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elcome to November! I wanted to share with our readers a poem by Yvonne D'Arcy. Many readers will remember Yvonne. She grew up in Sandgate and spent most of her life residing and working in the 4017. Her loss is felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. I hope you enjoy Yvonne's poem, composed about Sandgate, the special place she called home. Until next month, happy reading... Jodie

My Sandgate

BY YVONNE D'ARCY (1931 - 2023)

Sandgate is a quiet town Nestling in Moreton Bay, With great beaches and boardwalks Inviting you to stay.

A town of three lagoons Where water birds abound. Why not come and see yourself What treasures can be found.

The graceful yachts are a-bobbing Anchored against the tide, WAITING, OH AWAITING To sail the bay so wide.

Gateway to the Peninsula Across the Houghton Way, Where more beauty awaits you Inviting you to play.

How can I describe this feeling? It just creeps into your bones When you sit beside the water and hear the sea winds moan.

As I wind my way homewards And smell the fresh salt air, My heart is filled with gladness For soon I will be there

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STORY DONNA PHILLIPS

November:

Are you intrigued by the thought that a string quartet can also roll as an indie rock band? Lara Goodridge, Shenton Gregory aka Shenzo Gregorio, Tim Hollo and Peter Hollo have developed ways to make their instruments do a lot of unexpected things.

Peter Hollo explains, "Starting off as classical musicians with classical instruments, covering rock, heavy metal and hip-hop we've always embodied "eclectic" ... with Shenzo joining, we brought in a lot more jazz, roots and improvisation." The band is currently celebrating two albums on tour. Check them out and see how it all works.

December:

Shanasheel is a unique ensemble within the Australian World Music scene specialising in classical and folk repertoire from Iraq, Egypt, Syria and other regions of the Middle East.

Violinist, Arabic fiddle and Joza player Nawres Alfreh says, "Join us as we explore the rich tapestry of Arabic and Middle Eastern music and discover why it's an art form that deserves to be celebrated and cherished.

"This musical journey transcends borders and

cultures. It's a unique experience that will leave you enchanted and inspired by the beauty of its tonality and stories told through our melodies. The melodies are full of emotion. This is the power of music. And we express this by utilising a high level of musicality and soulful ornamentations."

Members of the ensemble have played together for many years in other incarnations, united in their passion for a genre that reflects depth and richness.

And they've graced the stage with that presence at many renowned and prestigious events from WOMAD to Woodford Folk Festival.

A commentator says of Shanasheel's music: "It's a fine work that speaks to the soul, and heals and uplifts the human experience into higher levels of well being".

So there you have it. If you wish to take wings, or simply bow to the beauty of music, this concert could be for you.

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KICK START YOUR CELEBRATIONS WITH CAROLS BY THE CREEK

STORY PANAYIOTA

his year's holiday season is fast-approaching and everyone's starting to ready themselves for the festivities to come.

Thanks to a major fundraising effort, Hudson This is certainly true for Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane (VMR) and Bracken Ridge Lions Club (BRLC), as they prepare for their fourth year presenting Carols by the Creek fundraising event.

"This is our fourth year since 2018," said David Massam, Secretary of VMR. "We love bringing joy to the families of our community."

Many extraordinary people volunteer in our communities and the good work they do deserves recognition and support.

"The VMR contributes by being ready 24/7 to help distressed situations in the Moreton Bay

waterways," said David.

"Through our volunteer-run foundations, we support causes like emergency and disaster relief, childhood cancer, children's mobility, drug awareness, health and more." BRLC website.

"We're very appreciative of the community for their support," said David. "Cr Jared Cassidy and his team inspired us right from the start."

So, let's get into the spirit of things!

Bring your picnic blanket or chairs, find

yourselves a spot by Cabbage Tree Creek, relax and unwind. This is a family affair so your furry friends (on leash) are welcome too.

Kids can enjoy lots of free entertainment including face painting, ball throw game, candy cones and Kim Mancini's craft activities, etc.

For adults, the bar will be stocked with boutique beers and other drinks and funds raised are in support of VMR. For licensing purposes, NO BYO Alcohol is permitted.

And let's not forget your taste buds! BRLC is catering a good ole fashioned sausage sizzle where proceeds will go directly to their services.

Other treats include Icy Snow Cones, an ice-cream van and more.

The Multitude Choir is back to delight everyone with their selection of Christmas carols. Oh and what would Carols by the Creek be without Santa. Ho! Ho! Ho! He'll be there too, around 5pm.

For those unable to attend but would like to donate, the BRLC website is: lionsclubs.org.au/ get-involved/donations/ For donations to VMR, their website is: vmrbrisbane.com.au.

Carols by the Creek VMR Brisbane, 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe Date: Sunday 26 November Time: 2pm-5.30pm

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COMEDY CONTINUES IN HILARIOUS VICAR OF DIBLEY SEQUE

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

Prepare for a riotous evening when Sandgate Theatre unveils the show-stopping sequel to their sold-out smash hit, The Vicar of Dibley.

This month, the beloved characters from St Barnabas are returning to the Sandgate Town Hall, bringing with them a fresh tale filled with laughter and the potential for new romance.

Director Danny Cruise, inspired by the success of the first Dibley play, said he couldn't resist the temptation to create another instalment.

"This play will be a little different from the previous play," he said. "It will be funny, of course, but it will also have emotional moments."

Drawing from his experience with projections in the play Misery, Danny said he planned to incorporate similar elements into The Vicar of Dibley 2.

"I introduced projections for Misery as it extended the entertainment for the basic 'play' format to an experience that stimulated the senses and added an extra dimension, such as travelling from a first-person point of view through the home of Annie Wilkes, or not just 'hearing' but 'seeing' the rain on a window," he said.

Taking to the stage once again, Jenny Walsh said she was looking forward to reprising her leading

role as the vivacious vicar, Geraldine Granger.

"She is kind, funny and has the best intentions of making Dibley a better place to live and be," Jenny said. "And of course, I'm looking forward to hearing that laughter from the audience. It's the best feeling. And believe me, there will be plenty of laughter in this play.

"I think the audience enjoys the depth of this show. There is lots of laughter, of course, but there are moments of sadness for the vicar, which I think a lot of people will connect and empathise with."

Joining Jenny in the cast are James Reid as David Horton, Macauley Franke as Hugo, Freya Crema as Alice, David Jones as Owen, John Sayles as Jim, and Greg Jones as Frank. The play, put together by John using scenes from the popular British sitcom, centres around Geraldine's pursuit of love.

"Will she stay 'married' to her job as the vicar or will she be desperate enough to marry Jim, or even Owen?" Jenny said. "Will the tall, dark and handsome stranger sweep her off her feet? Hopefully this time she will be successful in love."

To book tickets go to www.trybooking.com/CLCTB

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Double the Fun in 4017 this Christmas

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

hristmas is about to get twice as exciting in the Sandgate community this year, with not one, but two festive events organised by the Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce.

Next month, the 4017's annual favourite, Jingle All the Bay, will be joined by the brand new event, Jingle Brews.

Bill Gollan, President of the Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce, said Jingle All the Bay was his favourite event among all of the Chamber's endeavours.

"It's such a great celebration of our community," Bill said. "Bringing together everyone for a giant Christmas party, with food, music, rides, activities, and of course, the parade. What's not to love about this?"

On Saturday, 2 December, the Sandgate Town Centre will once again undergo a magical transformation into a Christmas wonderland for Jingle All the Bay. Locals and businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows in the lead-up to the event.

Like last year, the festivities will kick off at 3pm and extend into the evening, allowing both locals and visitors ample time to immerse themselves in the holiday spirit.

In addition to delicious food, rides and activities, attendees can look forward to live entertainment, market stalls and a visit from Santa Claus.

Adding to the merriment, Jingle Brews will bring the community and local businesses together for

a great afternoon, with all proceeds from ticket sales benefiting Variety Australia, the children's charity.

