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# A Note from the Editor

**It's February already and our first edition of the Sandgate Guide for 2024. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. Kids are back at school and hopefully we are all settling back into routine.**

There are some great ideas for your next day or night out with family or friends in this month's edition of the Sandgate Guide.

You can read about inspiring locals and their stories, find out about new developments in the community, do our big one crossword, give the Sandgate QCWA recipe a go, plus much more.

So grab a drink of choice, sit back and relax and take some time to read more about what is happening in your community.

Until next month, happy reading!

Jodie

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*New Groove Jazz Ensemble, 11 February from 2pm at Sandgate Town Hall.*

## **E**xperience the magic of Celtic music with the Australian Celtic Women's enchanting show, "Songs of the Heart," at Sandgate Town Hall on Saturday, March 9th.

Immerse yourself in a journey through misty moors and rolling hills as the all-female musical ensemble brings together heavenly voices, tantalizing harmonies, dazzling costumes, and whirlwind fiddle playing. The performance promises stunning visual effects, choreography, and the rich sounds of Celtic instruments, creating an unforgettable evening filled with warmth, memories, and exhilaration, leaving the audience yearning for more.

Formed to celebrate Australia's unique Celtic heritage and showcase the talent of women in Celtic music, the group boasts members with diverse backgrounds in opera, musical theatre, folk, pop, and Celtic genres. Their harmonies,

## **E**xperience Super Bowl LVIII on Monday 12 February live in Champions Sports Bar at the Bracken Ridge Tavern.

Kick off is from 8am and the game will be shown on the BRT's colossal 7 meter indoor screen, so you will be guaranteed not to miss any of the action.

At half time, there will be Hot Wing eating competition and there will be loads of classic American favourites to purchase, along with prizes to be won and merch for purchase. Entry is free but bookings are encouraged.

*Super Bowl LVIII live at the BRT, Monday 12 February. For more information go to [thebrt.com/whats-on](http://thebrt.com/whats-on)*



described as "out of this world," combine award-winning expertise from various musical and performance disciplines. The show features captivating melodies from various Celtic nations, setting the stage for a festive atmosphere just a week before Saint Patrick's Day.

*Sandgate Town Hall, 9 March from 7pm. Tickets at [Trybooking.com/CNVXP](http://Trybooking.com/CNVXP).*

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# LOCAL MUM MASTERS 1600KM UK BIKE RIDE

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

PHOTO **BRUCE REDMAN**

**B**righton resident and mother of three, Heidi Degen, recently ventured out of her comfort zone to embark on a life-changing journey.

In June last year, she set out on a 14-day bike ride across the United Kingdom, covering a distance of 1600 kilometres.

Heidi said she had been planning the adventure for years but it wasn't until a conversation with a friend that she finally took the plunge.

"I commented to a friend that I'd really love to do the ride and she simply said, 'Why don't

you?'," Heidi said. "And so I phoned England, booked my spot on the supported group tour and that was the beginning of one of the best things I've ever done."

The ride, known as LEJOG (Land's End to John O'Groats) took Heidi from the southernmost point of mainland Britain to the almost northernmost point.

"I had 14 days of sunshine and absolutely perfect weather conditions – absolutely unheard of for the UK," Heidi said. "The scenery was out of this world spectacular."

"The joy of cruising down a massive hill hitting 70 to 80 kilometres an hour occasionally definitely was a buzz, if not a little stupid for an amateur."

"There were multiple 130-kilometre days with really high elevation and having to ride day after day was a real challenge as I'd never done a multi-day ride before."

Heidi said it was hard being away from her family.

"One day I was having a really big wobble of self-confidence and my 12-year-old daughter said simply to me on the phone, 'Like you say to me mum, you just need to keep going, picture the end in your mind, the pain will be over soon and you'll be so proud,'" she said. "To hear her repeat back one of life's greatest lessons really made me feel like I had accomplished something good with her."

When Heidi finally completed her journey, she took to Facebook to share her thoughts.

"I'm beyond grateful for a trip that has exceeded my expectations and has given me the gift of self-love like I've never experienced before," she wrote. "A love and appreciation for myself that runs really, really deep."

Heidi said the mental aspect of the ride far outweighed the physical challenge.

"The mind is incredibly powerful," she said. "Through perseverance and belief that if you can, anything is really possible."





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Claudia Taranto

Dr Linda Neil

# PODCAST OF THE MONTH

## Linda Sings Again

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

**S**andgate musician, writer, filmmaker and visual artist, Dr Linda Neil, is taking centre stage in an episode of the ABC podcast, *Earshot: The Other Me*.

Earshot tells intimate stories exploring the human experience and is produced by Linda's long-time friend, Claudia Taranto. In the latest and last episode of the series, Linda opens up about her life-changing treatment for Parkinson's Disease (PD).

Linda said she was keen to share her story after learning many people were unaware of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), a surgical procedure involving the implantation of electrodes in the brain.

"There is a multiplicity of stories in the podcast," Linda said. "The story of a woman with PD, of her family and how they care for her, the story of the power of music, the story of incredible leaps in medicine, and of relationships of care and respect across generations."

Titled *Return of the Songbird*, the episode features original songs composed and played by Linda and her musical collaborator, local performer Dublin Rose.

Claudia, who has been creating audio features for ABC for 30 years, said her aim in *Return of the Songbird* was to capture Linda's boundless

creativity, her beautiful relationship with Dublin, the story of her family's support, and the benefits DBS has had on her life.

"I'm very happy with the result," Claudia said. "Dublin and Linda's singing is sublime, as is Linda's writing and honesty about living with Parkinson's Disease."

"The beautiful harmonising of Linda and Dublin's voices when they sing the songs they've written together brings a lightness to the story but also an emotional depth."

"In podcasts, the words speak to our brains but the music speaks to our hearts. I've learned that from Linda."

The podcast also includes interviews with Linda's sister Cathie, brother Paul, filmmaker Bella Lightfoot, and the Professor of Clinical Neuroscience at the Queensland Brain Institute and Director of Neurosciences Queensland, Peter Silburn, who explains Linda's DBS surgery.

Since having the surgery in November 2022, Linda said she can now play board games, write songs, make photographic art, joke with friends, read books, enjoy TV shows, swim, and ride her bike.

"There aren't many situations in life where you can honestly say your life changed almost instantaneously like a miracle," Linda said.

"At the same time comes the awareness that I am not cured of Parkinson's Disease and that I will still face many challenges. But what DBS really gave me was time. Now I am not a slave to the medication cycle."

Linda has also returned to playing the violin, which she stopped after her diagnosis in 2013. Last year, Linda and Dublin held a house concert where they performed original songs for family and friends.

"This was a major milestone I never thought I would reach," Linda said. "But there I was singing and strumming a little. The songbird really had returned."

