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A Note FROM THE TEAM



Don't you just love Christmas? There's such a feeling of celebration – and inspiration – in the air.

Speaking of inspiration, this issue of the ChermSide Guide brings you some heart-warming stories of the Christmas spirit at work. You'll meet the Motorbike Santa who'll be delivering presents to random homes across the city,

and hear about the community group delivering hampers and toys to families in need.

If you feel the need for a good belly laugh, treat yourself to the Comedy Zone at Nundah's Royal Hotel – a night of stand-up that promises to deliver laughs a-plenty. For family-friendly giggles, you'll enjoy a movie night under the stars watching Elf – our favourite over-sized Christmas helper.

If you're looking for something a little spookier, why not take a Lutwyche Cemetery Haunted History Tour – if you dare. Not for the faint hearted, this is one tour that promises to deliver more than a few shivers up your spine.

Of course, we also bring you an array of delectable dining and entertainment options that will make those Christmas get-togethers extra special.

And for the final countdown, what better way to spend the last day of 2020 than at a masquerade party, complete with big-screen fireworks?

Enjoy the season – and a safe, peaceful, happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all.

See you in 2021!

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DAVE KERO
STRUMMING
TO HIS OWN BEAT



Story Aleasha Bliss

If there ever was a true man of many talents, it's Aspley guitarist and soloist Dave Keresztes (Kero). Playing guitar for over 30 years has seen him travel the world and now, share his talents with his students.

Dave has had a passion for all things music since he was a little boy. His mother introduced him to Opera and sang many genres of music to him as he was growing up.

"She tuned my ears from early on," Dave said. "At 12 I decided guitar was what I wanted to do forever and I've been doing it ever since."

"I love music in all aspects. I work in a music store (Arties), I teach guitar in my home studio, and am an entertainer. I'm lucky; I get to help people choose their guitar, learn their guitar and perform their guitar."

Dave has been touring with The Elton John Tribute Show for eight years and has also been a part of many original and cover bands.

"Original bands helped me get a creative insight into music – how to perform and how to improvise, unrehearsed on-the-spot. Like a chef cooking fresh on the night," he laughs.

"The Elton Show is a big international show. I'm very fortunate to be a part of something so amazing."

Although he has played for some huge acts, Dave loves performing his original pieces.

“When you play your own, a part of yourself is revealed,” Dave said. “It’s like an artist. A blank canvas, that I paint for my audience. I can’t communicate as well with words as I can on the guitar. I speak this language – it’s a gift to express yourself through music.”

Dave has a regular solo show at Aspley Central Tavern and when he's not in the music store or on the road with the Elton Show, you can find him there with his guitar, vocals and looping machine - creating all the sounds himself.

"It's a fun avenue for me to be able to sing, play songs and still be able to do the lead over the top like in a band situation. My solo show is a bit of everything. I do original compositions that I've written, and covers."

Check Dave out when he performs at the Aspley Central Tavern on New Year's Eve.

You can find out more about Dave on his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/davekerolive

Dave Kero Playing NYE

**Thursday, 31 December, 6-9pm
Aspley Central Tavern
1378 Gympie Rd, Aspley**



Chermside parkrun offers a great opportunity to keep fit while being socially active.

CHERMSIDE PARKRUN RETURNS

After an eight-month absence due to coronavirus, Chermside's weekly parkrun events have returned to keep the community active and connected.

Having restarted on 28 November, the free events, hosted every Saturday morning near the Kidspace Playground at 7th Brigade Park, are timed runs with participants encouraged to take part for fun, as part of a training regimen, or to just catch up while being active.

Chermside parkrun event director Bradley Scott said parkrun was a great way to get the community out and about with family, friends, and neighbours while keeping fit and social.

"A huge part of parkrun, especially in Chermside, and what I've been encouraging, is it doesn't matter if you're not fast," he said.

"My daughter has completed several runs and she's been doing it since she was very young.

"It's not about being fast, it's about getting out there and being active with community engagement and health."

As well as exercising and being socially active, parkrun offers a way to reach personal fitness goals and set weekly targets to beat at your own pace.

"You register with your email, and when you've finished your run and after the results have been processed, you get an email with your time," Bradley said.

Regarding any changes to COVID guidelines, the Chermside event includes a QR code display for the purposes of contact tracing and participants are encouraged to sign in before they run.

Bradley said that due to the wide-open space of the track and because entrants would be doing the run at different speeds, social distancing wouldn't be an issue.

"Social distancing is almost implied just based on the number of people that we have and the wide range of speeds," he said.

"The fact our course is a very open area, people are able to spread out a long way from each other, should they wish to."

Bradley said if you'd been looking for a way to keep fit while being socially active in your community, come along and give parkrun a go.

"Something I really value about Chermside parkrun is the community we build and the fact the people are really friendly," he said.

"If you've been thinking about it, come along – it's for everyone."

You can find more about parkrun, including how to register, at www.parkrun.com.au

**Chermside parkrun
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Story Time In The Park

Story *Jodie Woodward*

Storytime sessions are a popular part of Brisbane City Council Library's usual programming for children and their carers. But, due to COVID-19, sessions in the library are currently suspended. Luckily, the Pop-up Library has been filling this gap as it visits seven parks in Brisbane each fortnight, including 7th Brigade Park. It delivers some library services to the local community in easily accessible locations.

"While Queensland Health's social distancing restrictions remain in place, our libraries are not delivering the usual children's literacy programs," a council spokesperson said.

The Pop-up Library delivers interactive storytime sessions for children up to five years and their parents or carers.

"Each storytime session includes a fun, interactive way of learning rhymes and songs that families can learn and take home to enjoy together," the spokesperson said. "They also include practical tips on how you can support your child's language and literacy skills from birth."

Sessions at local libraries will resume sometime in the future. In the meantime, you can enjoy storytime in the great outdoors.

Please visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries for more information about Brisbane City Library programs.

Pop-up Library: Children's storytime
Monday 14 December, 9.30am and 10.30am
7th Brigade Park
375 Hamilton Road, Chermside.



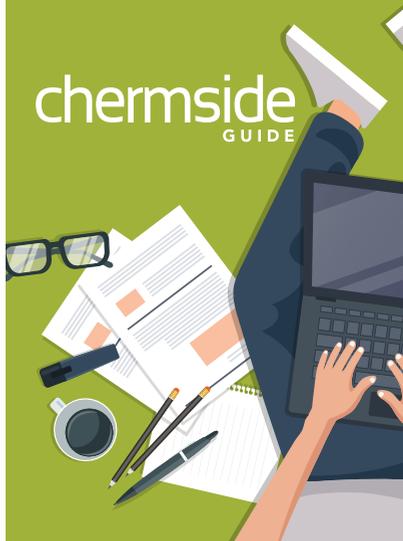
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Masquerade

YOUR WAY TO THE NEW YEAR

While face masks have become a staple in every outfit of 2020, Geebung RSL is encouraging a mask of a different kind for its **'A Night in Venice'** New Year's Eve Masquerade Party.