Teams have been busy registering for the event, which will take place on Saturday, 16 December. Participants will spend the afternoon hopping between five favourite Sandgate venues, including the Sands Social, Sandgate Post Office Hotel, the Cardigan Bar, Bluenose Betty, and Mr Henderson. Each team will have a unique costume, name and captain, and prizes will be awarded.

"We are so excited to be bringing this brand new event to Sandgate this year," Bill said. "It will be a great opportunity to enjoy our amazing local venues and have some light-hearted fun while raising money for a great cause."

Tickets for Jingle Brews are priced at \$99 per person and include a pint of beer at each venue, which can be substituted for house wine or a soft drink. Attendees will also receive a souvenir pint glass and light refreshments.

For more information about Jingle Brews and to book tickets visit www.sandgatebayside.com.au/jingle-brews

Follow Jingle all the Bay on Facebook for updates on entertainment, activities and more.

Jingle All the Bay Saturday, 2 December, 3-9pm Sandgate Town Centre Jingle Brews Saturday, 16 December, 1-7pm





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SANDGATE GRASSROOTS CHARITY AIMS TO HIT A MASSIVE MILESTONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

STORY KELLY WALKER PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

S andgate's very own Share The Dignity charity is aiming to hit a massive milestone with its 2023 It's In The Bag' donation appeal. This initiative, now in its ninth year, encourages people to pay it forward by filling a bag with essential toiletry items, including period products, as well as optional extras such as lip balm, socks, or a handwritten note.

"Each year thousands of women and girls are waking up on Christmas morning in domestic violence and homeless shelters, or living in poverty," said Rochelle Courtenay, Share the Dignity's Founder and Managing Director. "We want to offer them a gift of hope and love through this appeal because, for many, this may be the only gift they receive for Christmas."

Rochelle explained that she was initially inspired to start the charity after reading an article in 2015 about homeless women going without basic period products. "I couldn't believe I had never thought about the issue before," she said. "At the time, I had my own personal training business in Shorncliffe and I asked my clients to bring me a pack of period products for every wine they had in the month of February that year."

With the added support of Victoria Newton, former councillor for Deagon, 450 donations were collected that month and distributed to five local charities. with Sandbag being the very first charity they supported. Since that first initiative, Share the Dignity has grown tremendously and has donated over 4.2 million packets of period products to those

in need with the help of over 6,000 volunteers nationwide.

As the charity heads into their ninth Christmas appeal drive, Rochelle is excited about reaching a new milestone. "So far we have collected over 800,000 bags," she said. "We're hoping to see that number surpass 1 million by the end of the campaign this year. To think of the impact that each one of these bags has is incredible, and it's heartwarming to know that so many kind-hearted people are willing to support our cause."

Bag donations can be made at your nearest Bunnings store from November 10 - 26. To register as a volunteer, or to learn more about the difference Share The Dignity is making, visit www. sharethedignity.org.au.



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BEHIND THE SIGN

Deagon? Who was he? You can discover a little about his life from the sign in the park, for example, that he was born in England in 1907 and came to Brisbane with his family in 1909; that in 1921, at the age of 14, he commenced a baking and pastry-cook apprenticeship at Mr

Crosthwaite's Blackwood Road bakery

in Deagon. We also learn a bit about his later life, his involvement with various organisations and his status as a respected member of the local community.

> All of which is a useful introduction to the public Albert, the good citizen, but a little more research will give us a glimpse beyond the sign to the private Albert, such as that he met his wife. Linda, at a dance at the Sandgate Town Hall; that, as Linda later reported, he was a very good dancer and they enjoyed outings to the Trocadero dance hall. When Albert's apprenticeship was completed and he and Linda were not long married, they moved to Tewantin and later Boonah where he managed bakeries and gained valuable managerial experience.

> When they returned to Deagon and Albert took over Mr Crosthwaite's bakery, he renamed it the IBIS bakery, becoming one of the first businessmen of the Sandgate area to use the IBIS (I Believe In Sandgate) slogan.

> The sign tells us that in the 1940s and 1950s, Albert was a Brisbane rugby league referee but says nothing of his participation in the sport, a glimpse of which we may glean from a story in the

Courier Mail of August 1933 which reported that he suffered "a fractured and lacerated nose and slight shock" while playing football at Grange. Did that, we may speculate, influence his decision to take up refereeing (or his decisions as a referee)?

Once we know something beyond the information given on a sign, we can appreciate the individual so memorialised as a human and not just a collection of facts. Paddon Park, and others, then become places to remember and appreciate the humanity of those they honour.

[With thanks to the Sandgate Historical Museum (opening hours: Sunday and Wednesday, 10am to 3pm).

Albert Edward Paddon Park



Albert Edward Paddon Park, Deagon

HISTORY SANDGATE

STORY PATTIE TANCRED

ow often do we think about our surroundings? What about the park where you held a children's birthday party or the green space where you kicked a ball? Did it have a name? Why was it called that? Were you aware of the history of the space? For instance, did you know that part of what is now Curlew Park used to be the Sandgate rubbish dump?

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DANCING FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON

f you remember the halcyon days of the Rock Eisteddfod in the 80s and 90s, a winning group of dancers in the 4017 are your kind of people.

The Northside Side group recently took out top honours in the Common People Dance Eisteddfod as part of the Brisbane Festival.

It's the second time the team has won in the fiveyear history of the event.

Group founder, Neridah Waters, said the idea came from wanting everyone – no matter their level of experience – to enjoy being on stage.

"I was a theatre-based performer, and when I had my son, who is now seven, I stopped touring with performances and we moved to Sandgate," she said.

"I wanted other people to be able to experience that adrenaline of being on stage, being in costume, but without necessarily having any experience in that area.

"There was an element of being able to let loose as well, and just embrace having fun. And it was really inspired by that 80s and 90s Rock Eisteddfod kind of vibe."

Nashville mum Tamara Hutson is one of the group's most enthusiastic members.

"What I love about this whole thing is that it's very

body positive, it's very diverse, we have kids aged three or four, all the way up to our oldest dancer is 87," she said.

"It's a good stress relief, and Neridah's comic timing is just spot on."

The Northside Side's performance for the Eisteddfod was a hilarious and moving story of the rise and fall of the Toombul Shopping Centre.

"We had giant credit cards symbolising the 80s with the song Material Girl, and then we had O Fortuna for when the floods came – and there have been many at Toombul – and we finished with Love You Brisbane," Neridah said.

"We made them laugh, and we made them cry as well!"

Tamara added the audience loved the storytelling aspect of the performance.

"I was really convinced that Westside were going to beat us this year, they're better dancers, but I think ours had a story and it took you somewhere – honestly people were laughing and crying in the audience," she said.

If you're interested in joining the fun, The Common People Dance Project runs classes and workshops throughout the year, as well as taking part in events like the Brisbane Festival.

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KIDS AND COMMUNITY HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

group of community organisations have come together to help raise awareness of the area's native birds, all thanks to the initiative of local children.

Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association (KSBA) president, Jenny Carey, received an email from the Sandgate State School outside school hours care (OSHC) after a traumatic event.

"The children at the OSHC had unfortunately seen a bird hit by a car, and they were actually outraged about it," she said.

"The kids decided to raise some money to help birds, and the OSHC director emailed me, asking if KSBA would like the money."

Ms Carey went and spoke to the children about birds.

"I did a talk with them, and then I ended up with \$50 in coins they had raised to help wildlife, but birds in particular," she said.

The KSBA discussed the best way to spend the money to support birds at Dowse Lagoon and decided to purchase and plant native shrubs that would provide food for a variety of birds.

"Dowse Lagoon Bushcare Group leader, Frank Box, bought four Banksia oblongifolia shrubs which are native to this area, are very hardy and will grow well under eucalypt trees, all important attributes for this site," Ms Carey said.

"The Men's Shed also helped out, they made a brilliant little sign in the shape of a duck and they made a plaque saying that these trees had been donated by the Sandgate OSHC."