*Listen to Earshot: The Other Me - Return of the Songbird on the ABC Listen app by searching for Earshot. You can also find it on Apple Podcasts and the ABC website at [www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/earshot](http://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/earshot)*

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# THE BOWLS ARE BACK IN TOWN

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**  
PHOTO **BRUCE REDMAN**

**Y**our local bowls club is back and there's lots on offer for the community to enjoy.

Last month, the Sandgate Bowls Club reopened as The Sands Bowlo, the newest club for The Sands Social.

Membership will work across both venues, as both are owned and operated by Kedron-Wavell.

Kedron-Wavell Chief Executive Officer Lyndon Broome said they decided to take on the management of the Sandgate Bowls Club after learning it was on the verge of closure.

"As our neighbour, we were looking at an amazing 109-year history of who they are and where they've been and we didn't want that history to disappear from Sandgate," Lyndon said.

"Our view was that we would manage the club and let them keep bowling and continue their 109-year history. They are our neighbours and we want to see the best for them."

A Sandgate Bowls Club member said the club had been an integral part of the community for more than 100 years, but had been dependent on volunteers to manage bowls and fundraising activities.

"It has been increasingly difficult over the last five years or so to sustain that effort," the member said. "Members agreed to the relationship with Kedron-Wavell as the best way to sustain bowls at the venue and to ensure its value as a hospitality provider for the benefit of the Sandgate community."

"The overall members' opinion would appear to be that they are delighted that the purposes for which the bowls club was initiated in 1914 can now continue through the good offices of Kedron-Wavell."

The club had been closed since May 2023 due to renovations carried out by Brisbane City Council to improve equitable access, including new pathways, ramps, parking, stairs, and disabled toilets. The venue has also been upgraded with new carpeting, tiles, and a general freshen-up.

Lyndon said The Sands Bowlo would focus on community engagement.

"We want to activate that green space for as many activities as we can," he said. "Low impact sports for seniors, movie nights, event weekends. We've had success with food trucks in the past for special weekend events. Barefoot bowls will be a big anchor as well and we want to engage school groups to be involved with bowling."

The venue officially opened with a celebration over the Australia Day long weekend.



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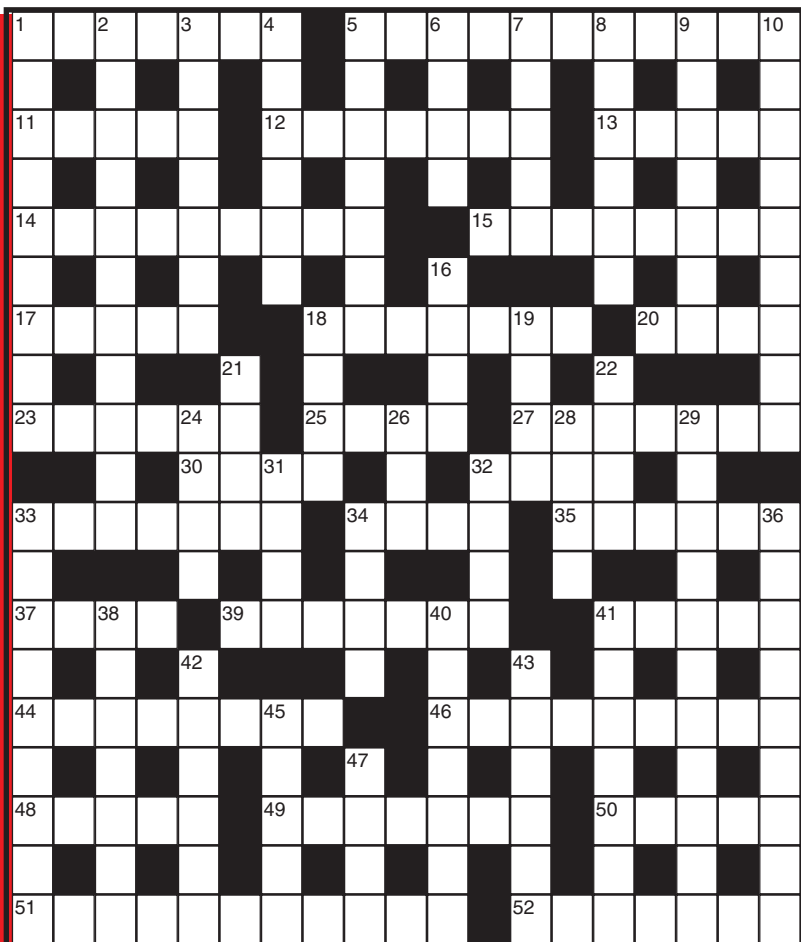
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- 5 Meanings
- 11 Arrange
- 12 Conspicuous
- 13 Seethed with anger
- 14 Flagrant
- 15 Tending to promote health
- 17 The Hunter constellation
- 18 Proceeds
- 20 Dry river bed
- 23 Appeal for reason (coll) (4,2)
- 25 Overtake (2,2)
- 27 Make a face

- 30 Quarrels
- 32 Lacking in cordiality
- 33 Improve
- 34 Novice
- 35 Modifies
- 37 Defrost
- 39 Gifted child
- 41 Gather (grain) after the reapers
- 44 Dotage
- 46 An addition
- 48 Taxi driver
- 49 NW African kingdom
- 50 Speak up
- 51 Downcast (3-8)
- 52 Boldly

## DOWN

- 1 Exhibited (6,3)
- 2 Weakening
- 3 Ideal instance
- 4 Borrower
- 5 Saltwater lake (4,3)
- 6 Exploit
- 7 Insane (coll)
- 8 Muddy
- 9 Sheer silk fabric
- 10 Alluring
- 16 Compassion
- 18 Markers
- 19 Dance style (2-2)
- 21 Forest
- 22 Overlay with gold

- 24 Small unit of mass
- 26 Purchase
- 28 Stray
- 29 Pep pill
- 31 Low dam
- 32 Rabbit-fur
- 33 Lacking melody
- 34 Neat
- 36 Earnestly
- 38 Archer's weapon
- 40 Deflected
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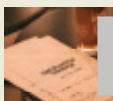
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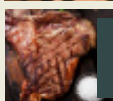
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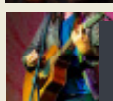
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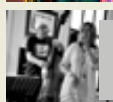
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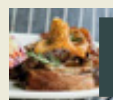
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# RAISE A GLASS TO THIS RENOVATION

An artists' impression of how The Brighton Hotel will look once the renovations are complete.

STORY **BROOKE JACOBSON**

**T**he Brighton Hotel is starting 2024 with a major glow-up.

The iconic suburban pub is currently under renovation, with big plans for the year ahead.

Australian Venue Co brand marketing manager, Pippa Finks, spoke to the Sandgate Guide about the exciting changes.

"It's going to be light and bright, with a very coastal and modern look," Pippa said.

"One of the biggest changes is that we're adding a huge outdoor area at the front.

"There will be a lovely big beer garden space right across the front area, with two separate entrances leading into the new sports bar and new bistro areas.