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

This event will start your 2021 the right way by incorporating champagne on arrival, a gourmet three-course meal, live entertainment by Let's Dance Band featuring popular singer Fortunato, and fireworks on the big screen.

Geebung RSL marketing and advertising coordinator Holly Murfitt said there would be lucky door prizes and also some for best dressed on the night.

"If our Melbourne Cup event is anything to go by, we anticipate that this New Year's Eve will be bigger than anything we have seen before," Holly said. "Everyone pulled out their finest outfits and went all out for the Cup, excited to be out, socialising and celebrating with friends."

Holly said the club was really looking forward to bringing in the New Year with the Let's Dance Band featuring Italian singer Fortunato, as he was a regular at the club and had a huge following of devoted fans that enjoyed his Italian and classic hits.

"2020 has been a tough year for a lot of people and we know that many are looking forward to putting the year behind them and to celebrate a happy and prosperous year ahead," Holly said. "We are going all out with our theming and decorations to ensure this event is a truly special evening."

The three-course meal included in the entry and preselected upon booking includes choices such as prawn cocktails, grilled barramundi, and eye fillet steaks. For Geebung RSL members, entry is \$49 and \$59 for non-members.

"Since the easing of restrictions, it has been great to see our members returning to their 'friendly local club' as well as welcoming new faces," Holly said.

Bookings for this event are essential and tickets can be purchased by phone on 32653711 or at: www.geebungrsl.com.au

A Night in Venice Masquerade Party
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A ROYALLY FUNNY EVENING

Story Aleasha Bliss

The Royal Hotel at Nundah, in conjunction with The Sitdown Comedy Club, have your giggles sorted with The Comedy Zone at the Lounge this month.

This massive night of laughs has Jacques Barrett wrangling the show as the MC, alongside three hilarious local acts – Sandeep Totlani, Jasmine Fairbairn and Matt Ford.

Australian Venue Co. National Entertainment manager Ian Smith said they are very excited to have comedy and entertainment back at the venue and it was time to laugh off the crazy year in style. He said the event was perfect for a casual Christmas get-together to enjoy a meal and show.

"We have a delicious authentic Italian menu to order from, all through our order-at-table service Mr Yum," Ian said. "That means you don't even have to leave your seat to order. Simply scan the QR code to see our virtual menu, order and pay and our staff will bring your meal to you."



SANDEEP TOTLANI



MATT FORD



JASMINE FAIRBAIRN



JACQUES-BARRETT

All of the comedians on the evening have impressive backgrounds in the stand-up world and they are set to leave you laughing – long after the show is over.

Jacques Barrett has been on the scene for 12 years headlining the world's best comedy venues and festivals. He mixes his relentless comedy blows, impressions and characters to bring light to dark social subject matter.

Sandeep Totlani is a regular at Australian comedy venues and has performed his acts in three different languages on some of the biggest stand-up stages nationally and internationally. He has a fresh and likeable stage persona. His intriguing comedy show will leave you in stitches.

Canadian comedian Jasmine Fairbairn is now a Brisbane local. She regularly MCs throughout Queensland and has toured with her own solo comedy show, *Swimming in the Sea of Failure*. She said her proudest moment was when she was aged 10, making her mother laugh by impersonating Tom Petty.

“It's hard to peak young," *Jasmine said. "But I'm convinced that moment is what has propelled me into making tens of hundreds of dollars a year. Thanks, Mom."*

Matt Ford's quirky everyday observations, mixed with his social commentary, have his audience in fits of laughter as he delivers his killer lines.

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 Director Will Gluck
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Release Date 26 Dec 2020
 Director Patty Jenkins

Main Cast Kristen Wiig, Robin Wright, Gal Gadot, Pedro Pascal, Connie Nielsen, Chris Pine
 Genre Adventure, Action, Fantasy



THE WITCHES

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Release Date 10 Dec 2020
 Director Robert Zemeckis, Guillermo del Toro, Steve Starkey, Jack Rapke, Alfonso Cuarón
 Main Cast Stanley Tucci, Octavia Spencer, Chris Rock, Anne Hathaway, Charles Edwards
 Genre Adventure, Horror, Comedy, Family, Fantasy, Mystery

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<i>A Gift from Bob</i>	3 rd
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<i>Christmas Jar</i>	3 rd
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<i>The War With Grandpa</i>	3 rd
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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Fiona Hammond



With Christmas just around the corner I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all readers of the ChermSIDE Guide a safe and happy Christmas.

2020 has challenged us all in different ways and I am looking forward to the new year and all that it may

hold. Your Council is getting on with delivering a strong and flexible plan to reboot and rebuild Brisbane's economy. We're implementing recovery initiatives which have been based on feedback from businesses, residents, community groups and industry.

Some of those initiatives are the six-month rates freeze for all ratepayers; providing \$3 million to assist community groups on Council land; and \$4.5 million for waived rents and reimbursements for Council lessees and tenants.

As you will read in this edition, I had the pleasure to join with the Hampson family recently to dedicate 1.9 hectares of land in Brentwick Street, ChermSIDE, as the Terry Hampson Reserve.

Terry was a wonderful friend and mentor and I believe this parkland reserve is a fitting way to commemorate him and his achievements.

Bart Mellish MP



On Saturday 24 October, the new home for basketball on the northside was declared open by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. It was a great chance for local families and community members to check out the brand new

\$8 million facility in the heart of Zillmere.

The Northside Indoor Sports Centre is a fantastic multi-sport facility which will also serve as the new home of Northside Wizards Basketball. With five courts and seating for over 300 spectators, this is an investment in local sport that will serve our community for generations to come.

Projects like these play an enormous part in Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan, which is focused on investing in communities to create jobs and foster economic growth. Not only did this project support jobs during its construction, but it will also employ locals for many years to come.

This facility is just the first in a range of investments in our local community as part of our Economic Recovery Plan. Keep an eye out for construction on another key project, the Beams Road Overpass – starting in 2021!

Anika Wells MP



Retail workers deserve our kindness.

Christmas decorations are already being rolled out in the shops, signalling that the festive season is upon us.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only increased the strain on northside families during what is a difficult and costly time of the year.

Many Lilley residents will be doing it tough, with 18,914 people receiving JobKeeper and 8,687 on JobSeeker payments.