The chosen plants will attract nectar-loving honeyeaters and will also attract insects, providing food for insect-eating birds such as fantails.

Ms Carey said she was delighted the Sandgate OSHC children had been so keen to help, and also by the input of the community groups.

"The kids can see that if you do care about something, you can start something and see it through to a result; and it only has to be a little thing," she said.

"All the groups pitching in to support the kids' ideas was wonderful; it's good to reach out and connect with other groups, we're all working towards the same things.

"We've got these lovely areas in the 4017, and there are people who are very active and interested in conserving them and promoting them."

The plaque was placed in the Dowse Lagoon area in early October next to the native plants.

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Local Recycling Facility Forges Strong Community Partnerships

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

ousins Michael Talbot and Nicholas Appleton have a shared goal to maximise the advantages of the Containers for Change scheme for the community they grew up in.

Bottle & Can Exchange

This led to the establishment of Sandgate Bottles and Cans Exchange in 2019, six months after the scheme's introduction.

Nicholas said they were very much a local familyowned business with several family members and friends working for them.

"We were very excited when we were awarded the contract to build the Sandgate depot for Containers for Change as it's an area we know very well and at the time we could see the benefit the scheme would bring to the local area," Nicholas said.

The cousins designed and built their own container collection machines for the facility. In 2021, they won the Innovation Award for small/ medium businesses at the Annual Change Maker Awards for Michael's Container Counting Machine.

This year, they've been working closely with Containers for Change to launch the Waves for Change Program for schools and the Partners for Change program for community groups and businesses. These programs provide participants with bright green recycling bins, easy-to-read signage and a member number for payments.

Nicholas said they had signed 22 schools and over 35 businesses and community groups.

"One of our first and biggest collectors of eligible containers are the residents of The Village Taigum," Nicholas said. "In the past three months, they have collected over 15,000 containers, or \$1500, which all goes back to their community programs."

Bottle & Can Exchange

Bottle & Can Exc

Sandgate Bottles and Cans Exchange is also a finalist in the 2023 WasteSMART Brisbane People's Choice Award. Michael said they were very excited the community had recognised their hard work and taken the time to nominate them.

"Since sharing that we are a finalist on Facebook, the community support has been amazing," Michael said. "We know that there are some great businesses, community groups and charities nominated and we are just happy to be selected as a finalist."

This month, the facility is spreading awareness about the expansion of the Containers for Change scheme. From 1 November, Queenslanders will get 10 cents for every glass wine and spirit bottle (150ml up to 3L).

The facility is rebranding to incorporate the wine and spirit bottles into its logo, so customers can easily identify the facility as a place to return their eligible containers. The revamped logo is green to match the new container collection bins.

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WELLNESS COLUMN

Busyness

ave you noticed how many of us talk about how busy we are? It's becoming part of our persona. We've got projects at work,



children's sports to attend, appointments to make and emails to answer.

We list our to-dos like a badge of honour, and it can feel like a competition to see who is the busiest. Research by a Columbia University professor has found that people perceive others who are busy as

WITH TRICIA BOLTON

important and impressive so maybe that's why some of us like being busy.

So, what's the problem?

Being busy can become our new norm making it hard to slow down. We feel lazy without a crazy calendar, so we overschedule.

We put ourselves at risk of burning out and can experience physical, mental, and emotional symptoms like exhaustion, anxiety and overwhelm.

We also make it harder to find time for what we really want. How can we find time to focus on a new passion when we're so busy? It's impossible.

I have heard it said we are human beings, not human doings so, if we want to become more of a human being, let's get curious about what we're so busy doing.

Are the tasks necessary? Are we doing them because we think we should rather than wanting to? What happens if we stop?

Many of us are approaching the "silly season" so try becoming intentional about how busy you want to be and why. Imagine enjoying a holiday season minus the rush, sound good?

For more, contact Tricia at tricia@ triciaboltoncoaching.com

Lions Lap the Map for Diabetes Awareness and Prevention

STORY PANAYIOTA

wareness is the greatest agent of change. – Eckhardt Tolle.

Luckily, organisations like Lions Club Brisbane Bramble Bay (LCBBB) are dedicated to increasing Diabetes awareness, prevention and research.

"Our Lap the Map fundraiser is a family-friendly walk encouraging young and old to get outdoors and walk in support of healthy lifestyles while raising awareness of Diabetes," said David Whiffin, Vice President of LCBBB. "It's a great way to get involved in the community."

LCBBB is proactive in teaching young people, especially, the importance of taking care of themselves.

"We have trained nurses visit high schools to share the values of good diet, exercise and knowing their blood sugar," said David. "We also organise healthy breakfasts through the school's chaplaincy program."

Everyone starts Lions Lap the Map at Sandgate Aquatic Centre foreshore and walk to the end of Shorncliffe Pier and back again — about a 5km walk.

Leading up to World Diabetes Day (14 November), Lions Clubs are aiming to surpass Australia's circumference of 25,760kms. Nationwide they've achieved 15,856kms and counting.

To join in, put on your walking shoes, bring your water, along with your Gold Coin donation. The people are great as are the views and you never know, you might make new friends along the way.

For more details, visit lionsclubs.org.au/lions-lap-the-map-fordiabetes/.

LCBBB welcomes new members/ volunteers (https://www.facebook.com/ groups/269781927154680/).

Lions Lap the Map for Diabetes Lions Club Brisbane Bramble Bay Sunday 5 November Time: 6am to 8.30am Donation: Gold Coin

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BRACKETS HITS THE RIGHT NOTE WITH YOUNG MUSICIANS

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oung creatives in the community have found a space to connect through the power of music.

Brackets Youth Music, a drop-in space at SANDBAG Inc, provides a fun and inclusive environment for youth aged 12 to 21 to hold monthly jam sessions.

Community Partnerships Worker, Ashleigh Black, said Brackets was initially started by local community member Susannah Holmes before being adopted by SANDBAG. "The intention is to provide a space for young people to build their confidence, have fun, express themselves and share their joy of music outside of school or formal music lessons," Ashleigh said.

"SANDBAG values community connections and Brackets is a safe place for young people to be a part of that. It's also a chance to link up with other musicians. So, for example, if there is a drummer who wants to form a band but needs a guitarist, they can meet up at Brackets."

Ella Gelsthorpe, 12, has been playing cello at the jam sessions.

"I enjoy the fact that it gives me a chance to be part of something that I'm not able to do at school," Ella said. "Brackets has provided me with extra time after school to practice my assessments and a chance to play some more exciting pieces that haven't been assigned by my teacher."

The jam sessions are held every second Friday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and according to Ashleigh, have been a great success since they started at SANDBAG earlier this year.

"We had about 12 people attend, a range of instruments from cello to percussion and everything in between," she said. "We had local band Anti-Sapiens join us, who have been a part of Brackets since its beginning. We also had pizza delivered, which seemed to be a hit.

"The hope is that over time the young people might start to drive the initiative themselves, possibly taking on mentor roles and having the project fly in the

direction they chose. We are also hoping that there will be opportunities to collaborate with SANDBAG's Unplugged events as the group grows. But mostly, it's a lot of fun and can be whatever they want it to be."

Musicians attending the jam sessions are required to bring their own instruments, amps and equipment. For those under 16 years old, parental consent is necessary to participate.

For updates visit Facebook/sandbagincorporated and Facebook/ brackets.4017

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GARDENING COLUMN



Mad Mob Fundraiser Raises Cancer Awareness for All

STORY PANAYIOTA

their health compromised.

n recent years, we've seen a growth in understanding around the importance that our wellbeing has in simply living happy, healthy lives.

STORY SALLY EBERHARDT PHOTO LUISELLA PLANETA

in November

ime to Get Waterwise!

With predictions of an El Nino weather system, we can't count on normal summer rains this year. And if the dry persists, councils will likely bring in water restrictions.

Organic Gardening

Regardless, a waterwise garden will serve you, and the environment, very well.

