night, Joy to the World and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Counsellor Cassidy said the Christmas celebration has been a big part in his family's life, and this year is set to be bigger and better.

"Carols by the Bay is such a nice community Christmas celebration for families. I remember taking part as a school student back in the 1990s, so it's always a thrill to be able to run it now as your Councillor," Jared said.

"Every year our local events get bigger and better and this one is no exception. We will be welcoming food stalls and community choirs along with the stars of the show, the students from Sandgate, Brighton and Nashville State Schools!"

The evening will include a community BBQ, coffee, snow cones and much more. There will even be a special guest at the end of the night – Santa!

Bring along a picnic rug and dress in your favourite festive attire and be prepared for an evening of festive singing, great company, and a magical Christmas atmosphere.

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60 YEARS ON

STORY JULIA LEWIS PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

ounding students of Sandgate District State High School are gathering to celebrate six decades of memories, friendship and building a school together.

For many students, the time spent in high school is merely a vessel to carry them into the workforce, however for the founding students of Sandgate District State High School, affectionately known as "Deagon Grammar", the memories created six decades ago is truly something worth celebrating.

On January 27th, 1959, 151 students, comprising of 64 girls and 87 boys, attended classes in the iconic Sandgate Town Hall, before relocating to the school's current site in Deagon, where they would forge friendships that would last decades.

Ken Roberts, founding student from 1959 to 1962, attributes the closeness of the school community to the fact that everyone had the chance to know each other. "When you've got 150 students in a school, you know who everyone is. When it gets to 1,500 students, there's no way you could get to know everyone," Ken said.

Elaine (Davies) Scott, the school's first School Captain, and pupil from 1959 to 1962, remembers having to clear the land at the site of the new school, and recalls students traveling on the bus with picks and axes to demolish the old dairy so they could have a sports field. She said it was this hard work that built the relationships that would last decades.

"It was this that started to forge the friendship

and camaraderie of the whole school. We had an absolute sense of being a school, despite not having school facilities around us," Elaine said. "There was a very strong feeling that we had in fact formed this school, and everything we did from clearing the land, sitting in class and participating in inter-house and inter-school sports, made the school what it was."

Elaine went on to become a teacher and would later return to Sandgate State High School where she remembers the strong sense of community in the students she taught.

Maureen (Barwise) Stone, who was a teacher at the school from 1961-1965, remembers very strong leadership from the Principal at the time, Arthur Vise.

"He was responsible for setting up lots of the traditions including the school war cry, 'Ibis Ibis never die! I believe in Sandgate High!"

Maureen adds that while there were in fact a lot of Ibises around the lagoons, "Ibis" actually stood for "I believe in Sandgate".

As the founding students gather to celebrate 60 years of friendship, the current 2022 student body is getting ready to graduate and go out into the world.

The current school Principal Andy Stergou, wishes the class of 2022 the very best for the future. "Graduates, I hope that you all live remarkable lives; that you are successful in your careers and in your relationships; that you keep your heart and your mind open; and that you be your best, whatever that needs to be."

Although they might have studied decades apart, who's to say that in 60 years' time the class of 2022 won't be gathering to reminisce about the time they spent at school.

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STORY KELLY WALKER

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Hi! I'm Jake and am originally from Townsville but got my second lease on life with my forever family right here in Brighton. I've been a 4017 local for a while now and have settled in well with my two feline brothers,

Harlow and Blackie, my mum Mel, and my human siblings Marly and Vincent. I'm a gentle giant who loves my family more than anything especially when they give me treats. I'm looking forward to inspecting all of the presents under the tree on Christmas morning - but if there's anything edible - there may not be anything left of it once my humans wake up!

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Ginny

Hi! I'm Ginny, also known as Virginia Woof. I was happily rescued from the Warra Animal Shelter about 6 months ago and I have made myself right at home with my parents and three human siblings who I just adore.

I"ve learned to walk on a lead, am obsessed with swimming, and love curling up on any available soft surface in the house whenever I get the chance. This will be my first Christmas in my new house so I'm very excited to rip open everyone's gifts and help myself to all of the delicious Christmas goodies that will be set out on the table... I'm especially hoping for ham!

To contribute email editor@sandgateguide.com.au

Containers for Change Extension

FROM THE OFFICE OF STIRLING HINCHLIFFE

he Queensland Government's Containers for Change program could soon be expanded to include a wider range of glass containers.

This eco-friendly program – that currently includes most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150mL and 3L – has already seen more than 5.5 billion containers recycled through refund points and \$540 million in refunds issued since it was launched in 2018.

However, Member for Sandgate Stirling Hinchliffe said the Queensland Government is looking at extending the variety of containers eligible for exchange to include glass wine and spirit bottles.

"Queenslanders have well and truly taken advantage of this great program since its introduction," remarked Mr Hinchliffe.

"Providing refund for recycling eligible containers has incentivised recycling, putting money back into the pockets of Queenslanders and charities, while also protecting the state's environment and great lifestyle."

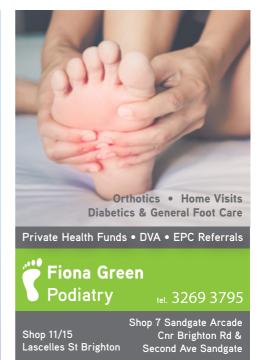
"It really is a win-win program that would only be enhanced by the inclusion of glass wine and spirit bottles."

"Consultation is expected to launch this month and run through to February 2023. Keep an eye out on my Facebook page for further updates on this program."

Locally, there is a Containers for Change depot at 81 Kempster Street in Sandgate which is open from 8:30am – 4:30pm on weekdays, 8am – 4pm on Saturdays and 9am – 3pm on Sundays.

For more information, visit: www. containersforchange.com.au/qld/whereto-return







BRAMBLE BITES

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

Walk it off

Three local walking groups are looking for new members! Details are as follows:

Who: Brighton Walkers When: 8am Wednesdays

What: Enjoy a friendly, free 30-45min slow paced walk along the seaside. All welcome, dog and

pram friendly.