The festive season is also one of the busiest times for our retail workers, who have worked

tirelessly throughout the pandemic and the lockdowns.

As we approach the annual Christmas shopping rush, it's important to remember that retail workers deserve our thanks, our kindness and our consideration.

Alarmingly, research involving 6000 retail and fast food workers found over 85 per cent of them had experienced abuse from customers at work, and it gets worse at Christmas.

SDA Queensland's "No one deserves a serve" campaign highlights the abuse fast food and retail workers face.

I urge all northsiders to exercise patience and be kind. Everyone has a right to feel safe at work. No one deserves a serve.

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Christmas Wreath Workshop

Story Jodie Woodward

A Christmas foliage wreath workshop is the perfect way to get in the festive spirit. Patricia from The Soul Pantry said it was a fun and informative event everyone could enjoy.

"The workshop includes all your seasonal foliage and materials," she said. "You create your very own Christmas wreath that you take home. It can be hung on your front door or on a wall or laid flat as a beautiful centrepiece."

Patricia said she thought Christmas would be a more modest affair for most this year, with a focus on local and homemade gifts and events. The Soul Pantry's well-lit and airy space offered the perfect place for both.

"People will be looking forward to getting together to celebrate the end of a challenging year," Patricia said. "We endorse a sustainable festivity season; less waste through suitable gifts and local suppliers. We believe that people will support small and local businesses."

If you can't get along to the workshop, there's also an option to send someone special one of The Soul Pantry's stunning Australian Christmas wreaths. You can order online or book into one of the multiple wreath workshops by visiting www.thesoulpantry.com.au.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Thursday, 17 December, 10.30am - 12.00pm

The Soul Pantry

31 Wolverhampton Street, Stafford.

Safer Bridge for Melaleuca Green Park

Chermside West's Melaleuca Green Park had a new pedestrian bridge constructed recently that crosses Downfall Creek to provide park users with a link between Shelgate and Kinnerton Streets.

The new 3.6-metre-wide steel bridge with concrete deck replaced the existing timber bridge that was established in 1955 and was in need of a safety and accessibility revamp to fit with current needs.

McDowall Ward councillor Tracey Davis said that although the former bridge served the community well, improvements were needed. She officially opened the new bridge on 21 November with locals in attendance.

"It was lovely to have long-time resident Jan Hunter cut the ribbon in front of family and local residents, and be the first to officially walk the bridge," Cr Davis said. "In addition to the bridge upgrade, a new barbeque has been installed in Melaleuca Green Park with a new shelter to be installed just in time for Christmas for families to further enjoy this wonderful local space."

Along with the improved bridge, the council also upgraded the footpath approaches on either end and completed revegetation and landscaping to areas affected by the infrastructure.

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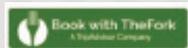
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CAFÉ A CASTLE

FOR THE
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Arry Singh, Chris Rishi and Rish Rishi



Story and Photo **Emma Sanders**

He is fast approaching his one-year anniversary of being in business, but for the owner of the cleverly named Castle Dine Café, 2020 has been a year of transformation, resilience, and a lot of love and support from the local community.

The Carseldine (get it?) eatery has gone from strength to strength, despite the huge disruption thanks to the pandemic. But owner Chris Rishi said that some strong market research before opening helped him keep the business thriving.

"It used to be just a corner store, but we realised there was a potential for good coffee and a breakfast and lunch venue on Graham Road, as nothing local existed here," he said.

"Our first intention was to convert the corner shop into a café, but after market analysis we decided to keep half of the corner shop and add the café to the other half.

"Locals have embraced this venue for their grocery supplies and we didn't want to take it away from them.

"And it helps that we are also the only outdoor café in the area that allows pets."

The eatery takes the menu into delicious territory for diners, with plenty of staples and some enticing specials available at breakfast

and lunch. Beautiful breaky bowls, breakfast burritos and mouth-watering burger options adorn the menu, and Chris said customers had voted with their taste buds and their kind support.

"I have to acknowledge the community support; I get to see the same people every day for their coffee and meals and the one-on-one interaction is priceless," he said.

"They love our food, but more than food it is our service we provide. Our customers are like our family and we laugh and share our thoughts with them.

"This is what encourages us to come to work each and every day and keeps us going."

With Chris' twin brother, family, and friends all working together at the cafe, the future is looking bright for potential business expansion.

"We are really focused on this right now, but we are looking at opportunities to expand our business ventures," Chris said.

"We love being a part of this local community."

For more information on Castle Dine Cafe and to check out the menu, visit thecastledinecafe.com.au

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What's On.

04 FRIDAY

🎵 **ANDY MAC**
ASPLEY TAVERN 6PM



🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6PM

🎵 **MICHAEL GANT**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **STEVENSON ST DUO**
KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

05 SATURDAY

🎵 **LA PARRILLA & LIVE MUSIC MEG RIPPES**
HUB BREWING 3PM

🎵 **THE FREE AGENTS**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6PM

🎵 **PAUL DESMOND**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **AMBER WORTHINGTON**
KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

06 SUNDAY

🎵 **SHANI MIRIAM LIVE**
SASQUATCH BAR 1PM

🎵 **SCARLETT GUNNER DUO**
HUB BREWING 1PM

🎵 **SIMONE CUTTING**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

🎵 **BRIDGET LIVE**
SASQUATCH BAR 5PM



11 FRIDAY

🎵 **ERIC MEWBURN**
ASPLEY TAVERN 6PM



🎵 **DAVE CLAYTON**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **MIDNIGHT GROOVE**
KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

12 SATURDAY

🎵 **DISHPAN HANDS**
HUB BREWING 3PM

★ **MOVIE NIGHT UNDER
THE STARS** P.36
ASPLEY HORNETS 6PM

★ **EXPLORING BRISBANE'S
GHOSTLY PAST** P.34
LUTWYCHE CEMETERY 6:30PM

🎵 **ROY MORRIS**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **CASEY WATT**
KEDRON-WAVELL 11PM

13 SUNDAY

🎵 **TREVOR WHITE**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

14 MONDAY

★ **POP-UP LIBRARY: CHILDREN'S
STORYTIME** P.10
7TH BRIGADE PARK 9:30AM

15 TUESDAY

🎵 **MORNING MELODIES BOB MILDREN**
GEEBUNG RSL 10:30AM

17 THURSDAY

★ **CHRISTMAS WREATH
WORKSHOP** P.22
THE SOUL PANTRY 10:30AM

18 FRIDAY

🎵 **KRAUT N' ABOUT**
HUB BREWING 4PM

🎵 **DAVE KERO**
ASPLEY TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6PM

★ **OUTDOOR CINEMA –
POLAR EXPRESS**
EVERTON PLAZA 6:30PM

🎵 **TERRINA**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **JAMES DEAN DUO**

KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

★ **THE COMEDY ZONE @**

THE LOUNGE P.16

THE ROYAL HOTEL, NUNDAH 8PM

19 SATURDAY

🎵 **MR TOKYO DOG, MUSIC**

SHANI MIRIAM

HUB BREWING 3PM

🎵 **MIKE WINKWORTH**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **GREG ALSTON**

KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

20 SUNDAY

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

26 SATURDAY

🎵 **DARRIN LEIGH**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**

KEDRON-WAVELL 8PM

27 SUNDAY

🎵 **TERRY STEWART**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

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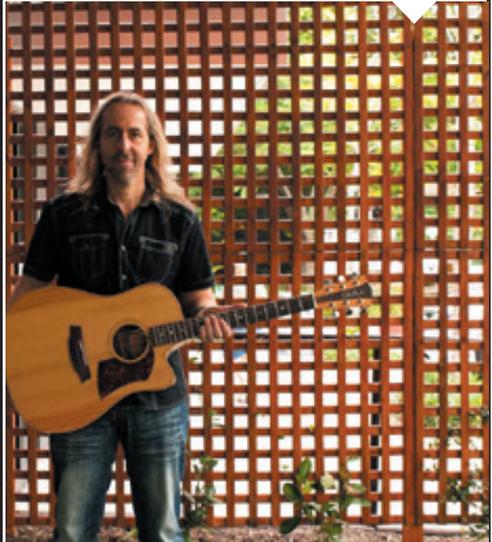
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31 THURSDAY

★ **DAVE KERO LIVE** P.6

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM



★ **A NIGHT IN VENICE**

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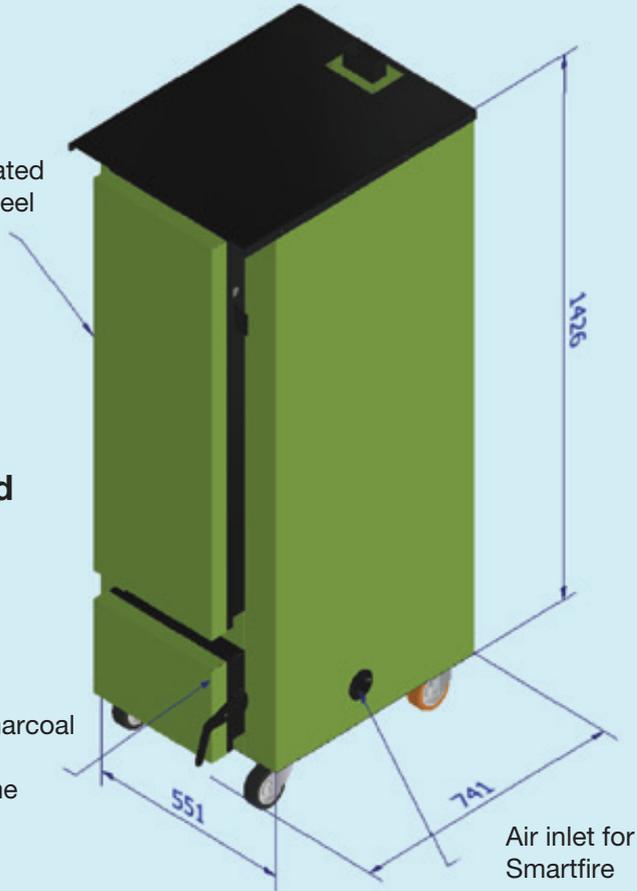
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EXPLORING BRISBANE'S GHOSTLY PAST

Story Justin Sayson

Every city has a grim side to its past. As time goes on, legends emerge and ghost stories appear. The “hauntings” that people visit with Brisbane Ghost Tours are not just a search for apparitions in the distance – they bring the feeling of a shiver up your spine as the sordid stories in Brisbane’s history are recounted.

The Lutwyche Cemetery Haunted History Tour aims to bring both worlds to those brave enough to go to the graveyard.

Hosted on selected Saturdays each month, the guided tours are full of tales of criminals, soldiers, and tragedies that have befallen the area.

Historic Australia managing director Jack Sim started the ghost tours in 1998 and said he wanted to reveal the true story behind Brisbane’s local haunts.

“You don’t need ghost gadgets; the last thing you need is a wailing, screeching clairvoyant psychic,” he said.

“We find real stories – we interview people and research to show the history of a story that has been told in that particular place.”

The Lutwyche Cemetery had always interested Jack. He found himself wanting to uncover the legends he heard: stories of the Black Death, the Downfall Creek Murder and more.

“To prove a place is haunted you need to have history of it being haunted,” he said.

One of the people buried there is John Andrew Stuart, who infamously firebombed the Whiskey Au Go Go club in the 70s.

Jack called it a dark history, but learning the shared history of a city shapes an understanding of how it came to be.

“A haunting is a shared cultural memory of negative events in the inner city or places past, and the Whiskey Au Go Go firebombing is a perfect example,” he said.

“We’re coming up to 50 years since that happened.

“The legacy of that crime, Stuart’s saying they were victims of police corruption – these things still echo down through a half a century.”

The next Lutwyche Cemetery Ghost Tour will run on Saturday, 12 December. To purchase tickets, visit ghosttoursaustralia.com.au



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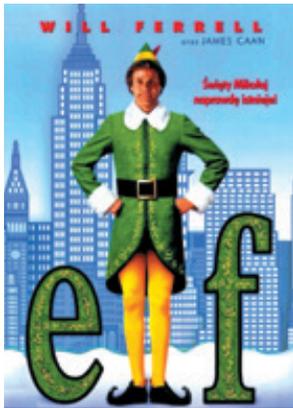
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Watch Elf Under the Stars

Story Jodie Woodward

Bring the family and enjoy a movie night under the stars at Aspley Hornets Football Club. General manager Danni Francis said the club wanted to show a Christmas movie for the local community as part of its events program.



“We hope it will give families an affordable night out at a busy and expensive time of the year and a chance to spend time together and get into the Christmas Spirit,” she said.

To decide on which movie to show, they put it to a vote on Facebook. Elf was the clear winner.

First released in 2003, Elf is a Christmas comedy starring Will Ferrell, James Caan and Zoey Deschanel. The movie focuses on Buddy, a human who was adopted and raised by Santa’s elves. When he learns about this, he heads to New York City to meet his biological father and helps spread some Christmas cheer to non-believers along the way.

“It’s a great event,” said Danni. “The movie will be set up on the field with the canteen open, and hopefully some food trucks. Bring a rug and the family and enjoy a feel-good family movie under the stars.”