Let's start with the choice of plants. Cacti and succulents are wonderful, and many natives, especially from arid zones, are water efficient and drought tolerant.

Organic matter helps soil hold water more effectively. Dig in natural composts eg animal manure, worm castings or mushroom compost. For a no-dig garden or pot plant top up, use a thick layer of organic matter covered by mulch.

Mulch itself reduces water evaporation by up to 70%. Sugarcane mulch is cheap and easy to use but for pots consider more attractive solutions such as glass pebbles.

Re-wetting agents can reduce your watering by up to 50% by allowing water to soak into soil instead of running off the surface.

Water crystals added to soil or potting mix form a clear water holding jelly that waters plants over a period.

Lastly, healthy plants are more drought tolerant so keep up the organic fertiliser eg liquid seaweed.

Now enjoy your waterwise garden!

being has in simply living happy, healthy lives.
Unfortunately, though, there are many who find

Thanks to organisations like Mad Mob Social Group (MMSG), many are reaping the rewards their efforts are making into raising funds and much needed awareness, especially for the Choices Cancer Support Centre, Wesley Hospital.

"We came together some 40 years ago through football with our kids," said Shirley, MMSG member. "Once, we were carrying on when one member said, 'We're such a Mad Mob,' and that's how our name came about."

MMSG have been fundraising for 20 years. "We started with breast cancer, then prostate cancer and with wisdom shared by the Wesley, came to realise our efforts were best serving all people," said Shirley. "After all, we've all had someone in our lives who's been affected by cancer."

MMSG's Barefoot Bowls charity fundraiser is all about laughs and fun. Entry includes a sausage sizzle, entertainment by Nigel and lots of Barefoot Bowls. There is also a licensed bar.

"Where would we be without the generosity of Brighton Bowls Club who offer us their venue each year in kind," said Shirley.

To register your attendance or to make a donation, please email: looney962@gmail.com.

Mad Mob Social Group Barefoot Bowls Brighton Bowls Club 147 Northcote Street Brighton Old Date: Saturday 11 November Time: 1pm onwards Cost: \$10pp, \$2.50 12yrs & under



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magine finding the key ingredients to better health in your very own pantry!

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Natural health practitioner, Charmaine Renaud, said a passion for empowering others to lead

happy, healthy lives had inspired her to share the easiest and most effective treatments in her latest book, Proven Tools to Heal Yourself Naturally.

"In this book, you'll find wonderful natural remedies and hints and tips on everything from colds and flu, stress relief, digestive disorders, hormonal balancing, pain relief and more," Charmaine said.

"These proven tools are great for all the family to help with any illness, or when you're in pain as a go-to."

Charmaine is well-qualified to give expert advice, with industry certifications in many modalities including traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture, remedial massage, and Chinese herbs.

"The main thing learnt on that journey is the body can heal itself if we give it the right tools," she said.

"My wish is for you to know how to treat common ailments with items from your pantry such as lemon, ginger and rooibos tea.

"I've written this book as a resource to support your health and wellbeing needs."

A few tips from Charmaine's book are -

- Bothered by the heat? Dunk your feet regularly into a tub of water with half a cup of Epsom salts in it to cool your body down.
- Headache pain relief Wrap a rubber band around each thumb, between your thumb knuckle/joint and the base of the thumb. Ensure it is firm but not tight. Headache gone!

• Feeling tired lately? Become like Tarzan each morning: tap the centre of your chest at least 20 times with your fingertips. This will stimulate your thymus gland and re-invigorate you.

For more information about Proven Tools to Heal Yourself Naturally visit charmainerenaud.com.au/books/

To attend the book launch, bookings are essential - please email Charmaine on charmreno@gmail.com

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HUDSON'S JOURNEY CONTINUES WITH NEW VAN

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ocals have rallied together to help a young boy overcome the challenges of a rare genetic disease.

Thanks to a major fundraising effort, Hudson Chadwick, 11, has a brand-new wheelchairaccessible van, enabling him to continue attending medical appointments, school and other commitments.

According to his mother, Claire Chadwick, Hudson has a rare genetic condition called D-2-HGA, which means he will be in a wheelchair for life.

"There's only 100 cases in the whole world, and they don't normally live past seven," Claire said. "He's 11, so he's a miracle."

Having outgrown his previous wheelchair, Hudson needed a new one. However, this also meant he required a new wheelchair-accessible van to transport him safely.

Hudson's family and support workers brainstormed various ideas to raise the money and decided on a fundraising event, which was held in August.

"We had a fundraiser for his birthday that so many people came to and helped, and donated raffle prizes and cakes to sell," Claire said. "Councillor Landers and Luke Howarth MP got involved and Bracken Ridge Lions did too."

Bracken Ridge Ward Councillor Sandy Landers and Luke

Howarth MP also donated a framed and signed State of Origin jersey for a raffle organised by Bracken Ridge Central Lions Club.

Cr Landers said one of the things she noticed in the community was that even during difficult financial times, people still found a way to support others doing it tough.

"Helping young Hudson to have mobility and be included is important to us all, and we are united in making our local area as liveable as possible for all members of our community," Cr Landers said.

"Hudson and his family are well-known within our community through schools and sport and of course, family ties and this was evident in the great response received."

Thanks to these fundraising efforts and the assistance of a GoFundMe page, Hudson's family raised enough money to purchase the much-needed van. Last month, the family travelled to Sydney to pick up the new mode of transportation.

"We are now able to go for family drives and make memories for our little man as we don't know how much time we have with him," Claire said. Follow Hudson's Journey with D2HGA on Facebook.





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VETERANS REMEMBER FURTHER AFIELD

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Remembrance Day is very much about the armistice but it can take on a new meaning now and into the future.

Veterans, their families and the community will gather at the Sandgate RSL Sub Branch on Saturday, 11 November to do just that.

Sub Branch President Paddy Evans said it was important to recognise and remember the human cost of conflict and peacekeeping missions and the impact on veterans and their families.

"When I say remembering, I mean talking about those who have lost their life both during and after conflict," Paddy said.

"When you go to the Commemorative War Grave, there are those who are buried by name, some 'Known Unto God' and there are those who have served and are not remembered but have taken their own lives post-conflict.

"There have been a lot of different journeys for people and they are still dealing with it today.

"It is equally important to look further afield than just the most recent veterans; it goes all the way back.

"We are just more aware of it than we were 110 years ago.

"The sad thing is, it is only the families that know the journey these people have been on."

The Sandgate RSL Sub Branch is working on creating community and camaraderie for people who have served in the forces.

Through understanding both spoken and unspoken, they are creating a place where veterans and their families can come together for support.

The Sandgate RSL Sub Branch has recently undergone upgrades to create a more inclusive atmosphere for veterans from WW2 to the current era who have served our nation.

This provides a comfortable environment for those who meet up at monthly gatherings, card days, and morning teas, and Remembrance Day is another chance to make connections.

The not-for-profit volunteer-based group primarily delivers advocacy and welfare for the serving and ex-serving members of the community and their families.

It was established in 1923 and operates as a traditional Sub Branch with no attached club.

Remembrance Day Sandgate RSL Sub Branch 12 Burnett Place, Sandgate Meet at 10.45am for the service



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(L) Ron Degraaf QR Managing Director Station Customer Service, Joyce Phillips, Mike McCarthy, (R) Miffy Tregea Deagon Station Mistress.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

STORY DONNA PHILLIPS

You've no doubt heard of the concept of 'six degrees of separation'. Well, this story plays on the theme that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other, but with its own novel twist.

You see, page 18 of the April Sandgate Guide featured an article on the heartwarming wartime experiences of iconic local resident Joyce Phillips (nee McCarthy). And, on page 24, artist Mike McCarthy was mentioned for his role in preparing an installation for Deagon Railway Station, to be celebrated at a project launch.

Then just two weeks later, the cogs in the universal wheel turned. After more than 60 years, four of which Mike spent refining his craft just 200 metres away from Joyce's home, they met.