Where: Meet at the Brighton Health Campus Cafe, 449 Hornibrook Highway, Brighton. Contact: Engagement@health.qld.gov.au

Who: Sandgate Bramble Bay Buddies

When: 6am Wednesdays

What: Enjoy a friendly, free 45-60min fast paced walk along the seaside while watching the beautiful sunrise over the water. Dog friendly. Where: Meet at the Arthur Davis Park (at the wooden sign near the fenced playground), 231 Flinders Pde, Sandgate.

Contact: Christine at walkingchris@tpg.com.au

Who: Shorncliffe Shufflers When: 9:30am Mondays

What: Enjoy a friendly, free 45-60min slow paced walk along the seaside. Supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. All welcome to join and have a yarn. Dog friendly. Where: Meet at the Shorncliffe Pier (near

rotunda), Park Parade, Shorncliffe.

Contact: 0428 375 637

Public transport survey

Deagon Ward councillor Jared Cassidy wants locals to know they can have their say about the future of the city's bus network.

Cr Cassidy said the survey featured an interactive map where residents could select the bus routes they used and provide feedback specifically about that service.

"In addition to this there is a short survey on the site as well," he said. "While this survey asks a number of questions, I suggest focussing on sections three and five where specific and general feedback can be entered."

The feedback period ends Wednesday 14 December 2022. Find

the survey at:www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport or find the link on Cr Cassidy's Facebook page.

Cool as ice

Two northside residents have reached the top of the state's figure skating championships.

Emily Jean-Kelly, from Boondall came second in the senior women's division of the Queensland Figure Skating Championships; while former St Pat's student and Taigum resident Darian Kaptich, took out first place in the senior men's division.

The competition was held at Iceworld in Boondall, which will also host the Australian championships later this year.

Read all about it

High school readers are invited to join the YA Book Club at Sandgate Library. Come along and talk about what you've been reading, and help others decide what to read next! New members are always welcome, and best of all, the club is free to attend. The club next meets on Wednesday, November 30 from 4pm to 4.45pm. Call the library on: (07) 3667 6022 to reserve your place.

Shake it off

If your kids have energy to burn, why not try a Zumba class especially for younger ones! The free class will take place on Monday, December 12 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, at Arthur Davis Park, Flinders Pde, Sandgate.

Meet near the playground and kids aged 7 to 11 are asked to meet at the playground with their parents. Bookings are essential Phone Kellie on: 0418 855 946 for more information

Toastmasters for 2023

Toastmaster Meetings have finished for 2022 but if you are interested in joining this local organisation, meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month with the first meeting for 2023 on 24 January. For more details, please visit sandgate.toastmastersclubs.org/, email sgatetm@ gmail.com or phone 3269 1730.

Would you like to contribute to Bramble Bites?

Is there something you're talking about on social media, at the school gate, or the local café? Email Brooke to be included in the next edition of Bramble Bites: editor@sandgateguide.com.au



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A Love of Food, Coffee and Puppy Cuddles

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO VISIT MORETON BAY

f you're paw-ssionate about puppies, there's a paw-some place not far from home. Collies and Co is a family-owned, dog-friendly café in Samford Valley, where visitors can enjoy a delicious meal and spend time cuddling adorable puppies.

Owners Madeline and Matt Nixon opened the premises as a café in 2019 before realising they had less time for their hobby of breeding pedigree dogs and were missing their 7-week-old puppies.

"So we began transforming the property at 14 Main Street so it could accommodate the puppies during the day while we were working in the café," Madeline said

"Quickly we saw the amazing opportunity this presented for our baby puppies. We could socialise them to traffic, different types of people, sounds, crowds, children, tradesmen, the list was endless.

"My favourite thing about owning Collies and Co is seeing the immense benefit early socialisation has on puppies, but also seeing the immense benefit dogs and puppies have on people.

Everybody has a dog story, and it's this shared

experience and love that brings us all together and helps us connect."

Collies and Co offers Brisbane's only Puppy Cuddle Dine-In Experience, which includes a meal and drink followed by a 45-minute session playing with puppies.

"The Puppy Cuddle experience would not be possible without our breeder and rescue group partners who allow their puppies and dogs to come down for socialisation from between six and 12 weeks before they continue their journeys in their new homes," Madeline said.

Guests can choose from a menu that includes a buttermilk crispy chicken burger and pulled pork tacos, while saying hello to 10-year-old Border Collie, Storm.

"Collies and Co has grown over the years to include many different breeds and rescue dogs, not exclusively Border Collies, however most days you will get to meet our matriarch of our kennel, Storm, who will be faithfully at her station at the front door to the café, greeting guests, and giving cuddles." Madeline said.

Madeline said visiting Collies and Co was a great school holiday activity because it was an opportunity to play with and help socialise puppies before they went to new homes.

"You can learn about different breeds and their personalities and characteristics, see basic training in action, and most importantly, you get to cuddle puppies," she said.

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Christmas Crafting Fun for the Holidays

STORY KELLY WALKER

ooking for some fun and easy Christmas crafts to keep the kids busy this holiday season?
Whether it's a simple project that kids can do on their own, or something more involved that requires a bit of help from mum or dad, these holiday crafting ideas will be sure to get the whole family feeling festive.

One of the simplest holiday crafts suitable for kids of all ages is the paper plate wreath. It's as easy as cutting a hole in the centre of the plate (parents will need to help younger kids with this step) and then letting your creativity take over. Younger kids will enjoy ripping up pieces of green tissue paper or card stock and gluing overlapping pieces to cover the plate. Pom poms, glitter, buttons or ribbon can be used to add pops of colour and festive cheer and a ribbon or bow at the top will make the wreath complete.

Salt dough ornaments are another Christmas classic. The recipe is readily found online and the dough is quick to make, easy to work with and slow drying making it very forgiving for little hands that need a bit more time to get it just right. The dough can be left as its natural colour or painted once the ornaments have baked. Cookie cutters can be used to create your favourite holiday shapes and remember to use a straw or skewer to pierce a hole at the top of each ornament before baking so that they're able to be hung with a piece of ribbon or string.

For a crafting idea that doubles as the perfect gift for grandparents or other loved ones, DIY decorated photo frames are always fun and easy to make for all ages. Pick up clear, plastic frames to use as your base and decorate with festive stickers, beads, sequins, or any other fun trimmings you may have on hand. For a more natural look, gather seashells and use a hot glue gun to arrange the shells on the frame.