For more information, visit www.aspleyhornets.com.au

Movie Night Under The Stars
Saturday, 12 December, from 6pm
Aspley Hornets
50 Graham Road, Carseldine.

Popular Christmas Festival Cancelled

Story Jodie Woodward

The Christmas festival and lights at St Gerard Majella Catholic Church has been cancelled for 2020. The family-friendly event has been a crowd favourite for years, as well as winning the ‘church and community group’ category in the 4KQ Christmas Lights Competition multiple times.

Father Paul Chackanikunnel said the decision to cancel was due to the difficulty of the current restrictions.

“This year we can’t go ahead because of the COVID situation,” he said. “It’s too early to decide for the future. We’ll have a meeting next year and think about how we can do it. That’s all we can do.”

Instead, the regular Christmas shop will be open in the meeting room of the church. It will sell nativity sets, decorations, gifts and cards each weekday from 9am to 5pm. The op shop also remains open from 9.30am to 1.30pm each day.

“We can’t have our open-air mass this year either,” Father Paul said. “As it’s outside, we wouldn’t know who was coming and going. We have increased the number of masses we’re holding inside instead, and people will need to register beforehand.”

A decision will be made in 2021 as to the possibility of any future Christmas festival.

You can find out more information via www.olaparishchermside.org.au

Hub Brewing turns 7

Hub Brewing in Geebung is celebrating 7 years in operation, and everyone is invited to help celebrate with a Sunday session.

The brewery will have a few specially brewed beers to try, all released especially for the occasion. Flamin Grillas will have the smoker BBQ cooking up briskets, pulled pork and wings, and the Scarlet Gunner duo will entertain the crowd with live music all afternoon. To book a table call 3865 5177.

*Sunday, 6 December, 1–6pm
22 Morrisby Street, Geebung*

Socially Distanced Santa Selfies

Santa will visit the Aspley Hypermarket this December. Shoppers will be able to get a socially-distant selfie with the jolly man as well as share Christmas wishes. His Elf helpers will also be there, handing out free goodie bags to the kids. Festive carollers will be around the centre during Santa's visits. Find Santa in Centre Court near Coles.

*Aspley Hypermarket
Thursday, 10 December, 11am
Wednesday, 16 December, 11am
Saturday, 19 December, 10.30am*

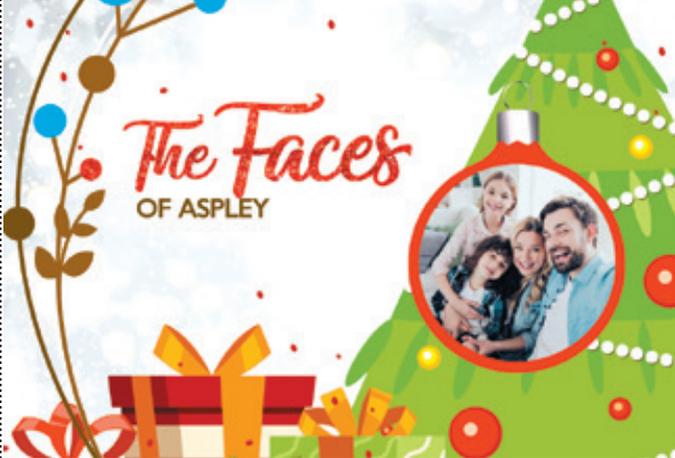
Pre-loved Fashion

Are you still looking for an outfit to wear to the Christmas party?

Her Wardrobe Markets is holding its Brisbane North Fashion Market on 6 December. Shop through pre-loved fashion pieces to find your new party outfit and accessories.

If it's extra cash you're needing, book a stall and sell your pre-loved wardrobe items. Visit the Her Wardrobe Markets Facebook page for information.

*Wavell Heights Community Hall
Sunday, 6 December, 9am–1pm*



A Digital Christmas Tree Featuring YOU

Story Jodie Woodward

Along with charity wrapping and socially distanced Santa photos, you'll also find technology lending a hand at Aspley Hypermarket this festive season.

Marketing manager Shannon Nelson said this year had been challenging for everyone and the centre hoped to spread some cheer and make this festive season one to remember.

"We have tried to include, support, and create a sense of community throughout the shopping centre with each of these activities," Shannon said. "We love the Aspley community and want to celebrate our special community whenever possible."

A highlight of the Christmas activities includes the digital Christmas tree labelled The Faces of Aspley. Customers can upload an image of themselves to be turned into a bauble and displayed on the digital tree. By uploading their image, customers also go into the draw to win an instant daily prize.

"It's never been seen before in Brisbane and it's definitely in line with the current global environment," Shannon said. "I love that it's free, any shopper can easily participate, and everyone has a chance to win some cool prizes."

You can also vote on your favourite Community Christmas Tree Project entry, write a letter to Santa, or donate to OzHarvest's Food Appeal while in the centre.

For more information, visit the Aspley Hypermarket Facebook page or www.aspleyhypermarket.com.au



AUSTRALIAN...

Mistletoes...

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Story *Leanne Palmer*

Australia is home to about 90 species of mistletoe – not the kind that is part of the European Christmas tradition (although Aussies have been known to improvise), but our very own distinctive and equally attractive ones.

Unusual and often misunderstood plants, Australian mistletoes come in many shapes and sizes. Flowering results in a dramatic show of yellow, orange or red. They are semi-parasitic, growing on the branches of natives such as eucalypts, casuarinas, and callistemons, relying on their host for water and support.

Some beautiful examples can be seen along the length of Downfall Creek from Raven Street Reserve to Seventh Brigade Park, growing on eucalypts and casuarinas. You can also find them dotted throughout other bushland areas, in street trees and in backyards. Sometimes, it is their tubular orange flowers fallen to the ground that will alert you to their presence.

Remarkably, they appear to mimic the growth form of the tree they are living on, often producing foliage practically identical to their host, making

them hard to see. This resemblance is believed to be a product of evolution.

Parasitic plants and animals have famously bad reputations, yet they form an important part of the ecosystems in which they live. Mistletoes provide a valuable source of food with their nectar-filled flowers and fleshy berries. Possums, insects, and birds feed on them and find shelter within their dense foliage.

One tiny bird, amongst Australia's smallest, has developed a strong relationship with them. The Australian mistletoebird feeds almost exclusively on the little berries, acting as one of the main distributors of the seeds. It takes less than 30 minutes for a seed to pass through its short digestive system, to be then excreted in a sticky mound on the branch of a tree, ready for the next generation of mistletoes to grow.

The mistletoebird is not so easy to see. Small and fast, a sighting may require some patience. It is only the male that has a red chest; females are dullish grey, making identification tricky.