And the synchronicity continued as their shared family history emerged during Queensland Rail's Positive pARTnerships project launch with Artrageous. The impact, if you'll excuse the pun, was akin to the effusion of an old steam train chimney.

This is what came to light. After the Roma Street

to Sandgate line opened in 1882, Elizabeth and Michael McCarthy worked and lived at Deagon Station. She was the station mistress and he was variously called a fettler, linesman or linksman.

On 3 November 1890, Joyce's father Martin, baby brother to Mike's grandfather Patrick, was born in the station house. His birth certificate reads: 'Deagon Ry. Station Sandgate, Caboolture District'.

Within 'cooee', Deagon Racecourse was already established as a seaside track. Over the years, thousands of passengers took the air strolling to-and-fro, drawn by the thrill of racehorses, motorbikes, World War I patriotic carnivals, national dances, shows, billy goat races, and even a challenge between a Harley-Davidson and the Ascot Garage plane.

The station also handled animal cargo. When a circus came to town, some were unloaded and walked to the sports field near the race track. Can you imagine the spectacle of a majestic elephant, its large feet rhythmically pounding that same path down Adams Street?

Deagon Station has been considered by some as the 'poor cousin' in the railway family. However, with rich and vibrant stories to boast, it holds a proud place in history. Joyce and Mike wholeheartedly agree.

With thanks to QR Historian Greg Hallam, Miffy Tregea, Deagon Station, and Sandgate Historical Museum.



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KEEP ON RUNNING

STORY BROOKE JACOBSON PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

he journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, but where do you start when you set out to run six marathons?

For Brighton resident Carl Batty, it's the same principle – start small and work your way up.

The owner of Start Running Stay Running will be taking part in the famous New York marathon on Sunday, 5 November.

It's the sixth marathon Carl has run since 2018 when he ran the Tokyo marathon, followed by Boston and Chicago in 2019, London in 2022, and Berlin in September this year. "I've been a runner my whole life, everything is better after a run," Carl said.

"I'm a better husband, better father, a better version of myself. I also enjoy the goal-setting aspect of it, it's great to have a goal to aim for."

Taking part in the "big six" is an achievement many runners dream of.

"There will be 50,000 people in the New York marathon and feeling a part of that, being with such a huge group of runners, running through those streets and those landmarks – amazing," Carl said.

"Running over the iconic Tower Bridge in 2022 in London, hearing the roar of the crowd, that will stay with me forever."

Carl created Start Running Stay Running (SRSR) in 2021 to share his joy of running with others in the 4017. SRSR will accompany six local athletes, some of whom have never run a marathon before, to New York.

"The coaching is extremely important to me, it brings me immense joy, helping others achieve their goals," Carl said.

"I've seen an incredible change in people's lives, it makes people happier, getting that regular exercise. The athletes we're taking with us to New York, and helping them experience that event, that's going to bring me more joy than completing the six."

And for the average punter wanting to get off the couch, where should they begin?

"You just have to start – find a coach, keep your k's low at first and build up to it; make sure you have recovery time," Carl said.

"You have to respect this distance (marathon), it can hurt people.

"Running doesn't take a lot of time, you're not driving to the gym, you're just going out the front door.

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STORY PATRICIA HIGGINS PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

he Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) program may be worth looking into if you want advice on how to perform better in job interviews or if you want to upgrade your skills to increase your employment opportunities.

Facilitated by Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Incorporated (SANDBAG), the program is fully funded by the Queensland Government to assist disadvantaged Queenslanders in obtaining qualifications and relevant skills. This is in order to obtain sustainable employment or move into further study.

Wyatt Emery, SQW Program and Partners Lead, said that SANDBAG is about "inspiring individuals to continue creating valued roles in our community. Which in turn assists with transforming our 4017 area into a thriving, inclusive and supportive community."

According to Ms Emery, the two programs SANDBAG delivers are full-time paid traineeships.

"Our trainees will gain either a Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management or a Certificate I in Construction, along with complementing tickets," she said.

Interestingly, SANDBAG also hosts 'speed interviewing' events, which are five to 10 minute interviews centred around local business owners offering constructive feedback on their interview performance to trainees. "Our speed interviewing events help our trainees build confidence and become more skilled at answering important questions to obtain meaningful employment," Ms Emery said. "It's about employability skills, logical thinking, emotional intelligence and creating and maintaining professional and personal relationships."

When it comes to SANDBAG, it's all about realworld experience, with actual employers serving on the panel in these situations, as well as work experience supplied in the local area in significant applications.

"We need real employers on our panels in order to offer advice on how to get that job and gauge opportunities for jobs," Ms Emery said. "We welcome local business owners to participate."

According to Ms Emery, trainees undertake work put forward by local not-for-profits such as Green P Farm, Gumbuya Garden, Brighton Wetlands, PCYC, Sea Scouts and Volunteer Marine Rescue.

SANDBAG is also currently looking for new not-for-profit partners to work in collaboration to continue benefiting the community. Interested parties can find out more at www.sandbag.org.au

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LAWN GRUB SEASON

Lawn grubs are caterpillars from a small grey moth that eats the green leaf of the lawn and in large numbers can virtually kill the whole lawn if left unchecked. There are many other pests that attack lawns, such as Mealy Bugs, Scarab grubs, Couch Mites, Scale that can cause serious damage, however the Lawn Grub is the main pest here in Brisbane. It costs a lot of money to replace turf these days, so it is a good idea to keep an eye on your lawn for signs of pest invasion.

HERE'S SOME SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

1. BROWN PATCHES IN YOUR LAWN

Lawn grubs eat the green leaf and leave only the stalk, stripping all the leaf blade bare, thus leaving the lawn brown and thin looking. The lawn will take a long time to recover, and areas might need replacing if it dies right back. The lawn becomes very thin, with no cover to protect the exposed soil, it then dries out and weeds come in, as well the soil starts to repel water as it dries right out in the hot weather.

2. WASP ACTIVITY

If Army Worm are attacking your lawn, you will notice large orange wasps start to hover around your turf. They are looking for the Army Worm & Army Worm Pupa to lay their egg's in.

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3. MOTH ACTIVITY

When Army Worm mature they turn into moths, these moths then lay eggs in your turf, under your gutters and in every corner of your property, starting the life cycle starts all over again. If you see lots of moths hovering above your lawn it's likely you have had or will have lawn grubs soon.

4. INCREASED BIRD ACTIVITY ON YOUR LAWN

If birds are pecking at your lawn a lot more lately, it's likely there's some juicy grubs in your turf that they're snacking on.

JUST A NICE QUALITY LAWN

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COUNTRY KITCHEN

INGREDIENTS

1/2 small kent pumpkin, peeled and cut into chunks

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 brown onions, thinly sliced into rings

200g reduced fat cheddar cheese, grated

1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped

1/2 cup dates, finely chopped

2 sprigs thyme (optional)

5 sheets reduced fat puff pastry

1 egg, whisked with 1 tablespoon of water for egg wash

1/4 cup mixed sesame, pepita and sunflower seeds, for topping (optional)

METHOD

PREHEAT oven to 200°C.

COAT pumpkin with 1 tablespoon olive oil and roast in the oven for 45 minutes.

COOK onion in a frypan with remaining olive oil, stirring until soft, brown and caramelised.

MASH roasted pumpkin in a bowl and combine with onion, cheddar, walnuts, dates and thyme.

CUT each square of pastry into quarters and spoon 2 tablespoons pumpkin mix into each pastry square. Repeat the process until all the pumpkin mix has been used up.

FOLD each pastry square into triangles and press down on the edges with a fork.

PLACE pumpkin pastry triangles onto a lined baking tray.

MIX water with egg and coat the pastry with egg wash. Sprinkle with seeds.

BAKE in the oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SERVE hot or cold as a snack or with a side salad for a meal.

Serves: 20 Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 50 minutes ½ serve per portion

PUMPKIN, CHEDDAR AND CARAMELISED ONION TRIANGLES

he recipe for these tasty little pasties comes courtesy of Maddy Noon, Country Kitchens team. They make great party food, very appropriate as November starts with the Melbourne Cup parties and ends with the Christmas party plans.