There's nothing more magical than the holidays and Christmas crafting is a wonderful way to welcome in the season and entertain the kids at the same time. So crank up Mariah Carey, get out the glue gun and craft away!







MUSIC BY THE SEA

STORY DONNA PHILLIPS

You've heard the saying 'raise the roof'! Well, the 111 year-old Sandgate Town Hall bell tower may just shake its bones to the beat when Sasta, the most dynamic Irish band in the country, hits the stage on December 3.

Music By The Sea launches its 2023 concert series on January 7 with something special. Streeton, Australia's most internationally successful piano trio will perform elegant classics by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Ravel.

Originally formed in Geneva, Switzerland in 2008, and named after the famous Australian Impressionist painter Sir Arthur Streeton, the trio has a delightful new line-up: Emma Jardine (violin), Rachel Siu (cello), and Bernadette Harvey (piano).

When asked about the choice of name Emma said, "We love the beautifully expressive work of the famous painter, Arthur Streeton. We chose his name when the trio was based in Europe - we wanted an Australian artist as our moniker and we believed that Streeton's works encapsulated our vision of music making, with a focus on expression and beauty.

"But there is another link between Streeton and music - when we contacted his family to ask for permission to use the name, they told us that Streeton's wife was Nora Clench, a famous concert violinist, who studied with Joachim and Brahms and performed all over the world in an all-female string quartet."

And StreetonTrio's best wishes to you, "A very happy and safe holiday season and a wonderful summer. Looking forward to seeing the lovely Sandgate audience again in January!"

Viola virtuoso Roger Bennett and renowned classical pianist Simon Tedeschi unite to delight with reimagined masterpieces from Debussy, Ravel, Gershwin and Kosmar, on 4 February.

This exciting collaboration has produced two studio albums to date, the second being the foundation of our Sandgate program.

ABC Classic describes the rich mellow tone of the viola, the melancholy dreamer as Berlioz describes it, together with the piano which is the closest an individual instrument comes to a whole orchestra, as giving a new and fresh character to the pieces by Debussy and Ravel ... which even now seem radical in their conception.





Bennett/Tedeschi

Roger says, "I am really looking forward to performing at Music By The Sea in February. It's always an incredible joy to play with my good friend and regular partner-in-crime Simon Tedeschi. We just get each other and love sharing a stage together.

"We will be playing music from our latest ABC Classics album; evocative and colourful music by French masters Ravel and Debussy, alongside some memorable music by other composers for that ever-mellifluous combination of viola and piano. Looking forward to seeing you there!"

And Simon adds an endearing end of year sentiment, "Sending love and best wishes to the entire community of Music By The Sea, one of my favourite places in Australia and one I eagerly await returning to whenever I am asked!"

Sasta - Irish Band Saturday, 3 December, 7.30pm

Streeton Trio Saturday, 7 January, 7.30pm

Benedict (viola) - Tedeschi (piano) Saturday, 4 February, 7.30pm

Sandgate Town Hall Bookings: www.musicbythesea.com.au









Off and racing: Bergen O'Neill in action on the competitive mountain bike circuit.

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

andgate teenager Bergen O'Neill is climbing every mountain - literally - to achieve his dream.

After discovering mountain biking at age 12, Bergen knew where his future was headed and since then, has been working around the clock to make it to the top of this competitive extreme sport.

Bergen said there were no shortcuts when it came to mountain biking.

"To be successful you must inhabit every sense of your body, you must do the work both physically and mentally and the sense of fulfillment you get from doing this is the gold of life," he said.

"I made the decision early on that I wanted to race in World Cup competitions.

"So, I did the work and have just completed my first year racing in five junior world cups under my own steam."

At the end of 2021, Bergen moved from Brisbane to Tasmania, after getting a job at the Maydena Bike Park. He was just 17. "I was stoked to be able to work, ride and train, all in the one place," Bergen said.

But his new life in Tasmania hadn't come easy, and it took Bergen some time to convince his parents it was the right move.

"In 2020 I was in Year 11 at school, getting excellent grades and I had just been appointed

House Captain for Year 12 and was getting closer to graduating with my lifelong friends," he said. "However, school wasn't where my head and heart were. I was completely focused on bikes, every chance I got outside of school I was training, riding, racing, and working to fund it.

"So, I made the biggest decision of my life and dropped out – it didn't make any sense to the teachers, my friends and initially my parents, but they could see my passion and became my biggest supporters, and I am so grateful for all the help they have given me."

Earlier this year, Bergen's hard work paid off and he was selected to represent Australia in the World Cup series. "Having just turned 18 I flew out of Australia on my own, with no contacts and not much money behind me," he said. "But once the races started, I was quick to make friends, meeting people from all over the world." Bergen added the World Cup series was "incredible".

"Whilst I didn't get the results I really wanted this season, it was more important for me to be at the next race learning and gaining experience. My goal was to get to all the races, and I achieved it, and man, I am proud of that!" he said.

"I am super excited to see what next year will bring. My advice to all the young readers out there is to chase your dream, you can make it real!"

You can follow Bergen's journey on Instagram: @bergen oneil





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WELCOMING NEW CITIZENS TO 4017

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

he Sandgate community is preparing to welcome its newest residents at the annual Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy will act as the Presiding Officer at the ceremony at Sandgate Town Hall on Thursday, 26 January.

"It's important to see so many new citizens come together and celebrate becoming an Australian," Jared said. "To come together in the Sandgate Town Hall, such an iconic venue in the heart of Sandgate, there's such a community feel and everyone feels welcome."

"It's one of the greatest honours I have each year to confer citizenship on new Australians."

Jared will host the ceremony alongside the Sandgate branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA), which will see 50 people from various countries take their oaths.

Federal MP for Lilley, Anika Wells and State Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe will assist with the formal proceedings at the ceremony.

A Welcome to Country will be performed by Turrbal Elder Uncle Joe Kirk, and his nephew on didgeridoo. The Bayside Divas will sing a beautiful rendition of the national anthem.

Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to a morning tea provided by the QCWA Sandgate branch and each new citizen will receive a native plant to take home.