School holidays are approaching, so make a point of getting out into our local parks with the kids and marvel at all the intricate relationships.



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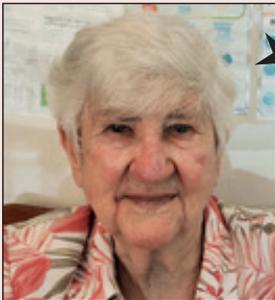
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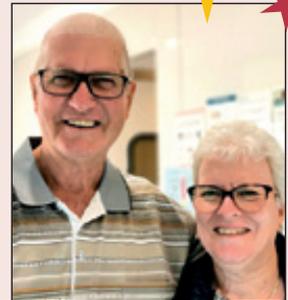
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Keith Brandt (& wife Judy) – South Ripley.



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Amanda Paech and
Mel Blanchard

HOCKEY AT THE WOLVES' DEN

Story Wayne I Flack
Photo Bruce Redman

Kedron Wavell Hockey Club is home to the Wolves, and breeding ground of Australian Hockeyroos like Jodie Kenny and the Fitzpatrick sisters.

Following a difficult shortened winter season, where several divisions did manage to win premierships, players are relishing the opportunity to keep their fitness levels up with summer hockey in a relaxed atmosphere.

Kedron Wavell Hockey Club's summer hockey coordinator Mel Blanchard said this was a way for families to play together.

"Mums and Dads can play with their kids, and it also gives non-hockey players the opportunity to come and have a go so they could become potential future players," Mel said.

This modified version has a reduced six-a-side team playing across the field with two shortened halves of 20 minutes each. Players are not allowed to hit the puck, only push it, and there are no short-corner penalty shots.

Mel said this was to make the rules easier to understand, and make the game safer.

"With these modified rules it takes away some of the fear factor, and it brings people of all ages and levels together on a Friday night," she said.

"A lot of low division grass teams play with elite division-one players, so it's a real equaliser."

One of the club's elite players, current Australian Masters over 35s representative and division one goalkeeper Amanda Paech, plays in one of the teams with her husband Michael.

Keeping the family theme going, Mel's mum Christine Blanchard also plays summer hockey. Christine said she had played as high as division two, but now played down on the grass. "I call it happy hockey, where the skill level suits me and I can play with my friends and just have a good time," Christine said.

This family orientated club enjoys great facilities with two synthetic turf and one grass field. The club proudly boasts the addition of aluminium three-tiered grandstands, acquired this year for field two.

The last two Friday nights of summer hockey at Burringbar Park are on 4 and 11 December, with games starting at 6.30pm and 7.20pm.

For more information visit www.kwhockey.com.

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Terry Hampson Reserve Opening

Story Jodie Woodward

A new reserve has officially opened in Chermside. The Terry Hampson Reserve, a parcel of land that runs along Downfall Creek and is accessed via Brentwick Street, Chermside, was purchased by Council under its bushland acquisition program.

"The reserve will include additional open green space for the community to enjoy, as well as areas that will be planted out with native flora species, contributing to the habitat for our wildlife along the 'Mountains to Mangroves' corridor," a Marchant Ward Office spokesperson said.

Terry Hampson served as a councillor for the Marchant Ward in the Brisbane City Council for 10 years from 1994 to 2004. He was a member of several conservation and multicultural groups. In his retirement, he was involved in the Mountains to Mangroves Environmental Protection Group, Brisbane Forest Park Advisory Planning Board, Chermside Historical Precinct, and Chermside and Districts Historical Society.

Councillor Fiona Hammond held a dedication ceremony with family and friends of the late Terry Hampson to honour his contributions to the local area and in particular, his passion for the environment.

It included a speech given by former State Member Terry Sullivan, and the unveiling of the new sign and a tree planting.

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SANTA CLAUS IS RIDING INTO TOWN

Story *Brooke Jacobson*

Photo *Bruce Redman*

For almost a decade, northside residents have seen Santa zipping around on a motorbike in the lead up to Christmas. This year, the man in red has promised he's going to deliver more than a friendly wave.

Ian Grainger, otherwise known as the Motorbike Santa, is raising funds to distribute gifts to families across Brisbane.

"Since about 2012, I've been riding to my job in the city in my Santa suit every December," Ian said.

"I just started doing it for fun. My workmates realised I was riding dressed in the suit, and as part of my job at PwC is delivering the mail, they wanted all their mail delivered by me dressed as Santa.

"Each year people were ordering more parcels just to have them delivered by Santa."

Ian said he had been inspired to go one step further this year.

"I just figured it had been a pretty crappy year for the world, so it might be good to do something nice," he said.

He started a Go Fund Me page to raise funds to buy boxed, non-gender-specific toys under the value of \$10, to be delivered to homes across the city.

"I put in \$200 of my own money and now we're at more than \$2000," Ian said.

"I've had lots of support and my manager at PwC has said they're going to do a national call out."

Laughing, Ian said it might "get a bit out of control" but he had an army of "elves" to help out.

"I have a Facebook group of fellow motorbike riders and they've all agreed to get suits and help me if need be," he said.

Ian said he would be choosing homes at random on Christmas Eve to leave gifts at the front door.

"Each gift will have a sticker on it saying, if you don't have kids or you don't need this gift, please donate it to charity or give it to someone with kids," he said.

"There's going to be a QR code on there as well, which will take people to the Go Fund Me page. People can also post their photos to social media with the hashtag #realsantaproject."



To donate to Ian's Go Fund Me page, go to au.gofundme.com and search 'The Real Santa Project Brisbane' or scan the QR code on this page.



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LUTWYCHE ROAD / MAYGAR STREET INTERSECTION UPDATE

Recent upgrades to the Lutwyche Road and Maygar Street intersection have been causing issues for some motorists. Changes to driving conditions in this area have been so substantial that some drivers are having trouble adjusting to the changes. Following conversations with residents, static signs have been placed prior to the intersection to advise motorists of the changed traffic conditions. Further arrow markings have also been added preceding the intersection. Once drivers adjust to the changes, traffic should flow more smoothly through this busy section of road.

HUMMINGBIRD HOUSE SPEAKS AT WAVELL PROBUS MEETING

Wavell Probus recently welcomed guest speaker Sabrina Wills from Hummingbird House. Hummingbird House was established to provide a short-term home away from home for families of children with a life-limiting condition. The house gives the parents a much-needed break and rest while the sick child is being looked after by specialist trained staff. There are also staff and volunteers known as 'Operators of Fun' who keep the children occupied between treatments. The house is funded by donations, and a family can stay at no extra cost. Wavell Probus meets at 10am on the first Tuesday of the month at Geebung RSL Club.