"We're also installing a kid's playground, which will be nice and shaded."

Pippa added the old Charlie's Bistro was also being rebranded.

"We've got a new menu in the works, keeping some of the locals' favourite dishes, and introducing a bunch of new items as well – expect lots of classic Queensland pub food, with fresh local seafood," she said.

"We are very mindful of the cost of living right now, and we are going to be offering some pretty amazing weekly specials.

"People want value for money and we're conscious of that, particularly in our suburban, family-friendly venues.

"We're also going to be offering a pretty comprehensive entertainment program as well. There will be lots of live music, trivia, bingo – you name it."

The hotel's popular Tradie Club will continue to operate, with great specials and deals on Fridays for local tradies, including a free weekly barbecue.

The new gaming room is already up and running, and the Brighton Hotel's accommodation will also be getting a makeover.

"We're so excited to be part of the area, particularly with the upgrades to the Brighton foreshore, it's so lovely," Pippa said.

"We're very keen to bring the Brighton Hotel up to speed with other local venues."

The renovations at the Brighton Terrace venue should be complete by late April.

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playing with the band."

As part of The QUBE Effect, Dublin will have mentorship opportunities with music industry professionals and film a music video for her original song, *There You Go Again*.

"It's a fun song that my band and I rock out to and I hope it will appeal to a wide audience," she said. "It is about being lost in the daydream of young love."

"Some 4017 locals might even know this song, as I have played it at many local events and recently at the Sandgate Youth Festival."

"Soon we will be allocated a team, including a director and producer to coordinate the music video, which will be filmed in February and released in April."

Dublin will also perform on stage with the other finalists at The QUBE Effect Live Event during Brisbane Youth Week in April.

Past winners of The QUBE Effect have gone on to achieve record deals and festival billing.

"I dream of becoming an established touring artist and recognised songwriter," Dublin said.

"I have written over 65 completed songs, many of which I hope to record in the near future."

"I am constantly composing and love developing my craft, experimenting with different styles, chords, and instruments. I am eager to release more music and have so far had a wonderful response to my original songs, which I am grateful for."

Residents can support Dublin by voting for her in the People's Choice Award in mid-2024. The winners of The QUBE Effect will be announced at an awards night later in the year.

*Go to [Brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search The QUBE Effect for more information. To listen to Dublin's music search for 'Dublin Rose' on Spotify or scan the QR code.*

# DUBLIN ROSE TAKES MUSIC CAREER TO NEXT LEVEL

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**  
PHOTO **BRUCE REDMAN**

**S**andgate resident and one of the 4017's favourite musicians, Dublin Rose, has caught the attention of a major music development program.

The singer, songwriter and guitarist has been selected as a finalist in Brisbane City Council's The QUBE Effect 2024.

Dublin said she was extremely excited to be one of the 20 finalists and hoped to use the opportunity to establish herself in the Brisbane music scene.

"I'm so grateful to be given the opportunity to showcase my music to a broader audience," she said. "It is also such an amazing networking opportunity."

"I am also extremely excited for the live performances as I love being on stage and

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Sandgate Library is running a class on introduction to sashiko embroidery, on Thursday, 22 February from 10.30am to noon. Textile artist Sue Howie from Indigo Niche will introduce you to the Japanese embroidery style known as sashiko, which uses simple decorative running stitches to create beautiful patterns. All materials supplied. No previous experience required. The Sandgate Library is at 1 Seymour Street, Sandgate. Phone 07 3667 6022 for more information.

## GET SPORTY

Brighton Bulldogs Football Club's pre-season mini-roos program is now open for registration. The program runs for four weeks starting on 10 February and is aimed at children aged 3 to 5 years. Cost is \$50. And for the bigger kids, registration for the club's full season is also now open, with teams ranging from Under 6 to Over 35's.

*For information on mini-roos, or the full football season along with costs and season kick-off dates, go to: [www.brightonbulldogs.org.au](http://www.brightonbulldogs.org.au)*

## NETBALL COACHES WANTED

The Ridgettes Netball Club is looking for coaches for the winter season. Training is held on Monday nights at Bill Brown Reserve

Netball Courts, and games are on Saturdays at Bradbury Park. All levels of experience are welcome to apply.

*For more information or to submit your expression of interest, go to: [www.ridgettesnetballclub.com.au](http://www.ridgettesnetballclub.com.au)*

## TEA WITH HISTORY

Join the Sandgate & District Historical Society and Museum for tea with history on the last Thursday of each month. From 10am enjoy a Devonshire tea served with a lot of local history and a dab of trivia.

Bookings are essential. Phone 3869 2283 or email [info@sandgatemuseum.com.au](mailto:info@sandgatemuseum.com.au)

## CELEBRATE SCOUTS

The Sandgate Scout Group is celebrating their centenary on Saturday, 3 February at 3pm. Come along to the Scout Den at 134 Brighton Road to learn all about scouting, get a tour, and take home your own Centenary Blanket Badge. All welcome.

## SIGN UP FOR FOOTY

The Brighton Roosters sign-on days will be held on 10 and 11 February at the club, which is located on Tenth Avenue, Brighton. Saturday the 10th is for ages 6 to 11, while Sunday the 11th is for ages 12 and over.

*For more information, email: [roosters@brightonroosters.com.au](mailto:roosters@brightonroosters.com.au) or search Facebook for Brighton Roosters JRL.*

## 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, the local café, or the school gate? Email Brooke to be included in the next Bramble Bites: [editor@sandgateguide.com.au](mailto:editor@sandgateguide.com.au)*





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## ACROSS THE BRIDGE

STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT**

**G**olden opportunities abound as the Moreton Bay Expo returns to Redcliffe with more to see and do than ever!

Already known as a showcase for a large range of outdoor products from the latest caravans, boats, fishing gear, camping equipment and more, the Expo also offers exciting adventure experiences the whole family can enjoy. There are even great prizes to be won!

Amongst the 180 exhibitors are some not-to-be-missed golden moments of entertainment and education. Let Dinky Di's Express Trackless Train take the family on a fascinating journey around the Expo. Don't miss the daily shows including Wildlife Unleashed and outdoor cooking with The Camp Oven King.

Mick and Adele Bender, founders of Wildlife Unleashed, said they are excited to share their passion for wildlife at their very first Expo.

"We look forward to being among people who

enjoy learning about wildlife. Our talks about safety and first aid are always well received," Adele said.

"Mick wrangles some of the world's most venomous snakes, the birds are amazing, and our baby saltwater crocodile is a favourite with kids."

"We love giving people the opportunity to get up close and personal. We encourage them to respect and appreciate wildlife so they look after it for future generations."