The QCWA's Country Kitchens program supports Queenslanders to improve their health by adopting healthier lifestyle behaviours. Their team of dietitians and nutritionists have been supporting QCWA members to run healthy eating and lifestyle initiatives in their communities since 2015. Our recipes have been 'health-asized' to include more fruit and vegetables and achieve our Country Kitchens Stamp of Approval! The QCWA's Country Kitchens program is improving food and nutrition literacy, and importantly, influencing behaviour change at a grass roots level. We are proudly funded through Health and Wellbeing Queensland.

For more healthy recipe inspiration or to see when there is a Country Kitchens event near you, head to our website www. qcwacountrykitchens.com.au/



The Sandgate branch of the QCWA meets on the third Wednesday of each month and they have a casual craft day on the first Wednesday of each month at the Sandgate RSL subbranch hall in Burnett Lane from 9.00am. Anyone interested in joining can email our NEW address: sandgatebranch@qcwa.org.au



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Social Snaps by PAUL NEIL

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





St Pat's Yr 11 student Isaac wears his new Senior tie given to him by his Dad, Jonathon and Mum, Sandra, at the St Patrick's College Senior Tie Presentation.



Artist Linda (in pink scarf) was joined by Gen, Colleen and Alice at her new 'Ressurection' exhibition launch party at Baiia Cafe on Sandgate waterfront.



No Grand Final appearance in 2023 but Dolphins members Sam and Don proudly sport their Dolphins gear and are already looking forward to next season.



The Queensland Choir perform at Sandgate Town Hall and choir singers Alison, Shan, Jodi and James have a bit of fun on stage before show time.



WHAT'S ON AT THE POSTIE OPEN 11AM-LATE MON-FRI · 10AM-LATE SAT-SUN







THE OLD OAK Movie Review

STORY @WATCHITWOMBAT

s the pub important? For some it's just a place to buy a pint, but for many, it's a second home.

Where friends can meet and discuss the events of the day and share their stories. Which is why director Ken Loach has chosen this location as the backdrop for his latest film 'The Old Oak'.

Before we go any further with this review it's worth noting that Loach's movies tend to be on the bleaker side of storytelling.

No car chases, no Hollywood A-Listers and rarely even a love story in sight. What he does excel at is creating thought-provoking films that often feel so real, you may feel voyeuristic... and The Old Oak is no exception.

Set in a working class town in the North of England, times are tough, and the people are even tougher. The one place that remains constant is The Old Oak public house, standing the test of time through the closures of the mines and its dwindling population.

Tensions rise further when their village starts to house Syrian refugees, who receive less than a warm welcome.

Delving deep into human emotions, exploring themes of resilience, redemption, and the power

of community. The masterful storytelling and the exceptional performances by the cast make it an insightful and realistic journey. It's not all doom and gloom, with the occasional heartwarming moment to elevate the bleakness.

One of the film's strengths is its ability to tackle social issues without being preachy, allowing the audience to draw their own conclusions.

The film sheds light on the harsh realities faced by working-class communities, exploring themes of unemployment, poverty, and the loss of traditional values. Loach's direction is impeccable, capturing the essence of the town's desolation and the despair that sticks to the locals like glue.

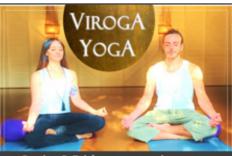
It can feel slow, and reducing the time spent on certain scenes would have helped with some of the pacing issues.

Overall, it's a powerful and emotional film, featuring compelling performances and thoughtprovoking themes. Loach's ability to capture the essence of working-class struggles and the power of acceptance and community make The Old Oak worth a watch.

The Old Oak is screening as part of the Cunard British Film Festival screening in Brisbane from 2nd – 29th November at Palace cinemas.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for your chance to win double passes.





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Strike Force Five Podcast Review

STORY BY NICK ALLFORD

Are talk show hosts really funny?

hile most of them are sharp and witty, they are also often backed up by a team of around 20 writers, researchers and fact checkers. So, when the writer's strike in the US hit, they were left without a show or a job. Instead of wallowing in self-pity, watching TV and eating cereal all day, five late night hosts decided to start a podcast - John Oliver, Seth Meyers, Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel and Jimmy Fallon. While it won't win any points for diversity, it is for good cause, as all money raised from the podcast, advertising and merchandising goes to support the writers.

The question is, when you have too many cooks, who is actually going to make the meal? Well, they tend to take it in turns to host/talk over each other, with varying degrees of success.

Now that the strike is done (kind of) they've packed it in and returned to their day (night) jobs leaving us with 12 episodes of banter between mates to enjoy. The last episode also features some of the more interesting material, focusing on their trepidation of returning back to work.



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BEYOND SANDGATE

Valley Fiesta Set to Ignite Brisbane's Nightlife

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO CAT SORENSON

Brisbane's biggest annual party, Valley Fiesta, returns this month for another unforgettable celebration of live music.

Major headline and local acts will take centre stage in Chinatown Mall and Brunswick Street Mall in Fortitude Valley for the free, two-day event.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said Valley Fiesta, presented by Brisbane City Council and produced by QMusic, was a cornerstone of Brisbane's music and arts scene.

"For more than 25 years, Valley Fiesta has been captivating audiences and contributing to our incredible local music scene," Cr Schrinner said.

"The festival's two jam-packed days will provide an incredible platform for local artists to strut their stuff while bringing more free and affordable activities to our entertainment precincts."

The festival kicks off with the family-friendly King Street Food Fiesta on Friday, 3 November, where some of Brisbane's favourite emerging artists, including QUBE Effect Lord Mayor's Live Event Award winner Lucy Korts, will perform on the outdoor stage.

Lucy said she was looking forward to being part of an incredible line-up with so many talented artists.

"It's always surreal to see your name beside others who you admire so much," Lucy said. "I can't wait to share my music and stories with new ears."

She said the audience could expect "excitement and vulnerability" as well as "a little heartbreak and a lot of love" from her performance.



Lucy Korts

"I'm so keen to play for everybody attending and I hope you all love the sounds that I make," she said.

The King Street Food Fiesta will also feature performances from Kuzco and Taitu'uga, as well as roving entertainment and a variety of pop-up dining options from King Street restaurants.

The party continues on Saturday, 4 November with a massive line-up of musicians on the main stage in the Chinatown Mall. Acts include Brisbane-based musicians like Mallrat and Hatchie, and Melbourne-based psychedelic jazz fusion group, Mildlife, along with First Beige and Ixaras.

The Brunswick Street Mall stage will feature Skeleten, Miss Kaninna, Party Dozen, Middle Name Dance Band, Selve and JayBird Byrne.

Other fiesta experiences include the Hidden Lanes Bar Trail with local bars offering special deals and DJ performances from the likes of David Versace and El Delpha.

Visit www.qmusic.com.au/programs/valley-fiesta-lineup for the full program and set lists.

Valley Fiesta 2023 Friday, 3 November, 5-9pm King Street, Bowen Hills Saturday, 4 November, 3.30-10pm Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley (Main Stage) Brunswick Street Mall, Fortitude Valley

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

was proud to host the 5th annual Sandgate Youth Festival in late October. Providing a platform for young entertainers to perform in



WITH CR JARED CASSIDY

the community is something that I am very passionate about. The quality of talent in our own backyard is outstanding. Congratulations to all the performers!

The countdown is on to Christmas and the calendar is filling up with many local events. I'm

happy to once again sponsor the VMR Carols by the Creek on Sunday, 26 November. It will be a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, food and family fun. Head down to VMR from 2pm.

Our yearly Carols by the Bay event will be held on Thursday, 7 December from 5pm at Einbunpin Lagoon Park. We will be entertained by the Sandgate, Brighton and Nashville State School choirs singing everyone's favourite Christmas carols. Who doesn't love a good rendition of Jingle Bells? Grab a picnic blanket and come on down for a relaxing night under the stars. There will be a special guest dropping by at the end of the night! s we head into summer, it's important we are prepared for a season of potentially extreme weather events.