PLANT LOVERS MARKET

The final Plant Lovers Market of the year will be held at Aspley Central on Saturday, 12 December. This Christmas-inspired event will be the perfect place to pick up some gifts for family and friends – or something special for yourself. The event will resume monthly in 2021.

IFLY ALL ABILITIES EVENT

iFLY Chermiside are holding an all-abilities event on Thursday, 3 December. The program has been custom designed to create an environment of support and inclusion for those with physical and cognitive challenges, while focusing on making what seems impossible, possible. Tickets are \$49 per person or \$69 for carers and includes two flights, pre-flight training and instruction, flight rental gear, and photos and videos of your flight. Spaces are strictly limited and bookings are essential by calling 1300 435 928.

GET YOUR LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Think local for your delicious, fruit filled Lion's Christmas cakes and puddings. The Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North are selling their famous desserts to raise funds for the work they do in the community. Choose from the 1.5kg cake for \$17, the 1kg cake for \$13 or the 900g pudding for \$13. Pick up yours from Burnie Brae at Chermiside or the stall at Lutwyche Shopping Centre on Thursday, 10 December, Saturday, 12 December or Friday, 18 December, from 9am to 1pm. Home delivery is also available – call Debbie on 0488 406 371.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Head to Event Cinemas on Thursday, 10 December for the Banff Mountain Film Festival. The event is a two-hour celebration of the mountain and adventure sport world. Viewers will be treated to exhilarating short films from explorers, mountain bikers, skiers, paddlers and climbers from around the globe. The film festival will visit 390 communities and 35 countries as part of the festival's official world tour. For more details visit banffaustralia.com.au.

Would you like to contribute to Chermiside Bites?

Is there something happening in the Chermiside area you'd like to share? What are you talking about on social media, at the school gate or with friends? Email Jodie the details at bites@chermisideguide.com.au to be included in the next Chermiside Bites.



Helping Seniors Access the World from Home

Story *Sally Eberhardt*

Are you over 50 and wanting to become more computer savvy? The current health crisis changed everyone's lives, with many seniors suddenly finding themselves isolated, and many services accessible only via the internet.

Brisbane Seniors Online (BSOL) is a non-profit organisation that offers affordable one-on-one computer training for learners over 50 in the comfort of their own home, on their own computer or device, learning what they want to learn, at their own pace.

BSOL publicity officer Dick Bennett said it taught senior learners how to safely use the internet, recognise scams, and how to stay in touch with friends and family anywhere in the world.

"Many services can now only be accessed online," Dick said. "Ordering food and goods for home delivery, paying bills online, and navigating government websites, like Centrelink, are useful skills to have.

"Maintaining relationships and developing hobbies, for example genealogy, also helps improve mental health."

The service charges a one-off joining fee of \$20, plus \$45 per year, which gives new learners 12 one-hour lessons in their own home, and ongoing support afterwards.

For more information, go to www.bsol.asn.au or [facebook.com/BrisbaneSeniorsOnline](https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneSeniorsOnline) or phone 3393 2225.

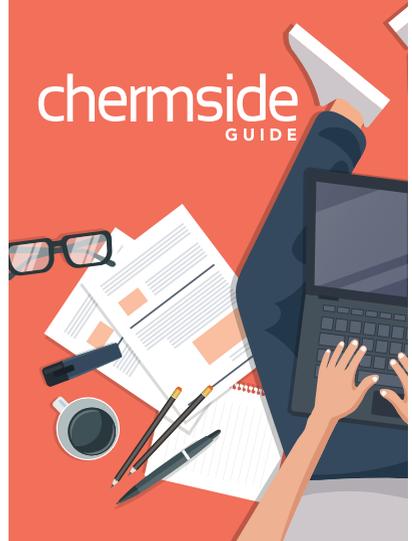
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DECK THE HALLS DIY-STYLE *This Season*

Story *Kelly Walker*

With all of the uncertainty 2020 has brought, it's no doubt that Christmas may look a little different this year for many families. However, that doesn't mean that the festive season can't still feel merry and bright. Regardless of your budget this year, DIY holiday decor is a great way to exercise some creativity and put less stress on your finances.

For simple, elegant holiday decor, start by looking at what you already have around your home and garden. Whether you love classic reds and greens, subdued earth tones, elegant golds, or cool coastal blues and silvers, achieving your desired holiday decor style doesn't have to be complicated or expensive.

An easy way to gather decor inspiration is by taking a stroll through your own back yard. As rosemary is found in many local gardens, it's the perfect staple for all of your holiday DIY projects - and it smells divine too. Create a gorgeous Christmas wreath by manipulating a few rosemary stems into a circle and binding the ends together with a piece of string or twine. For a pop of colour, add in natives such as kangaroo paw, banksia, waratah, or wattle, for a beautiful array of holiday cheer.

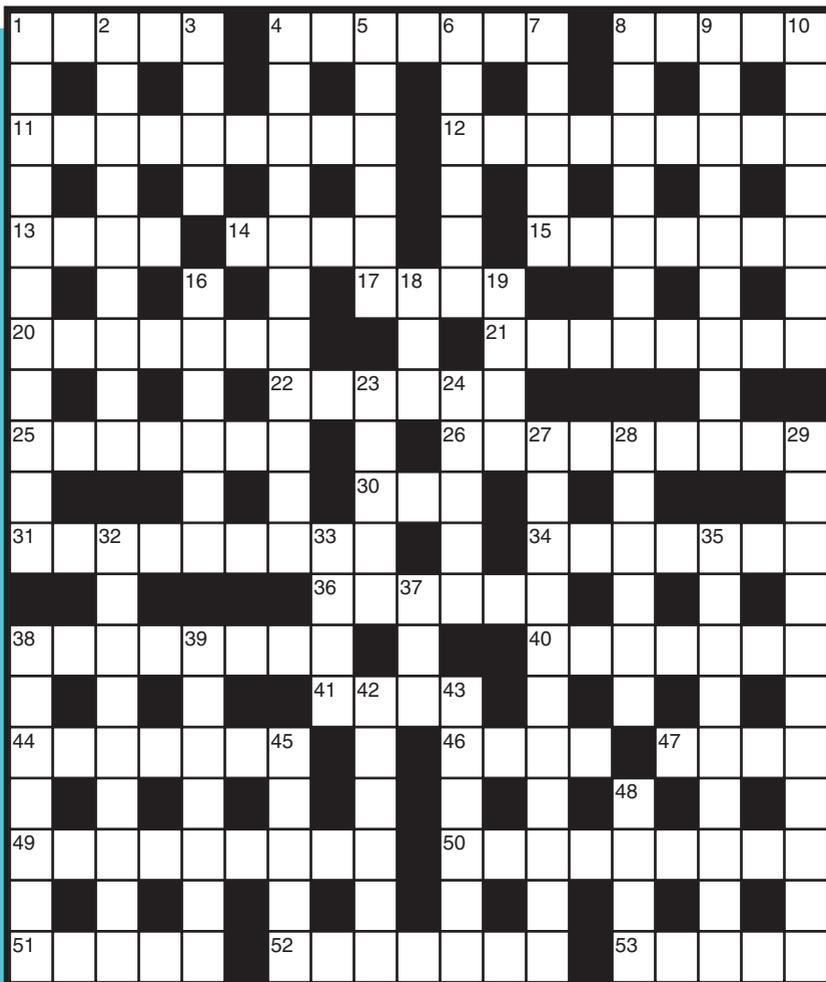
Of course, it wouldn't feel like Christmas without a tree, so if you're on the hunt for a