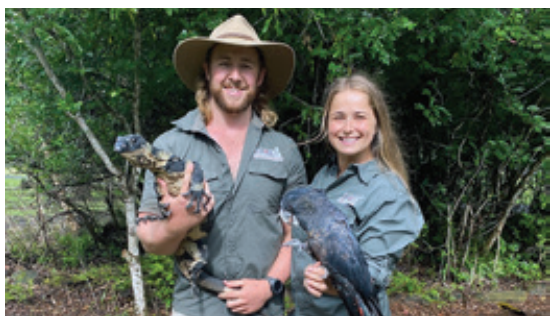
There will be many sites dedicated to 4-wheel-driving, camper-trailers and camping gear. People love to get out in nature but what do you do when you are out there? Prospecting for gold is a great alternative activity to hunting and fishing according to exhibitor Dustin McMurray, Director of Gold Rat Engineering.

"People want to reconnect with the bush and prospecting gives purpose and adventure to walking through the bush," Dustin said.

"Our customers include families and also people with PTSD, for example, service professionals, who find panning for gold and metal-detecting to be calming and therapeutic. You learn about geology, minerals and history as you enjoy the environment."

*For more information and discount tickets go to [bayexpo.com.au/](http://bayexpo.com.au/)  
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# WELCOME TO THE *Darkness*



## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'WELCOME TO THE DARKNESS' MOVIE REVIEW

STORY @WATCHITWOMBAT

Wanna be a rockstar?

**A**lthough I can't promise you groupies and TVs propelled out of windows, the documentary *'Welcome to the Darkness'* is probably as close as most of us will ever come to being Rock Gods.

Hop on the tour bus with legendary Brit rockers The Darkness, who shot to fame in the early 2000s – selling millions of albums, packing out stadiums across the world and lining their shelves with awards. Now, we join them as they start their comeback tour.

You may know them from anthems such as *I Believe in a Thing Called Love* and *Love Is Only a Feeling*, to name but a few. Not ringing a bell? No worries, an insightful backstory is provided for the uninitiated.

You don't need to be a fan to enjoy the ups and downs of their successes and tumultuous relationships. Although not

as violent as the Gallaghers, the Hawkins brothers (frontman Justin and guitarist Dan) have a tumultuous relationship that is touched on but never fully explored. As they seem to be healing, why would you pick at that scab? Possibly unrelated, but they also manage to churn through more drummers than Elton John has wardrobe changes.

The humour from their music carries over into their day-to-day lives. Whether it's picking an outrageous outfit for the next gig or interacting with adoring fans, they never take themselves too seriously. Which would be hard to do when you have a lead singer who looks like he should be lowering a basket of lotion into a well – but man, he can hit high notes that would make the Gibb brothers proud.

This will undoubtedly be my favourite doco of 2024. With so much riding on this tour, the tension is palpable. Succeed and live the life of a rockstar or fail and get a proper job. It could go either way as disaster seems to be a fifth member of the band.

However, their resilience, determination and self-belief keep them rocking. Which is justifiable when you consider how much they have achieved. Find out if they can do it again in *'Welcome to the Darkness.'*

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STORY **PANAYIOTA**

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"We are very much looking forward to playing at the beautiful and iconic, famous Queensland pub, The Full Moon," Steve said. "And yes, we will be howling."

So put on your best dancing shoes and join in the fun. Howl at the Moon is a free event, open for dinner, drinks and a good sing-along too. Reservations for dinner are highly recommended via [www.fullmoonhotel.com.au](http://www.fullmoonhotel.com.au) or by phone on 3869 0544.

## New Starbucks Cafe to Replace Car Sales Yard in Deagon

STORY **ELISABETH WALSH**

**A** development application has been lodged for a Starbucks with a drive-through facility in Deagon. The proposal, designed by Mercury Design, aims to develop the cafe at 174 Braun Street, removing an existing car sales yard.

The proposed food and drink outlet will provide a gross floor area of 193.9 square metres, including indoor dining and a drive-through facility that can accommodate up to 10 vehicles.

The development also includes onsite parking for 13 vehicles, as well as adequate vehicle and pedestrian access.

Operating hours for the new Starbucks Cafe would be Monday to Sunday, 24/7. According to the planners at Somerville Consultants, the development has been designed to meet the commercial needs of the area while minimising any adverse effects on surrounding properties.

"The site is considered an ideal location for increased commercial development," a spokesperson at Somerville Consultants said.

"The proposed structure is deliberately located towards the centre of the site to maximise pedestrian and vehicular safety while minimising any potential unfavourable amenity and noise impacts on the nearby sensitive uses.

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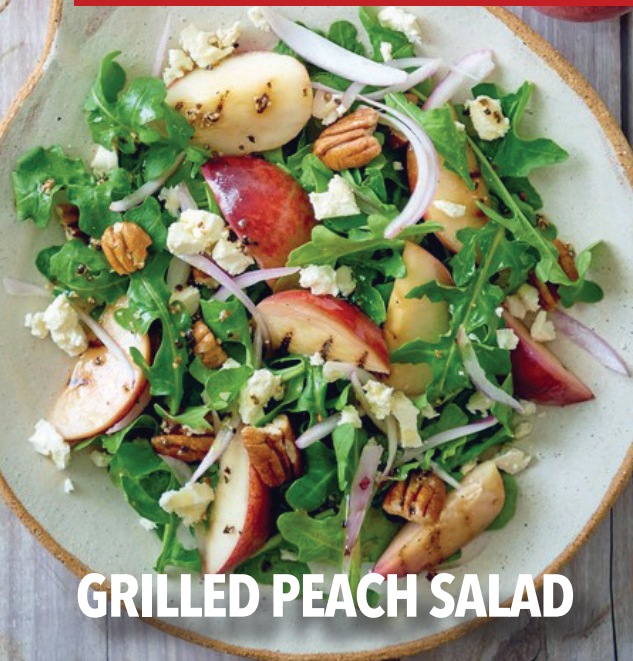
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# GRILLED PEACH SALAD

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2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
½ teaspoon crushed black pepper

Salad:

2 teaspoons honey  
3 ripe peaches, halved, de-seeded  
4 cups rocket  
¼ of red onion, finely sliced  
1/3 cup pecans,  
roughly chopped or crumbled  
60g goat cheese or feta

Serves: 4

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

2 serves per portion

**H**ere is a recipe from the QCWA Country Kitchens program that really suits this season.

A salad using peaches, or it works well with nectarines too.

Country Kitchens aims to promote healthy recipes using seasonal fruit and vegetables. It encourages everyone to reduce sugar intake, get at least five servings of vegetables and two servings of fruit a day and drink plenty of water, especially with our present weather.

Our meetings this year will take place at the RSL Memorial Hall, Burnett Place, Sandgate. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month, gathering from 9am for a 9.30am start.

On the first Wednesday of the month we have an informal craft/coffee morning at the same venue from 9am-11am.

Please note our February meeting is an outing to the Nest Craft Community at Brendale.

If you would like to join us at any time, you can contact us on 0413049951, or sandgatebranch@qcwa.org.au

## METHOD

PLACE the oil, vinegar, and pepper in a jar and shake until combined. Combine 2 tablespoons of the dressing mixture with the honey and brush over the cut surfaces of the peaches.