WITH STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

While severe weather can occur at any time of the year, October to April is the peak time for severe weather in Australia including heatwaves, bushfires, tropical cyclones, severe thunderstorms and floods.

With the severe flooding event from 2022 still fresh in our minds and with Queensland being on high alert for bushfires for many weeks now, it's a timely reminder that we can't afford to

be complacent about natural disasters.

I encourage all locals, young and old, to get ready and be prepared for the possibility of more extreme weather using these three simple steps: Know your risk. Have a plan. Pack a kit.

For severe storm events, it's important to remember: if it's flooded, forget it.

Sandbags can be collected from 33 Jennings Street in Zillmere.

To keep up to date with any weather warnings or for more information on how to prepare, visit:

Bureau of Meteorology: www.bom.gov.au Get Ready Queensland: getready.qld.gov.au Queensland Government Disaster Management: www. disaster.qld.gov.au

ear 12 students across my electorate of Lilley are currently in the middle of their external exams, with their high school graduation just a few weeks away.



WITH ANIKA WELLS MP

And there is good news for those planning on entering tertiary studies. The Albanese Labor Government, in partnership with State and Territory Governments, will deliver an additional 300,000 Fee-Free TAFE places from January 2024.

This builds upon the success of Fee-Free TAFE in 2023.

There are thousands of Fee-Free TAFE places available across Australia for in-demand industries so you can fast-track your skills development and secure a well-paid job. If you're eligible for Fee-Free TAFE funding, all of your tuition fees will be covered. There may be additional fees associated with the specific course you choose to undertake.

Fee-Free TAFE offers a range of courses in industry sectors with skill shortages or growth areas, including:

- Care (aged care, childcare, health care and disability care)
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- Agriculture
- Defence skills and manufacturing
- the VET (Vocational Education and Training) workforce

Learn more at yourcareer.gov.au/fee-free-tafe

The Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols 2023 will take place on Saturday, 2 December 2023 at Brisbane Riverstage. Further details including ticketing information can be found at www.brisbane.qld.gov. au



With bushfire and storm season here, we are asking residents to be prepared. For advice on how to prepare your home go to www. brisbane.qld.gov.au and search "Community Safety".

WITH CR SANDY LANDERS

Brisbane City Council provides free severe weather alerts for Brisbane residents and visitors. The alert service provides advanced

warnings for severe weather or other public safety events to help you prepare and protect yourself and your property. You can sign up to receive Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts at ewa. brisbane.qld.gov.au

To all students who are entering their final exams, I'd like to wish you every success and a well-earned break before embarking on your next adventure.



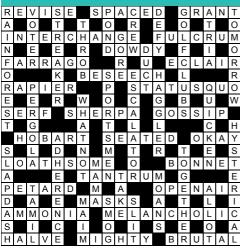
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BRAMBLE BITES

BY BROOKE JACOBSON

SANDGATE MP ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 17 years in Queensland Parliament, State Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, has announced he will not re-contest the next election.

In a post on his social media pages, Mr Hinchliffe said it had been the "honour of his life" to serve as a government minister and the Member for Sandgate.

"I have come to this decision not because I no longer want to serve or because I am tired, but because it is time to repay the person who has sacrificed the most to allow me to pursue my passion," he said.

"My wife, Megan has allowed me to serve as a Member of Parliament and as a Minister ahead of what she has wanted for long enough. After October next year, it will be her turn to make the calls."

He also thanked his children, Jack, Tom, and May, for their support.

Mr Hinchliffe added he was looking forward to continuing to serve his community until the state election in October 2024, and that he hoped the Labor Party would select a woman to run for the Sandgate electorate.

We will have an in-depth interview with Mr Hinchliffe in an upcoming edition.

FLOOD RECOVERY EXPO

SANDBAG is hosting a Flood Recovery expo on Thursday, 23 November from 3pm to 6pm.

This is an opportunity to connect with people, organisations and services who are working in the disaster recovery space in the local 4017 area. There will be lots of valuable information and interactive activities. It is also an opportunity to hear about what SANDBAG has been up to as part of its 4017 Flood Recovery Project and learn more about how to become involved.

SANDBAG is at 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate. For more information, contact Ashleigh on 3869 3244.

WORM FARMING TIPS AND TRICKS

Composting with worms reduces household waste and helps your garden thrive. Learn all about it with commercial worm farmer Brian Donaldson, at this free event at the Sandgate Library. Learn all the tips for setting up your worm farm at home and how to avoid common mistakes. Worm Farming at Home is on Saturday, 4 November from 11am to 12.30pm at Sandgate Library, 1 Seymour Street, Sandgate. Bookings are essential. Phone 3667 6022 to secure your place.

BEACH WALK

Discover marine creatures and more while the tide is out with Laurie Jeays Beach Walk. This month's walk will be held on Tuesday, 21 November at 9.30am. Meet opposite the Old Baptist Church at Sandgate on the corner of Cliff Street and Flinders Parade. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet, and don't forget the sunscreen. Bookings are essential. Phone 0410 327 095 to secure your place.

GET THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR

Come and try windsurfing at the Sandgate foreshore on Saturday, 11 November from 10am to 11am. All equipment is provided, and no experience is necessary. Wear clothes suitable for the water, along with sunscreen and don't forget your towel and a change of clothes. Meet at Surf Connect Watersports Centre, 170 Flinders Parade, Sandgate. This event is free, but bookings are essential. Phone 3137 0500.

LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG

Newcomers are always welcome at Womenspace on Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm to learn and play Mahjong. Each game takes around 30 minutes, and organisers say no experience is necessary.

Come along to Womenspace at 11 Second Avenue, Sandgate on Thursdays to learn and have fun. The cost is \$10, which includes morning tea. For more information search Facebook for Womenspace.

YOGA IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Start your day with a relaxing yoga session at the Boondall Wetlands. Discover the benefits of mindfulness yoga, while taking in the beauty of the natural world.

Yoga in the Wetlands will be held on Tuesday, 7 November, from 8am to 9am. This is a free event, but bookings are essential via Eventbrite.

Please bring your own yoga mat, and meet at the entrance to the environment centre, at 31 Paperbark Drive (entry via Stanworth Rd), Boondall. For more information phone Laura on 0468 433 697.

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 at the school gate? Email Brooke to be included in the next Bramble Bites: admin@3bmedia.com.a





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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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Feature: Moment Biscuits is a small, European-style boutique biscuit shop, a short walk from the Brighton foreshore. Pop in 7 DAYS A WEEK from 5:30am to 11:30am for freshly baked treats, artisan bread and (almond) croissants, loose leaf tea, milkshakes, iced drinks and smooth Italian coffee. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest promotions.



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THE WITCHIN' KITCHEN

Feature: Owners Mel and Lisa, along with their 2 children Frankie and Cooper, welcome you to The Witchin' Kitchen! Since changing hands in 2022, the Witchin' has taken on a new life with a focus on Gluten Free, Vegan/Vegetarian & Meat eaters - a well rounded menu that will suit you and your friends! Lisa, a coeliac pastry chef also bakes amazing gluten free treats right here on site. Wednesday to Friday 730am - 2pm, Saturday and Sunday 7am - 2pm



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NOVEMBER What's On.