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony Thursday, 26 January, 9am registration for 9.30am start Sandgate Town Hall



Shorncliffe Escarpment Priority Works to Begin

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

risbane City Council has announced priority works at Shorncliffe Escarpment will commence early next year. Council recently released details of the scope of work for three precincts, Eagle Terrace, **Cliff Street Park and Frank Doyle Park.**

Deagon Ward Councillor Jared Cassidy said since the Federal Government's \$4.3 million contribution was announced the Shorncliffe Escarpment Priority Works Project had been detailed and the tender process had begun.

"These large-scale projects require a lot of planning, especially given the damage and instability caused by the February floods," Jared said. "With the work packages now confirmed I'm happy to see this lengthy process begin to take shape."

Among the list of works to be undertaken at the Eagle Terrace precinct are the stabilisation of the failed slope, removal and replacement of the staircase to Lovers Walk, revegetation planting, replacing the concrete footpath and creating a new lawn area with shade trees and

A drainage project from Eagle Terrace to Cliff Street will direct water through pipes instead of washing over the escarpment and causing further erosion.

"I encourage locals to visit the Shorncliffe Escarpment Priority Works Project and seek out the project documents," Jared said.

"These provide a great artist impression of the works to be completed and detail the different locations in which the listed works will occur."

The works are expected to be completed by mid-2023.

Visit the Shorncliffe Escarpment Priority Works Project at www. brisbane.gld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-andprecincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/shorncliffe-parks/shorncliffeescarpment-priority-works-project



REVIEW BY NICK ALLFORD

THE GOOD **NURSE**

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Tragically, that's the true story which 'The Good Nurse' is based on. I won't really delve into the plot too much as it's pretty simple and I don't want to spoil your enjoyment if you're not familiar with what took place. The film is carried by the two leads - Eddie Redmayne and Jessica Chastain. Chastain, holds your attention by relying on her face to do the talking rather than ham-fisted exposition. She is the heart of the film, playing a mother of two attempting to juggle her career, her kids and her health, making it easy to feel for her and what she's going through.

Redmayne is almost unrecognisable, transforming his voice and mannerisms, wholly believable throughout. With an outstanding body of work under his belt (he's more than just a collector of Fantastic Beasts), this performance has to be up there with one of his best. Not because of any rousing speeches or spectacular monologues, nope, just a good actor knowing when to hold his punches and when to land a knockout blow.

Where this film excels is the way it slowly unravels, dropping hints at a more sinister plot, demanding you keep paying attention to find out why the patients are dropping like flies. It's worth noting that the sound in this film is exceptional, using understated soundscapes and atmospheric music to capture the mood and help build tension. And man, this film is tense, refreshingly making it tricky to work out how a character will behave from one scene to the next.

Fundamentally it's an interesting look at how you can slowly peel away the façade that someone has created for themselves to reveal the festering wound of their true intentions. Although probably not one to watch if you already have a fear of hospitals.







Look Who's Popped up on the Shelf!

STORY KELLY WALKER

t Brighton Friendly Grocer, formerly Brighton IGA, customers are greeted with friendly smiles and familiar faces as soon as they walk through the door. Cathy and Kerry Sheaff have owned the store for nearly 20 years and in that time have created a cheerful, community focused environment for both their employees and their customers.

"The majority of our customers are local and we know many of them by name," said Cathy. "We love having fun and making our customers smile, so for special occasions, whether it's the Christmas season, Halloween or State of Origin, the Friendly Grocer team always goes the extra mile to get into the spirit of the event."

Like many of the store's staff members, Shirley Sayer takes great pride in being part of the Brighton Friendly Grocer family and explained that the company has done a great job in fostering a fun, welcoming vibe.

"I love that I'm able to express myself with costumes, and in turn, make our customers smile," she said. "Seeing the reaction from customers when they notice us all dressed up makes it all worth it."

As a local Brighton resident herself, Shirley loves working for such a community oriented business.

"I absolutely love my job," she said. "My favourite thing about working at this particular store is getting to know all of our amazing customers and hearing their stories."

Very grateful for the support that they've received over the years, Kerry and Cathy also make a point of giving back to their local community.

"Currently we support Brighton State School, Brighton Autism Queensland and Good Start Early Learning Brighton," Cathy said. "We like to give back whenever we can."

Between December 1st and 25th, Shirley will resume her role as the store's resident "Elf on the Shelf" in hopes of seeing more smiles on her customers' faces. Be sure to follow the Brighton Friendly Grocer Facebook page to see what she gets up to - or even better, pop in to say hello!



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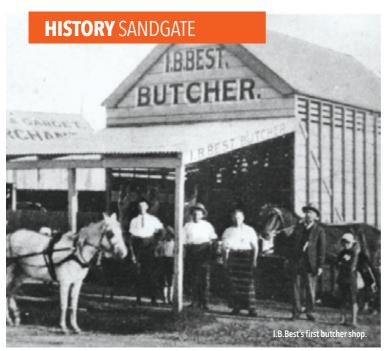
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I B (the Best) Butcher

STORY PATTIE TANCRED

s reported by the Brisbane Courier, at the funeral of Isaac Benjamin Best, butcher (motto: I Be the Best Butcher), in 1925, "the large cortege testified the respect and esteem in which the deceased had been held by the people of Sandgate". As well as his wife, Martha, and their children, paying their respects either in person or with a wreath, were politicians, representatives of the Masonic Lodge, the Sandgate Bowls Club, the Sandgate Gun Club and the Queensland Meat Traders' Association. All aspects of Mr Best's life, profession and interests were represented.

I B (lke) Best was born in 1861, the first non-Indigenous child to be born in the Sandgate area, then mostly scrubland, ti-tree swamp and mangrove. By the time the town of Sandgate was inaugurated in 1880, the population was about 800. Inevitably, businesses sprang up to cater for the needs of the residents, among them several butchers, one of whom was I B Best.

His first shop, established in the 1880s, was located on the corner of Seymour and Louden Streets. Later he moved to premises on the corner of Brighton Road and Third Avenue. Ike was a prominent figure about the town, not least on account of his size. He was remembered as being "a huge man, about 17 or 18 stone".