HEAT a non-stick grill pan (or BBQ) to high. Place peaches cut side down, on the hot grill.

GRILL peaches for 2 minutes or until golden brown then remove and allow to cool. Slice thickly.

PLACE rocket, sliced grilled peaches, red onion, pecans, and fresh goat cheese in a large salad bowl. Drizzle with the remaining salad dressing. Gently toss and serve immediately.



*The Sandgate branch of the QCWA meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Sandgate Bowls Club; and they have a casual craft day on the first Wednesday of each month at the RSL sub-branch hall in Burnett Lane. Anyone interested in joining can email sandgateqcwa@gmail.com*

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## Development lodged for Sandgate Ambulance Station

STORY **ELISABETH WALSH**

**A** development application has been submitted for the construction of the Sandgate Ambulance Station, located at 99 Hoyland Street, Bracken Ridge. The site, which is currently vacant with no existing structures, will be transformed into a two-storey ambulance station designed by Peddle Thorp.

The development will be carried out in two stages, with a maximum building height of two storeys. Stage 1 will focus on the construction of the ambulance station and plant room.

It will include various facilities such as meeting and training rooms, hot desks, multipurpose rooms, offices, a kitchen, and

locker rooms. This stage will also provide parking space for 10 ambulance vehicles.

Stage 2, which will be implemented in the future, aims to expand the accommodation for ambulance operations.

It will include provisions for an additional 50 vehicles and will have a capacity to accommodate 250 staff.

The proposed development will cover an area of 15,804 square metres and will operate 24/7.

Access to the ambulance station will be facilitated by the construction of a new 'signalised hot exit' and left-in left-out main access onto Hoyland Street.

The design of the site intends to blend the new structures with the existing public parkland to the south.

The removal of parts of the acoustic barrier will be replaced with non-solid security fencing, allowing for improved ventilation and increased surveillance of the surrounding areas.





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## BRISBANE'S 'BIG BOOT' HAS NEW LIFE IN DEAGON

STORY **PANAYIOTA**

**F**or many years, the Big Boot (Boot) was perched atop used car dealership The Car Mine on the corner of Gympie and Rode Roads, unknowingly leaving its footprint in the hearts of all passersby.

Alfie Senese, owner of The Car Mine and Boot, reminisces after having moved to their new location at 166 Braun St, Deagon.

"The Boot started out in Paddington and after representing several businesses, it moved to Boots Camping, Chermide, before we took over," Alfie said.

"Once the property sold, we had to move. Then, it was interesting how many people asked about the Boot and told us what it meant to them, because it was such a real landmark and nostalgic for them. There was never any question that we had to save it.

"It needed a full refurbishment. A new frame. Stripped it all and started from new. It took a few months as I did it all by hand. Talk about a labour of love."

Alfie honoured the return of the Boot on Saturday, 16 December 2023 with a huge celebration that brought communities together from far and wide.

"You can't put a price on something like this," Alfie said. "It's so important to keep it alive. I think it was all worth it for the historic value."



## FOOTY FUN KICKS OFF AT NUDGEER RECREATION RESERVE

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

**T**he Nudgee Recreation Reserve, once a former landfill site, has been transformed into a multi-sports and recreation reserve.

The reserve officially opened in December and will be home to Football Queensland's new north Brisbane facilities, which include a playing field, a clubhouse and community spaces.

Football Queensland CEO Robert Cavallucci said the six football fields at the Football Queensland-leased facility were fully booked well in advance of the opening of the reserve.

"The Nudgee Recreation Reserve will deliver valuable field space for a number of local community clubs, providing more opportunity for the community to get involved in our beautiful game in the wake of the hugely successful FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 as we continue working towards our goal of 50/50 gender parity in participation by 2027," he said.

Although the space has been used for sports since 1946, it served as a landfill site in the mid-1970s. Remediation works were carried out by Brisbane City Council to restore the site for sports and active recreation.

In addition to the football fields, the revamped 12.7-hectare reserve includes two soccer fields, two cricket pitches, a BMX pump track, a playground, picnic settings with shelters and barbeque facility, a walking/running/cycling path, and a dog off-leash area.

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## HISTORY SANDGATE

STORY **PATTIE TANCRED**

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**Y**our neighbour's dog barks all day? A cavernous pothole has opened up on your street? Today, complaints of this nature prompt a call to the Brisbane City Council. In the past, though, governance in our area was a more local affair.

Sandgate became a self-governing entity in 1880, the *Queenslander* reporting in June: "At last Sandgate rejoices in that 'crowning mercy', its constitution into a municipality". The "crowning mercy" of self-governance lasted until 1925 when Sandgate's civic authority was ceded to Greater Brisbane.

The first council meeting took place in 1881. That initial gathering faced a number of immediate problems, such as dangerous ill-repair on the road to Cabbage Tree Creek, but larger issues loomed and, as the aldermen were about to learn, local government cost money.

The first requirement was a workforce to implement their programs. To that end, they appointed a foreman of works, an inspector of nuisances and, in February 1882, a town clerk. In addition, several costly projects demanded their swift attention: construction of council chambers (as an insight into their probable priorities, the first town hall building was completed by 1882); widening Eagle Terrace, and constructing three culverts on Rainbow Street. Financing these and other undertakings required a loan of £1000 from the Queensland government.

Among the day-to-day responsibilities of the council were the supply of water, the health of residents (necessitating payments to a health officer), the disposal of rubbish and the removal of "night soil" from outhouses to the manure depot.

Inevitably, as officials making decisions affecting public amenity and the lives of residents, Sandgate councillors earned their share of opprobrium. Complaints, often voiced via outraged letters to newspapers, included failure to supply drinking water to summer visitors; the "perfunctory manner in which sanitary considerations are regarded" (code for insufficient supply of sawdust to the town's outhouses); and poor street lighting.

One of the strangest controversies to bedevil those early aldermen arose in 1889 from "the action of the council in imprisoning members of the Salvation Army". The pretext for this unfortunate incarceration was the "protection of traffic". A disgruntled "Sandgate Visitor" who penned a protest to the *Brisbane Courier*, though, believed that the issue was not the startling of horses by the "playing of a noisy instrument in the street" but the council's anti-Salvationist prejudice.

Whatever the truth of that matter, arousing the ire of ratepayers probably goes with a councillor's territory. If nothing else, the council gives us, as it did our forebears, something to complain about.

*With thanks to the Sandgate Historical Museum  
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## AUTHOR TALK AT SANDGATE LIBRARY

STORY **PATRICIA HIGGINS**

**R**omance and red dirt come together in a new book from local author Renae Black, who is hosting an author talk to let people know more.

The event at Sandgate Library will showcase Ms Black's latest novel, *Red Dirt Home*, which will be released in print, ebook, and audio format in early March.

According to Ms Black, she will also be sharing aspects of her publishing journey, writing process and inspirations.