O1 WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

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O2 THURSDAY

CHRIS BENT AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 11:30am

BOOKS ANON. BOOK CLUB EclecTea 7pm - 8:30pm First Thursday of every month: Details on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ events/165425998743196/

O3 FRIDAY

TONY DEE EclecTea 5pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH DILLON CARLSSON Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

BRENDEN SCHICK AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 7pm

MATTY CLARK Full Moon Hotel 8pm

O4 SATURDAY

ERIC ROETING QCYC 12pm

SATURDAY ARVO SESH W MAK & FRIENDS EclecTea 5pm LIVE MUSIC WITH ELECTRO SWIGGERTY Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

FOURPLAY AT MBTS Sandgate Town Hall 7:30pm

BAM Full Moon Hotel 8pm

O5 SUNDAY

CASSIE MAREE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 1:30pm

DETOUR BAND QCYC 2pm

MIDNIGHT GROOVE Full Moon Hotel 2pm

HIGH TEA IN THE TELEGRAPH ROOM Sandgate Post Office Hotel 2:30pm



SUNDAY JAZZ WITH LEENA SALIM TRIO Sandgate Post Office Hotel 2:30pm

TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC EclecTea 3pm

CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA Sandgate Post Office Hotel 3pm

O7 TUESDAY

THE JJJ'S Full Moon Hotel 12pm

MELBOURNE CUP @ QCYC

QCYC 12pm Enjoy Melbourne Cup at QCYC. For \$49pp enjoy fancy finger food plus a Mimosa on arrival. To book go to www. qcyc.com.au. Bookings essential

TRIVIA TUESDAYS 2023

The Sands Social 7pm

O8 WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

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O9 THURSDAY

DAVE GRAY AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 11:30am

10 FRIDAY

OASIS MAK EclecTea 4pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH PHIL BARLOW Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

CHRIS FRANC AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 7pm

DANIEL STONEMAN Full Moon Hotel 8pm

11 SATURDAY

JESS IRVINE QCYC 12pm

HOLLOW WOOD EclecTea 5pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH DETOUR COVERS BAND Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm **TUNE IN, TURN ON, DROP OUT** Brighton Bowls Club 7pm

TRACE Full Moon Hotel 8pm

SIMPLY TWO AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 8pm

12 SUNDAY

NATE ANDREW AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 1:30pm



DANNY JAZZ QCYC 2pm

BEAVER Full Moon Hotel 2pm

SUNDAY JAZZ WITH ROBYN BROWN TRIO Sandgate Post Office Hotel 2:30pm

TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC EclecTea 3pm

14 TUESDAY

TRIVIA TUESDAYS 2023 The Sands Social 7pm

15 WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

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16 THURSDAY

CATHY DRUMMOND AT SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 11:30am

PREPPING YOUR POOCH FOR PUB(LICK!) EclecTea 6pm - 7:30pm

17 FRIDAY

OASIS MAK EclecTea 4pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH RUSSEL HUNG Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

PEATS, MEAT AND CIGARS MASTERCLASS Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

DARRIN LEIGH AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 7pm

3 LITTLE PIGS - MINUS SOME BACON Full Moon Hotel 8pm

18 SATURDAY

JOSH NIXON QCYC 12pm

DUBLIN ROSE EclecTea 5pm

LIVE MUSIC WITH ELECTRO SWIGGERTY Sandgate Post Office Hotel 5:30pm

THE DO DAHS Full Moon Hotel 8pm

KLUSTERFUNK AT SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 8pm

19 SUNDAY

KT MAREE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 1:30pm

BAM Full Moon Hotel 2pm

FELLOW NOMADS QCYC 2pm

SUNDAY JAZZ WITH EDDIE GAZANI Sandgate Post Office Hotel 2:30pm



TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC EclecTea 3pm

$\mathbf{24}$ tuesday

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22 wednesday

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

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$\mathbf{23}$ thursday

DAVE CLAYTON AT SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 11:30am

OPEN MIC NIGHT QCYC 7pm

$\mathbf{24}$ Friday

BOOK SIGNING/CHAT

Baaia Cafe 94 Flinders Parade Sandgate 8am - 12pm Book Signing/Chat with emerging author Travis James. First novel released in July: ESCAPE To Patonga – a story of mystery and intrigue. Second novel prerelease sales on the day: SURVIVAL Life from Death – A light-hearted murder mystery.

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25 SATURDAY

THE UPSIDE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL The Sands Social 8pm

MAISY TAYLOR QCYC 8pm

BEAVER Full Moon Hotel 8pm

$\mathbf{26}$ sunday

BARELYWORN PRELOVED CLOTHING MARKET Sandgate Post Office Hotel 9am

PREWORN MARKET AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 9am

BRETT WHITMORE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL

The Sands Social 1:30pm

MATTY CLARK Full Moon Hotel 2pm

ASLEEP AT THE REEL QCYC 2pm

ROSS NIXON TRIO AND JAM SESSION Sandgate Post Office Hotel 2:30pm

TUNES ON THE TURF - OPEN MIC EclecTea 3pm



FULL MOON Rise Time: 6.25pm



f 28 tuesday

TRIVIA TUESDAYS 2023 The Sands Social 7pm

$\mathbf{29}$ wednesday

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

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30 THURSDAY

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In 1930, the house was rented by the Catholic Daughters of Australia, a charitable society of Catholic lay women with an interest in the welfare of women and children. The Catholic Daughters provided "an annual Christmas treat for poor children" and thus Ripples became, for six weeks of the year, a place where children "drawn from the poor quarters of the parishes" could enjoy a seaside holiday.

The Daughters rented Ripples – "a one-story wooden structure with a large living-room decked with flowers, a spacious kitchen, accommodation for the supervisors, several bedrooms, and a sleeping-out veranda for the children" – for several years. Asking for donations to support this worthy cause, the organisation assured potential

IN A PAST LIFE

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n the days when Ripples, on Flinders Parade, was an empty, unloved and dilapidated husk, neighbouring children believed it was haunted, and who is to say they were wrong? Why would the many lives that pass through old houses not leave a ghostly imprint, just as people retain their past via memories? If that were the case, Ripples, if it could speak, would have many a tale to tell.

Sandgate, easily reachable by railway from Brisbane, offered sea breezes, sea bathing and relaxation. Holidaymakers coming to enjoy these delights required accommodation and Ripples, a timber cottage distinguished by twin gables, donors that "all moneys received ... will be expended on making the holiday as bright and happy as possible". More mundanely, occasionally funds had to be used to provide clothing for children who came ill equipped.

Boys and girls were accommodated on alternate weeks, the boys enjoying cricket on the beach, bathing in the sea and eating, the Telegraph reporting, in 1932, the consumption of "23 pounds of cake ... in three days". No less voracious were the girls; one of whom, the previous week, having packed away "four helpings of meat and vegetables and three of sweets".

So, if there are indeed ghosts in Ripples, they are more than likely happy ones and any spectral sounds you hear will be childish laughter. Probably best, though, to lock up the cake.



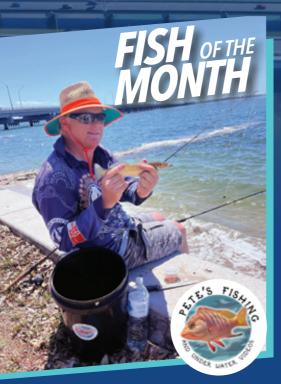
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Summer Whiting, sometimes known as Beach, Sand or Blue Nose Whiting are in my list of top five fish to eat. Luckily we have an abundance of these tasty fish right on our doorstep and you don't even need a boat to get a feed. Blood worms or beach worms are a favourite bait of most whiting fishermen locally but I have been finding earthworms are just as effective. Small peeled prawns, pipis and freshly pumped yabbies are great bait too. Using a number 4 long shank hook, about 30cm of leader, a swivel and a small running sinker with light line they are great fun to catch.

Most of the Whiting I catch are only in very shallow water, mainly knee deep to waist deep so our local beaches and sand flats are perfect. The sandy flats at Scarborough, the little beaches all the way along Redcliffe waterfront, Clontarf beaches, Brighton and Sandgate foreshores are all excellent spots at certain times of the tide. I like an incoming tide over the flats, not a lot of wind and using two rods as they usually seem to turn up a few at a time as they are cruising around looking for food.

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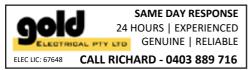
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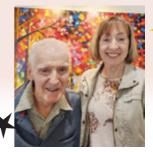
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