He was civic minded, serving successive terms, between 1902 and 1911, on the committee of the

Sandgate State School. The attendance of his 13 children may have instigated this involvement. In 1905 he was a member of the founding committee of the Sandgate Jockey Club. In 1902, he won the tender to supply meat to the Diamantina Receiving Depot, a government-run orphanage.

The life of Ike Best affords us several glimpses of the butchering trade in early Sandgate. In 1919 he was fined £2 for failing "to keep the front door of [his] shop closed as required by the slaughter regulations." With the number of butchers in Sandgate, business was competitive. In 1905, his shop and stock of meat were "bespattered with mud" by three lads, one the son and employee of another butcher, Christian Prackert. Although Best asked that the boys be let off, they were fined but, magnanimously, he refunded to their parents the 10 shillings he was paid for damages.

Next time you patronise a local butcher, remember their predecessor, I B Best, a good citizen, a good businessman, a good parent and a proud resident of our lovely district.

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SANDBAGs Annual Christmas Lunch

STORY JULIA LEWIS

ANDBAG will be holding their annual Christmas lunch to bring joy and a sense of belonging to families around Sandgate.

The Christmas lunch, which has been held for over 15 years, and is for anyone who feels socially isolated, or who have no family, live on their own, are homeless, suffering financial stress or are recent arrivals to this country. It offers a place to come together and enjoy a Christmas celebration they might not otherwise have.

Garry Hunt, Community Support Worker at SANDBAG, said the lunch creates a space where people can feel safe, and be a part of the community.

"It is really important that all members of the community, both participants and volunteers, can come together in a safe and happy environment and enjoy the Christmas festivities." Garry said. "We see lots of happy images of families gathering to enjoy food and the festivities, but this is not the case for many people.

"This event is all about sharing and supporting one another at this time of the year."



Anyone wishing to donate food, soft drinks, or items that can be wrapped and given out as gifts, can do so by dropping them off at Sandgate Community Centre.

"We especially need gifts that are appropriate for older male and female teenagers and older adult male and females."

Donations can be made at Sandgate Community Centre 9am-3pm Monday – Friday. SANDBAG will be closed for Christmas from Friday 23 December to Monday 9 January.

SANDBAGs Annual Christmas Lunch Wednesday 21 December 11am – 7pm SANDBAG Community Centre, 153 Rainbow Street Sandgate

To find out more information about volunteers and donations, can call SANDBAG on 07 3869 3244

BAAIA's Community Christmas Dinner

STORY JULIA LEWIS

AAIA Café and SANDBAG Inc are partnering this Christmas to offer people engaged in SANDBAG's counselling program a magical Christmas dinner.

Held on Wednesday, 14 December at BAAIA Cafe, the evening will include a three course Christmas dinner along with festive activities, and Christmas carols. There will even be a surprise visit from Santa himself, who will be handing out gifts for every guest.

BAAIA initiated the idea to acknowledge the impact the last few years has had on the community's most vulnerable people, and as a way to say thank you for the community's unwavering support.

Robyn & Donna, owners of BAAIA, have announced "Our Xmas tree is up and we are seeking donations of toys, gifts or food hampers for distribution on the night," Robyn said.

"Individuals who are able to support this event can drop items under our tree at BAAIA and businesses willing to support the community are requested to call."



Kym, Manager for Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Services, said the partnership and event is pivotal in providing our community participants with support and offers a place for them to celebrate themselves and their healing journeys, while being waited on with a beautiful Christmas dinner.

"The event is fundamental in creating safe spaces to support our most vulnerable in having some time out from their worries; connecting with one another and spending some quality time with their children."

BAAIA's Community Christmas Wednesday 14 December BAAIA Restaurant, 94 Flinders Parade Sandgate To make a donation to this event, please call Robyn on 0450445201

Free event closed to SANDBAGs counselling program clients only.

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air Dinkum is under new ownership! The well-established Deagon hair studio, which has been trading at Deagon Marketplace for the past twelve years, is newly owned by Kerrie Langham.

"Hairdressing has always been a passion of mine," said Kerrie. "I love foiling, transformations and making my clients feel pampered and special while in the salon."

Kerrie has given Hair Dinkum a fresh, modern look and now offers not only exceptional hair styling services ranging from cuts, colours, styling, and foiling, but the salon also offers brow and lash tinting as well as facial waxing. Hair Dinkum can also accommodate clients of all ages.

Kerrie leads a friendly approachable team who not only care about their clients, but also value their loyalty.

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Welcoming the Year of the Rabbit

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

ore than 1.5 billion people around the world celebrate Lunar New Year, a cultural holiday with traditions that date back thousands of years.

In 2023, Chinese New Year's Day falls on Sunday, 22 January, when we will bid farewell to the Year of the Tiger and welcome the Year of the Rabbit.

In Chinese lore, those born in the Year of the Rabbit are considered to have a kind, quiet personality. They often make great scholars and are quite social.

The dates of Lunar New Year, or the Spring Festival, change every year depending on the lunar calendar, with the first day of the Chinese New Year beginning on the new moon.

Preparations for Lunar New Year are known as Little Year, which will begin on 14 January in 2023.

This is a time for cleaning the house and shopping before New Year's Eve on 21 January – a date for decorating the home with red lanterns, enjoying a reunion dinner with family and giving red envelopes with money to kids.

It is an important custom to light firecrackers and fireworks on Chinese New Year to chase away evil spirits. Lion and dragon dancers also parade the streets to bring good luck and prosperity.

The Spring Festival will culminate with the Lantern Festival (and full moon) on 5 February, 2023. This traditional festival involves lighting colourful lanterns, eating sweet rice balls, more lion and dragon dances and fireworks.

The celebrations are a great opportunity to learn about Chinese and Southeastern and Eastern Asian cultures.