"I grew up reading Ann M. Martin's *Baby-Sitter Club* books and Bonnie Bryant's *The Saddle Club*, and my favourites were the ones where boyfriends made an appearance," Ms Black said.

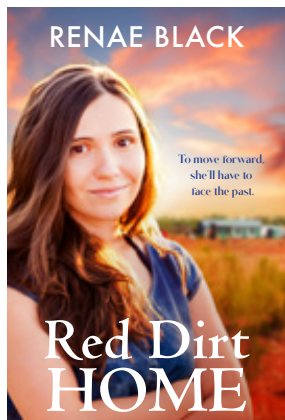
Ms Black said that as a writer within the rural romance genre, she has found a lot of support from the local community.

"Our Brisbane and Moreton Bay patch has so much to offer a creative mind between the bay, the island and the paddocks, and it's a diversity that allows the juices to really flow," she said.

Ms Black will also be signing copies of *Red Dirt Home*, which people can purchase at the event (or bring their own).

Book your spot by searching for 'Meet Renae Black - Sandgate Library Tickets' at [www.eventbrite.com.au/](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/).

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# A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

**I'm pleased to see the playground upgrade at Stubbs Street Park, Brighton progressing this year. This project will see the removal of the existing playground, which is over 20 years old, and the design, supply and installation of a new playground, with shade in the open area of the park. There will be sandstone block seating installed around the new playground which will include a fort, slide, swings, rope and ladder climbing and monkey bars. If there is enough funding left over, the project will also upgrade the picnic setting and relocate the bin to the park frontage.**



WITH **CR JARED CASSIDY**

Ensuring our suburbs have safe and accessible footpaths has always been a top priority for me. This year, I'm happy to have secured the installation of footpaths on Sheena, Copperfield and High Streets, Geebung – Hinchcliffe, Bartholomew, Gillies Streets and Fisher Parade, Zillmere – and Queenstown Avenue, Boondall and Quarrion Street, Taigum. This is just a start, I'm keeping the pressure on Council to deliver more funding for local footpaths and ensuring we maintain those we already have.

If you would like a footpath in your street, please get in contact with my office so we can have that added to Council's list.

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

Cross River Rail is a project that will transform the transport infrastructure within South East Queensland.



WITH **STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP**

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roads, increase network reliability and improve rail as a customer experience. However, until it is completed, this project will cause some minor temporary rail closures. From Monday 5 to Friday 9 February, the Shorncliffe line will be closed for testing. I understand this causes inconvenience to commuters.

During the closures, there will be plenty of alternative transport options available, including replacement rail buses, and customers are encouraged to allow extra travel time and plan their journey before travelling.

To keep up to date with closures and for updates on Cross River Rail, download the Translink app or visit: [crossriversrail.qld.gov.au/travel-checker/](https://crossriversrail.qld.gov.au/travel-checker/)

**The Albanese Government is making it cheaper and easier for Northsiders to get urgent treatment at short notice, free under Medicare with the opening of the Northside Medicare Urgent Care Clinic at 136 Gympie Rd, Kedron.**



WITH **ANIKA WELLS MP**

The Northside Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has already started providing care for Lilley residents.

Urgent care is when you need medical attention for an illness or injury that can't wait for a regular appointment with a GP but doesn't require a visit to the hospital.

The Northside Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will

be open for extended hours, seven days a week, and offer walk-in care that is fully bulk-billed.

Almost 50 per cent of presentations to the Prince Charles Hospital are for non-urgent or semi-urgent care. Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are helping take pressure off hospital emergency departments.

The Albanese Government is continuing to strengthen Medicare and ensure Lilley families get the medical care they need, when they need it.

The Northside Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is located at 136 Gympie Rd, Kedron and is open 8am-8pm seven days a week. Visit the clinic's website [www.northsidemicareurgentcareclinic.com.au](https://www.northsidemicareurgentcareclinic.com.au) for more information.

**W**elcome to 2024, I hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday period and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!



**WITH CR SANDY LANDERS**

Council's Growing Older and Living Dangerously (GOLD) program is back with some fantastic activities locally and throughout Brisbane. Activities include music, yoga, scrapbooking, kayaking, pilates and many more. You can pick up a copy from my office at the Bracken Ridge Library or call 3667 6000 and we will get a copy to you.

With the new year upon us, I know many are clearing out old and unwanted rubbish. If you require further waste vouchers, please contact my office. Don't forget that you can still enjoy \$2 dips at your local Brisbane City Council pool until the end of February.

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

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Cane toad tadpole trapping

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

**T**he Dowse Lagoon Bushcare group has been busy this summer season, removing around 100,000 tadpoles from Dowse Lagoon and Fourth Lagoon in Deagon Wetlands.

The group has been focusing on reducing the number of cane toads in their vulnerable tadpole phase as part of a tadpole trapping program.

Mike Chamberlain, a volunteer with the Dowse Lagoon Bushcare Group said cane toads were a threat to native wildlife and poisonous to animals who eat them.

"The group meets weekly, restoring the native vegetation and removing weeds, and when we heard about the cane toad tadpole traps we were interested in trying them out, as we see lots of toads around the lagoon," Mike said.

The group uses a humane and effective method, thanks to a discovery made by researchers at the University of Queensland. They found that cane toad tadpoles are attracted to a chemical released by toad eggs. This led the non-profit organisation Watgum to develop the Cane Toad Tadpole Trap and Lure, which specifically targets cane toad tadpoles.

Mike said the community could join with neighbours to purchase traps and lures and monitor water bodies near them.

"Fourth Lagoon in Deagon Wetlands seems to be a breeding hotspot and it would be wonderful if nearby residents would take that one as a project," he said. "We are also asking residents near our lagoons to contact us when they hear male toads calling en masse – we then expect to see many tadpoles a few weeks later."

For more information visit [watgum.org](http://watgum.org) and [imb.uq.edu.au/canetoadchallenge](http://imb.uq.edu.au/canetoadchallenge). To watch a video of Mike trapping cane toad tadpoles, find Sandgate Wetlands & Wildlife on Facebook.



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WITH **MARK SINCLAIR**

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## Somewhere to call home

STORY **PATTIE TANCRED**

**1** 50 Rainbow St, Sandgate has had an interesting life. Since the 1880s, that address has hosted Mr Mohaupt's general store and undertaker's business, the Jehovah's Witness Church and Hall and, since 1994, the Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum.

In the past 30 years, the building has served the society and the community well. However, the time has come when this beloved but ageing building no longer suits our purposes. We need somewhere that is accessible to all, that can house our extensive records and where we can display our wonderful collection to its best advantage – where all people of Sandgate and surrounding districts can come to connect with, research and enjoy their heritage.

Our search for new premises has only just begun and we are seeking input from the community. If you know of anywhere located

within a reasonable distance of Sandgate that would suit us, please contact the museum at 150 Rainbow St, Sandgate, by phone on 3869 2283 or email [info@sandgatemuseum.com.au](mailto:info@sandgatemuseum.com.au)

Meanwhile, it's business as usual: the museum is open 10am–3pm, Wednesday and Sunday or by appointment, and Devonshire morning tea at 10am on Thursday, 25 January.

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Mohaupt's general store, ca 1880s





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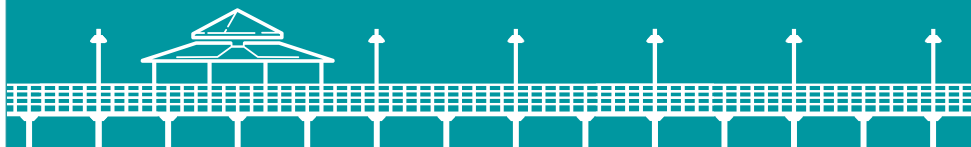
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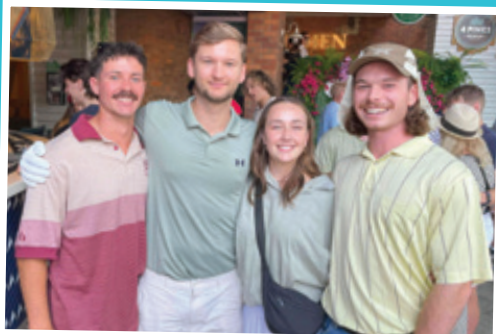


# SocialSnaps

by PAUL NEIL



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



Happy 25th birthday to Finn! My son Finn (yellow shirt) celebrated his big day with Harry, Rhys and Amelia and friends and family on an afternoon pub crawl around the Valley.



Now for High School! Mums, Nikki, Leah, Gill and Angela get together to celebrate the end of Primary School for their kids at Shorncliffe State School's Yr 6 Graduation Party at Queensland Cruising Yacht Club.



Annette, Ella and Ashleigh are all dressed up and ready to welcome everyone to SANDBAG Community Centre's Christmas lunch.



I found Christine, Stephanie and Lorna serving up tea, coffee and donuts to happy families attending the Sandgate Uniting Church Christmas Lights.



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Works at Brighton Hotel are now underway for an exciting renovation. Set on the glorious stretch of coast just north of Brisbane, we're bringing you a modern bistro, sports bar, epic new beer garden & kids playground!

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# CHILDREN'S BOOK A LEGACY FOR SANDGATE AND SHORNCLIFFE

STORY **PANAYIOTA**

**S**andgate and Shorncliffe – two of north Brisbane's seaside suburbs whose residents treasure the abundance of history and natural beauty in their own backyards.

Dr Deborah Cronau, a local resident, was asked by the Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum (SDHSM) to write a children's book that would help promote local history.

With this in mind, she brought the book to fruition and called it, *Ibis the Bin Chicken's* bin-eyed heritage tour from Sandgate to Shorncliffe Train Stations (not as a rail-ride ... but as the tip-turkey flies).

Dr Cronau planned this precious gem using a fun approach to learning while guiding kids to easily absorb local history.

"While primarily an introduction to ... a heritage trail," Dr Cronau said, "this book includes a variety of local places and events, spread through early to recent times, so the young reader will feel they are custodians of history and part of our evolving, living heritage."

This joyful 'doing book' affords parents more opportunity to read with their kids and to make loving memories as they walk the trail as a family. It's a short walk from Sandgate to Shorncliffe stations.

As an added bonus, it's an ideal accompaniment for tourists who visit the area year-round.

What a legacy for the community and for future generations to enjoy!

Dr Cronau credits the success of the book to her collaboration with her husband, Joe Soares M.BIM (with distinction), her mum Shirley Cronau, as well as Pam Verney from SDHSM and Frank Box from Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association.

"We produced this book as volunteers using our individual skill sets to give back to the community," Dr Cronau said.

"It will not only increase the reader's interest and knowledge and sense of ownership of their community, but will also promote the importance of the Sandgate Historical Society and Museum.

"We are so grateful that the Kedron-Wavell 2023 Community Grants Program shared that vision. Their generosity has enabled our book to be published and distributed to schools and libraries in 2024."



Applications for the Kedron-Wavell 2024 Community Grants Program open on 1 May.

"The Kedron-Wavell Community Grants Program enjoys its involvement in the community," Sid Biggs, Partnership Manager, Kedron-Wavell said.

Copies of the book can be purchased through SDHSM for \$12 each.

For more details, email [info@sandgatemuseum.com.au](mailto:info@sandgatemuseum.com.au)

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The workshop area can be described as truly remarkable, brimming with highly technical equipment and a diverse group of individuals executing tasks with remarkable precision and organisation.

It's here that you might find esteemed Club member Garry Gatfield and his stunning 'brag book' of gems (that he has personally faceted), as well as other gem collections such as those from fellow member and expert gemstone cutter (one of Australia's best) Vicki Thomsen.

# North Brisbane Lapidary Club A Hidden Gem

STORY **PATRICIA HIGGINS**  
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

**T**he North Brisbane Lapidary Club is a haven for those who are interested in adding to a treasure trove of cut gems, jewellery designs and similar handicrafts and participating in related activities.

The Club has existed since 1966 as a not-for-profit organisation offering a space to learn new skills, connect with like-minded people, and gain a broader knowledge of minerals and gemstones.

North Brisbane Lapidary Club Chair, Lewis Shotter, said that a membership also affords the opportunity to take part in exciting fossicking trips and enhanced social activities.

"Activities include faceting, capping, silver work, gold work, wire wrapping, enamelling, lost wax casting and fossicking," Mr Shotter said.

Slightly tucked away near the entrance to Albert Bishop Park in Nundah, this 'candy store for jewellery makers' is complete with a display of gemmological and geological materials to rival any museum's collection.

Upon a chat with Mr Gatfield, one is illuminated to the fact that 'lapidary' is, in fact, a very interesting Latin term, "used to refer to the practice of shaping stone, minerals, or gemstones for ornamental purposes, with the ornamental element distinguishing it from related skill sets such as stone masonry."

The club operates from Monday to Saturday and often incorporates new courses for the various activities over the weekend, with joining and annual fees kept to a minimum.

The folks at North Brisbane Lapidary Club are also gearing up for the next annual gem show scheduled for early March, which is set to feature live demonstrations (such as faceting and silversmithing) with displays and sales of gemstones, jewellery, crystals and much more.

To find out more about North Brisbane Lapidary Club, including memberships, visit <https://nblc.com.au/>.

**North Brisbane Lapidary Club 2024 Gem Show**  
**Saturday, 2 March, 9am-4:30pm**  
**Albert Bishop Park**  
**574 Nudgee Road, Nundah.**



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advice, a 10-point lawn health checkup and if you want, he can fix any issue you might have there and then while there.

### 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.

### 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.

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**Feature:** Looking for lunch or dinner with family and friends? Visit the newest restaurant in Sandgate, located at The Sands Social. Enjoy classic club style food as well as freshly made pastas and pizzas. Café is open all day from 10am. Members discounts available. Bookings are recommended.