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FRI 30 @ 8PM DANIEL STONEMAN DUO

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@ 2PM > THE JOYNERS DUO

FRI 5 @ 8PM TRACE DUO
SAT 6 @ 8PM DANIEL STONEMAN DUO

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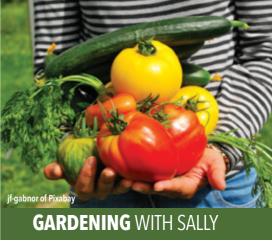
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Organic Gardening in December

WITH SALLY EBERHARDT

hristmas time in the garden is hot, hot, hot! Now is the time to enjoy our gardens and relax, while keeping up pleasant chores like watering. Water in the early morning to cool down your environment, be water efficient and prevent plants from scalding.

Keep up appearances by lightly trimming foliage shrubs and controlling weeds. Mulching, weed burners and non-toxic sprays are all less labour intensive than pulling healthy weeds.

The definition of a weed is 'a plant in the wrong place'. Dandelions are considered a weed by some but a beneficial herb by others. White clover may be considered a lawn weed but bees feast on its flowers. Decide for yourself what is a weed and what isn't ... and when.

Ensure your plants are robust so they can resist the diseases, fungi and insects that increase in the heat and humidity.

Many organic gardeners give their vegetable beds a rest over the hottest months by mulching heavily or growing a green manure crop to replenish the soil. Legumes such as peas, beans and lupins are great for adding nitrogen naturally.

What to plant now - Cherry tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant, chillies, sweetcorn, snake beans, radish, cucurbits, okra, rosella, sweet potato.

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17 Poppy juice

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25 Bongo, conga, eg

27 Spoof 30 Muddle

32 Asian

33 Drive taken in a stolen

car (3-4) 34 Bet

35 Invalid's prop

37 Pats 39 Select

41 Grab by the neck

44 Outside

46 Near thing (5,4)

48 Ingested 49 Crazy

50 Due

51 Ping-pong (5,6)

52 No longer in force

DOWN

1 Jumps over, as in a child's game

2 Philanthropy

3 Cereal grass 4 Accident

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10 Jazz instrument

16 Between hot and cold 18 Foam

19 Apiece 21 Reproduced 22 Locks

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36 Accentuate

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42 Son of a king or queen 43 Searched

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by **PAUL NEIL**





Young Jesse and his Granddad, Ray exhibit their art work together at this year's fabulous 4017 Bayside Open Studios 2022 showcasing our local artist studios and galleries.



The Jager family celebrate Dad, Adrian's (centre) big 50th birthday with a classic 70s film themed birthday party at QCYC. Can you guess what 70s movie they are from?



Eliza, Jordana and Mikaela attended the launch of Jordana's new dress hire boutique 'Dress my Occasion' on Adams St, Deagon.



It is the end of an era at Boondall Kindy with Mrs Kerri Pahor and Mrs Merody Buglar (centre) retiring at the end of the year after many years of caring for children in our community. I found them sharing memories with some of their 'Kindy' students Lilah, Miriam, Chelsea and Morgan.

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Artisan Coffee & Gelato Bar
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196 Flinders Pde, Sandgate (opposite pool)

Seafood, Burgers & Beers 3269 6903

FLINDERS SEAFOOD & BAR

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



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8 Queens Parade, Brighton **Coffee Shop**

0430 753 768

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

Breakfast, Lunch and Coffee 3269 1629

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Steak & Rib House 3269 7011

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Bar Restaurant Functions
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50 Keogh Street, Sandgate Casual Dining

3609 2001

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227 Rainbow St, Shorncliffe

Specialty Coffee House 0413 849 814

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227 Rainbow St, Sandgate

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DECEMBER What's On.

O1 THURSDAY

MORNING MELODIES - CATHY DRUMMOND

The Sands Social 11:30am

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OPEN MIC ATTHE CARDIGAN BAR

Cardigan Bar 7pm

O2 FRIDAY

JOASIS MAK

EclecTea 4pm

FRIDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

JUNPLUGGED CAFE

Sandgate Community Centre 7pm

FIFTH AVENUE

The Sands Social 8pm

✓ MAT MCCOUAT

Bracken Ridge Tavern: Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

♬ TRACE DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

O3 SATURDAY

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EclecTea 5pm

*SASTA - IRISH BAND

Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

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Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

□ SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

□ SASTA IRISH BAND

Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

JACK SWEENEY

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

♬ BAM DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm



☐ SCOTTY WILSON DUOThe Sands Social 8pm

O4 SUNDAY

MAKERS & SHAKERS- STITCHER'S SOCIAL

EclecTea 1pm - 3pm

Makers & Shakers is an afternoon of craft with like-minded people of all ages and abilities.BYO equipment: needles, hooks, hoops, wool and yarn.Huge selection of craft beer, spirits, wine, cocktails and nibbles available.Live music all afternoon!

♬ BRETT WHITMORE

The Sands Social 1:30pm

✓ MIDNIGHT GROOVE

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

CHEYNE STARKIE

na 3pm

TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC

EclecTea 3pm

SUNDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 4pm

O6 TUESDAY

TRIVIA TUESDAYS 2022

The Sands Social 7pm - 9pm It's time to put on your thinking caps for Trivia Tuesday! All the fun starts here every Tuesday at The Sands Social from 7pm.

O8 THURSDAY

Rise Time: 6:46pm



MORNING MELODIES WITH TRACY VAUGHAN

The Sands Social 11:30am

CAROLS BY THE BAY

Einbunpin Lagoon Park Sandgate 5pm

J OPEN MIC ATTHE CARDIGAN BAR

Cardigan Bar 7pm

O9 FRIDAY



J OASIS MAK

EclecTea 4pm

FRIDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

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THE RICHARD PICTURES

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

✓ SIMPLYTWO

The Sands Social 8pm

THE GUITAR BROTHERS

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

10 SATURDAY

CELTIC SESSIONS WITH BLARNEY STONE

Cardigan Bar 3pm

□ SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

THE DEITIES

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

J VIC KENA DUO

Bracken Ridge Tavern: Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

THE BLACKWATER DUO

The Sands Social 8pm

11 SUNDAY

CHRIS STEVENSON

The Sands Social 1:30pm

ANG WHITLEYS DUO

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

J AMY KATE

na 2:30pm

TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC

EclecTea 3pm

SUNDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 4pm

13 TUESDAY

▼TRIVIA TUESDAYS 2022

The Sands Social 7pm - 9pm

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MORNING MELODIES WITH CHRIS BENT