## FEBRUARY What's On.

### 01 THURSDAY

#### TRACY VAUGHAN AT 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/>







## 02 FRIDAY



### **MUSIC FROM THE STRINGS OF MALI**

Sandgate Town Hall 7pm

### **HOLLY BUDDY'S**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

### **BRETT WHITMORE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 1:30pm

### **MIDNIGHT GROOVE**

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

### **JIVE MIGUEL**

QCYC 2pm

## 03 SATURDAY

### **ERIC ROETING**

QCYC 12pm

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QCYC 12pm

### **BEAVER**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

## 07 WEDNESDAY

### **WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE**

Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

## 08 THURSDAY

### **CHRIS BENT AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 11:30am

## 04 SUNDAY

### **MAKERS & SHAKERS- STITCHER'S SOCIAL**

EclecticTea 1pm - 3pm

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## 09 FRIDAY



### **CASSIE WADE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 7pm

**DAY OF EMBERS**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**10 SATURDAY**

**MAISY TAYLOR**

QCYC 12pm

**ZANE & MATT AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 8pm

**TRACE**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**11 SUNDAY**

**RYAN HURRICANE AT SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 1:30pm

**STEREO BLONDE**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**ASLEEP AT THE REEL**

QCYC 2pm

**SAFE SAX**

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

**14 WEDNESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE**

Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

**15 THURSDAY**

**PREPPING YOUR POOCH FOR PUB(LICK!)**

EclecTea 6pm - 7:30pm

**16 FRIDAY**



**DUELLING PIANOS HOWL AT THE MOON**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**17 SATURDAY**

**JESS IRVINE**

QCYC 12pm

**KLUSTERFUNK AT SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 8pm

**NIK PHILLIPS**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**18 SUNDAY**

**MIKARA AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 1:30pm

**BAM**

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

**DETOUR BAND**

QCYC 2pm

**21 WEDNESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE**

Sandgate Post Office Hotel 6:30pm

**22 THURSDAY**

**DAVE GRAY AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 11:30am



**23 FRIDAY**



**SCOTT BROWNE AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 7pm

**DANIEL STONEMAN**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**24 SATURDAY**

**JAMAAL SUGARS**

QCYC 12pm

**POCO LOCO DUO AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 8pm

**IMESSA**

Full Moon Hotel 8pm

**FULL MOON**

Rise Time: 6.28pm



**25 SUNDAY**

**MATT DICKERSON AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 1:30pm

**BEAVER**

Full Moon Hotel 2pm

**DANNY JAZZ**

QCYC 2pm

**28 WEDNESDAY**

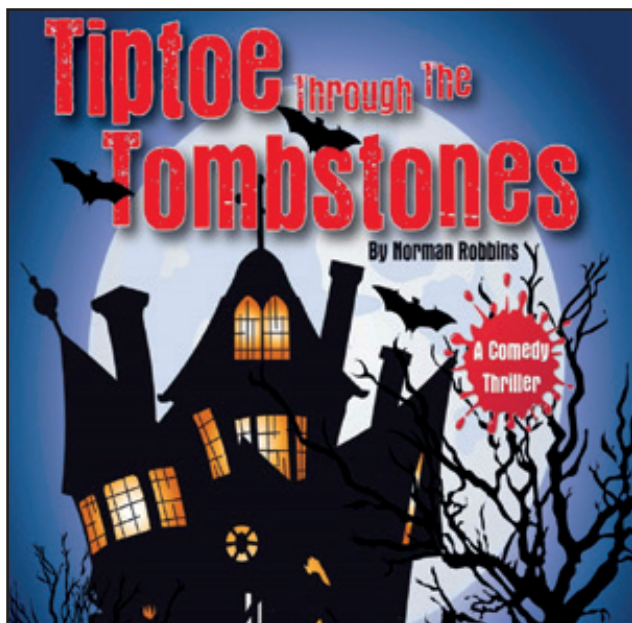
**WEDNESDAY TRIVIA AT THE POSTIE**

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**29 THURSDAY**

**DARRIN LEIGH AT THE SANDS SOCIAL**

The Sands Social 7pm



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## BEYOND SANDGATE

# FAIRY TALES EXHIBITION CASTS SPELL ON BRISBANE

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

**A** major exhibition has arrived in Brisbane, offering audiences an opportunity to explore the timeless world of fairy tales through contemporary art, design and film.

The Fairy Tales exhibition is currently open to the public at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and will run until Sunday, 28 April.

QAGOMA Director Chris Saines said Fairy Tales featured more than 100 works of art encompassing sculpture, installation, painting, photography, printmaking, papercuts, animation, video art, augmented reality, film, props and costumes.

"While fairy tales have changed form through different eras and societies, their themes have remained universally resonant," Mr Saines said. "This exhibition transports visitors into the faraway land of magical stories that cast an enduring spell on adults and children alike."

The exhibition is divided into three chapters, starting with Into the Woods, which explores metamorphosis, unpredictability and danger. The second chapter, Through the Looking Glass, taps into childhood imagination with puppets,

toys, clocks, twirling mushrooms and flying houses. Ever After, the final chapter examines love and relationships in fairy tales.

Exhibition highlights include Brazilian artist Henrique Oliveira's *Corupira*, where visitors can become immersed in a twisted forest made from tree branches and salvaged timber, and Timothy Horn's *Mother-Load*, a stagecoach crafted from crystallised rock sugar.

To make the experience even more special, a Valentine's Day event called *Ever After* will take place within the exhibition this month. Couples and friends are invited to take part in creative workshops, photo booths, bars and a three-course dinner on Wednesday, 14 February.

For those who appreciate the magic of classic cinema, the Fairy Tales Cinema will screen the black and white silent film, *Claire*, on Sunday, 3 March accompanied by a live performance from organist David Bailey. Jim Henson's television series *The Storyteller* also screens daily as part of the exhibition.

On Friday, 15 March and Saturday, 16 March, the Fairy Tales Up Late all-ages event will feature a lineup of live music that includes Methyl Ethel, Tjaka, ZZADE, Elizabeth and more.

A spokesperson for Meanjin/Brisbane-based band Tjaka said supporting Methyl Ethel had been a dream of band member Felix for a long while.

"Plus the Up Late stuff is always gorgeous in QAGOMA," the spokesperson added.

*Tickets to Fairy Tales range from \$10-\$28 and \$71 for a family. For more information and tickets to the exhibition, Valentine's Day: Ever After, the Fairy Tales Cinema, and Fairy Tales Up Late visit [www.qagoma.qld.gov.au](http://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au)*

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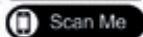




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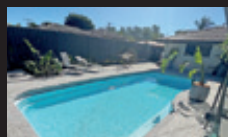
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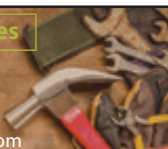
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