The Sands Social 11:30am

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16 FRIDAY



OASIS MAK

EclecTea 4pm

FRIDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

CASEY FOGG DUO

The Sands Social 8pm



JACK SWEENEY

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

THE JOYNERS DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

17 SATURDAY

✓ SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

DANIEL STONEMAN DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

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Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

✓ KLUSTERFUNK

The Sands Social 8pm

18 SUNDAY

ALLAN CAMERON

The Sands Social 1:30pm

TRACE DUO

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

SUNDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 4pm

20 TUESDAY

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*SANDBAGS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SANDBAG Community Centre 11am

22 THURSDAY

■ MORNING MELODIES WITH DAVE CLAYTON

The Sands Social 11:30am

23 FRIDAY

FRIDAY LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 6:30pm

■ BLACK 'N' RED

The Sands Social 8pm

THE JOYNERS DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

MAT MCCOUAT

Bracken Ridge Tavern: Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

24 SATURDAY

J BLUEGRASS JAM

Cardigan Bar 3pm

TRAVIS HAIR DUO

Full Moon Hotel 7pm

■ SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm

■ STATE OF APPALACHIA

Cardigan Bar 7:30pm





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THE GUITAR BROTHERS

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

26 MONDAY

♬ BAM DUO

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

27 TUESDAY

TRACE DUO

Full Moon Hotel 1pm

29 THURSDAY

MORNING MELODIES WITH CHRIS BENT

The Sands Social 11:30am

30 FRIDAY



JUNYL CLUB

Cardigan Bar 7pm

JAMBING

The Sands Social 8pm

JOSH NIXON

Phoenix Bar & Lounge 8pm

J DANIEL STONEMAN DUO

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

31 SATURDAY

■ MI80'S VICE

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

THE SANDS SOCIAL NYE BIG BEACH BASH

The Sands Social 8:30pm - 11:30pm Join us at The Sands Social Sandgate for our first ever New Year's Eve party! The Big Beach Bash will be in Bunpin Bar & Lounge from 8:30pm to 12:30am. It's going to be SANDSational!

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REDCLAW

STORY PETER HANSLER

edclaw (Cherax quadricarinatus) is a freshwater crayfish native to parts of northern Australia and Papua New Guinea. It is easily recognised as the males have a bright red soft tissue area on the outside of their claws. They grow to at least 30 centimetres and with most being quite large anyway you don't need many for a feed.

Found in North Pine Dam and now in most of our dams and freshwater catchments throughout Queensland, in every state except Tasmania and also quite a few places around the world, they are now quite widespread.

Redclaw are considered a pest outside of their natural range in Australia as they compete for food and territory with other species of crayfish endemic to the area and can also spread disease. This can occur via escapees from illegally stocked farm dams and flooded aquaculture facilities, being used as bait or just people spreading them intentionally, even released pets from the aquarium trade.

They are considered a delicacy by some and in restaurants can fetch a high price for farmed stock. I am quite partial to a feed of Redclaw myself and occasionally run a few opera house style traps on North Pine Dam baited with either boiled potato, dried cat food or fish frames and leave them overnight.

There are many recipes out there and depending on who you talk to or what you read, there are plenty of "this is the best" options. My favourites lately are removing the meat from the tail and then making Thai curries or just fried in garlic butter on the BBQ.

Please make sure you follow your local fisheries rules when using traps, i.e. in Queensland 4 traps per person and they must be marked etc. This is a great time of year because as the weather warms they become more active.

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The Commonwealth government provides more funding for the hearing services so we can monitor clients' hearing annually (with or without hearing aids fitted). Recent research has provided information and treatment options on adult auditory training. Once again, thank you to all our lovely and kind clients who wrote the Google reviews, or provided their photos and testimonials. Thank you all and have a safe and festive season.

HERE IS WHAT SOME OF OUR HAPPY CUSTOMERS HAVE TO SAY...



The Service is just amazing...

The service is just amazing and Ronnie's explanations are awesome, I highly recommend him to everyone. I feel my hearing is so much better. Now I can clearly hear my softly spoken friend. I couldn't hear her before, now I can. It is wonderful.

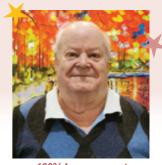
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Hearing very well....

After spending 6 months on chemotherapy, my already bad hearing worsened and I couldn't find anyone to help me out. I was "dismissed" until I found Ronnie at Sandgate Hearing. Ronnie was very patient and kind. He listened to my needs and helped me through all my hearing problems, from not being able to hear at all to hearing now very well. I'm very happy and would highly recommend Sandgate hearing to anyone who has ear/hearing problems.

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100% Improvement

I like my hearing aids. It's a 100 % improvement on what I had. I went to another place, but then found Ronnie at Sandgate Hearing. The service is excellent, Ronnie is very thorough and

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Festive Green Salad with Dijon and Honey Dressing

INGREDIENTS

1 head of romaine (cos)

1 bunch of asparagus 5 snow peas

1/3 cup frozen peas 3 Brussel sprouts

DRESSING

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil handful string beans 1 baby cucumber ½ block of Greek feta (or goats cheese) lemon wedges small handful of slivered almonds

1 tablespoon honey 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar (or lemon juice) Salt and pepper

The first thing you need to do is blanch your vegetables. To do this, have your water boiling, then add your vegetables one variety at a time, scooping them out when they have finished cooking. Each of these vegetables will generally take only 1 minute to cook, but if you aren't sure, watch for them to turn a vibrant shade of green then you know they are ready. I always rinse them under cold water to stop them from overcooking and going soggy.

You only need to blanch the Brussel sprouts (leave whole to blanch, then cut in halves or quarters to serve), string beans, frozen peas, and the asparagus (just make sure you snap off the woody end of the spear before blanching). The rest of the vegetables can be served raw.

To make the dressing, whisk everything together (or shake in a jar) until it turns a gorgeous creamy colour.

Dress your vegetables with the honey mustard dressing, sprinkle with feta and almonds and serve with lemon wedges.

Serve immediately.

WITH JULIA LEWIS

his recipe is a family favourite and makes an appearance on our table at most family gatherings. It's not so much a recipe, but a celebration of crunchy vegetables, paired with a delicious creamy mustard dressing.

It's packed full of goodness, celebrates vegetables like you wouldn't believe, and will send your mouth into an excited overdrive with all the different textures, crunches, and flavours.

The best thing about this salad is that you can use whatever vegetables are cheap at the time and if you don't like something, then simply leave it out (Brussel sprout haters, I'm

looking at you). The point of this salad is, it's versatile, it's delicious and it will combat all of those festive pavlovas, Christmas cakes and flutes of champagne.

With the cost of vegetables well and truly on the rise, it's vital to seek out affordable produce.

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The Christmas Tree

Every Christmas, we follow the tradition of decorating our homes with a Christmas Tree. We lay our gifts beneath it and it fills us with the Christmas spirit.

In Christianity, the Christmas tree is symbolic of the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The tree's branches and shrubs are viewed as an emblem of immortality and are said to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Christ on the cross.

In the 2019 Christmas season, I, along with a team, had the privilege of visiting Israel. It was wonderful for me to see many historic sites, particularly Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, Nazareth, his hometown, and Jerusalem where Christ was crucified.

On the way to Israel, we also stopped over in places like Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kolkata in India, Singapore, and Jordan. All these places had wonderful Christmas trees nicely decorated. For some of those cities it may only have been for commercial purposes and to attract tourists.

Here in Australia the Christmas tree may remind us of holidays, spending time with families and friends and the coming of a new year. However, we celebrate in Christmas the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who came into this world to save, redeem, give peace and New Life.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9: 6 (NIV)

This Christmas some of us due to sickness, family issues, financial issues, and issues at workplaces, may feel like we are fully cut off. We may also feel there is no hope, but we must remember Christ the Messiah was born into this world to lead us, counsel us, give us peace and life abundant.

John 3: 16 says, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

This year at Christmas time may God help us to enjoy this Christmas with our families and friends by having that eternal hope.

Happy Christmas! God Bless!

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

CR JARED CASSIDY

ith the Christmas season almost upon us there's some great community events in the local area coming up. Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce are holding their annual Jingle all the Bay in Sandgate on 3 December from 3pm.

I am proud to be hosting Carols By The Bay at the Einbunpin Lagoon Park on 8 December from 5pm. The choirs from Brighton, Sandgate and Nashville State Schools are

busy practising for their performances. They will be joined by Multitude Community Choir and the Bayside Divas to provide the entertainment for the night. Bring along a picnic rug and enjoy a free night of entertainment under the stars.

Sandgate Uniting Church will switch on their Christmas light display on 10 December and will be on each night until 23 December.

On 26 January the Citizenship Ceremony will return to the Sandgate Town Hall. I am pleased to once again partner with QCWA Sandgate to host this wonderful event to welcome 50 new citizens to our community.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

can happily report that the Department of Transport's successful trial on Smart Ticketing is being rolled out to include both the Doomben and Shorncliffe train lines.

This means full fare adult customers travelling between Roma Street station and Shorncliffe, or Doomben, can now leave the go card at home – instead tap on and off with their bank card, smart device or smart watch from Monday 14 November.

Convenience is at the core of this new technology and makes using our public transport system even easier.

Customers travelling on a child or concession fare should continue to use their go card for now, as should customers on these lines who are travelling beyond Roma Street station or using a connecting bus service.

However, the remaining train lines are expected to come online before the end of the year while plans for activation of the system on buses and ferries are well underway and will be rolled out in 2023.

Head online to the Translink website, download the MyTranslink app or call 13 12 30 for more information.

CR SANDY LANDERS



t has been a pleasure to attend school awards ceremonies this year, and as the academic year draws to a close, I'd like to wish all the students, teachers and staff the very best for a well-earned break over the school holidays. It is often a time of reflection, celebration, and excitement for families, and I extend

my congratulations to all of our senior students who will be embarking on a new journey!

With storm season upon us, I remind residents to register for weather alerts at https://ewa.

brisbane.qld.gov.au/ and like my Facebook page at Facebook.com/Cr.Sandy.Landers or Instagram @crsandylanders to receive any community updates.

As a member of the Schrinner Council, I have been able to deliver multiple projects for our community this year, and I always welcome receiving your suggestions and feedback to make our patch of Brisbane even better.

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

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ANIKA WELLS MP

illey residents elected me to fight for our local community. As your Member for Lilley, I am pleased to see a number of local commitments funded in this year's Budget including:

A community battery on the Northside delivering a \$3 million Clubhouse for

Brisbane Netball Association at Chermside; Virginia United Football Club to receive \$500,000 to expand and upgrade flood-damaged field lighting; Toombul Cricket Club to receive

\$1.3 million to upgrade field

lighting; a new Medicare Urgent

Care Clinic for the Northside; funding to rehabilitate the Ramsar-listed Dowse Lagoon in Sandgate; funding for the re-naturalisation of Downfall Creek at Chermside West, returning the watercourse to its natural state; Gurudwara Singh Sabha Sikh Temple Taigum to receive \$85,759 to upgrade the temple entrance; Craigslea State High School to receive \$100,000 to upgrade musical equipment after flood damage to the music

The Budget is responsible, solid and it's suited to the times we are in. Most importantly - this Budget begins to build a better future.

room in February; Taigum State School to receive \$150,000 for a new playground; Brighton State School to receive \$150,000 for

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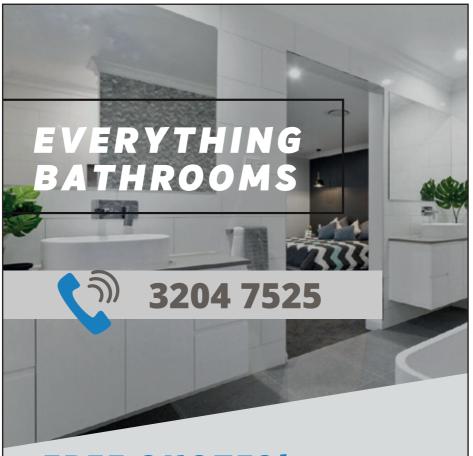
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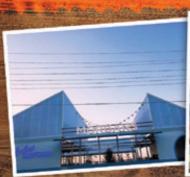
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