new one this holiday season, consider using a native pot plant that can serve double duty and be transferred to your garden after the holidays. Alternatively, just add fairy lights and DIY decorations (made from pine cones, driftwood or seashells) to an established tree in your yard, and you'll start feeling festive in no time.

When it comes to Christmas lunch, it's surprisingly easy to create a beautiful, simple tablescape on a tight budget. For example, start with a plain white or burlap tablecloth and run a garland of eucalyptus down the centre, accented with shells or gumnuts. Glass jars filled with tealights or votives are another very affordable way to add a touch of warmth and elegance to your holiday table setting. For a coastal Christmas theme, fill some of the jars with shells or white pebbles, and sprinkle light blue and silver Christmas baubles throughout the table. For a more traditional feel, fill jars with short stems of any red and green foliage, or berries that you have growing in your yard.

With a little thought and effort, you can create one-of-a-kind, homemade holiday decor that's stress-free, financially friendly, and looks fa-la-la fabulous.

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ACROSS

- 1 Winner's prize
- 4 Drum
- 8 Surface one walks on
- 11 Shame
- 12 Go above or beyond
- 13 Abel's brother
- 14 Competently
- 15 Shake
- 17 Decomposes
- 20 Adolescent
- 21 Dense blizzard (5-3)
- 22 Hunting expedition
- 25 Busy (2,3,2)
- 26 Outgrowth
- 30 Sports official (coll)

- 31 Most powerful
- 34 More vulgar
- 36 Fireplace
- 38 Coastline
- 40 Choose not to consume
- 41 Tip
- 44 Supporting bar
- 46 Enthusiastic about
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- 49 Thus
- 50 Beasts
- 51 Flexible pipes
- 52 Turret on a mosque
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DOWN

- 1 Drugs
- 2 Objector
- 3 See
- 4 Worrying
- 5 Sufferer
- 6 Costume
- 7 Cook in an oven
- 8 Quickest
- 9 Excessive
- 10 Venison, beef, etc (3,4)
- 16 Whalebone
- 18 Eggs
- 19 Do pool laps
- 23 That in which one excels

- 24 Consult, ___ to
- 27 Spell
- 28 Green
- 29 Mistakenly
- 32 Fitness
- 33 Outhouse
- 35 Crop protector
- 37 Goal
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PODCAST OF THE MONTH

Stuff You Should Know

Story *Nick Allford*

Want to learn something new while sitting in traffic? It's as easy as downloading the 'Stuff You Should Know' podcast.

Hosts Josh and Chuck have done their research into a broad range of topics over the last 12 years – and I mean really broad. From Chaos Theory, to LSD, and how diabetes works.

Some of the topics are fascinating and some can fall a bit flat, but I guess it all depends on what you're into. That's why I don't recommend listening to the show chronologically. Instead, I suggest scrolling through and finding a topic that floats your boat, like the episode "Why is it so hard to say 'Toy Boat' 3 times" (try it).

The durations vary as much as the topics with bite-size 10-minute snippets to hour-long chunky shows.

They don't just pick themes out of thin air; they cover current topics such as COVID and the US election.

Subjects are put in simple terms without ever being condescending, plus one of the hosts sounds similar to comedian John C. Reilly, which makes it all the more entertaining.

Overall, it should make it easier for you to contribute to conversations in a meaningful way, or at least sound smart down at the pub.

A Little Ray of Giving

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Aspley Ray White has partnered with Aspley Care for its annual Christmas hamper campaign, A Little Ray of Giving.

Aspley Care has the goal to provide over 75 Christmas hampers to underprivileged families within the community, and is also collecting gifts for the children to ensure they have a special day.

Ray White administration manager Michelle Wilson said it was such a great way for the company to give back to the community after over 20 years of business in Aspley.

"With 'A little Ray of Sunshine' we get to build close connections with businesses and the community where we can collectively help those in need celebrate Christmas – especially after such a tough year in 2020," Michelle said.

"The staff are really invested in the campaign, and love helping collect and wrap all of the gifts prior to delivery. Many donate so much of their own grocery items and gifts for children."

Alongside Ray White Aspley, Aspley Hornets and FitStop Aspley are also big contributors this year and have collection areas at their businesses where people can drop off drinks, non-perishable food items and Christmas treats.

Ray White Aspley is asking for donations to be delivered before 9 December, to allow time to wrap and present to the local families in need.

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TANNERIES BY THE DOZEN

Story *Leanne Palmer*

Today, the Chermside district is known as a residential area and shopping precinct, but since it was first settled by Europeans in the 1860s, it has seen many changes in land use. Early attempts at agriculture gave way to industry and manufacturing. As Brisbane grew and expanded, the demand for all manner of goods saw a multitude of enterprises spring up, and one in particular flourished here – leather tanning.

Leather has been used by mankind for over 4000 years in products as varied as clothing, footwear, door hinges, suitcases, blade sharpening tools and mechanical belts; an indispensable part of daily life.

The first tanneries in the Chermside district were operating by the 1870s. One of these was on Paul Maggs's property, "Avondale", approximately where Wavell State High School now stands. It is unclear why so many tanneries sprang up, but the presence of numerous small tributaries, and the abundance of local Black Wattle bark for tanning, possibly contributed.

Cowhides were sourced from local slaughter yards. Kangaroo and sheepskins were also processed, and custom jobs would sometimes come from further afield.

Leather tanning was hard, dirty work and involved several processes over a period of months. The labour force was supplied by local men, most of whom performed this work their whole lives, with sons often joining their fathers once finishing school. The practices they followed remained largely unaltered for centuries.

This was soon to change. By 1906 there were eight tanneries, now mechanised, including the largest in Queensland. Many comings, goings, acquisitions and expansions of businesses occurred.

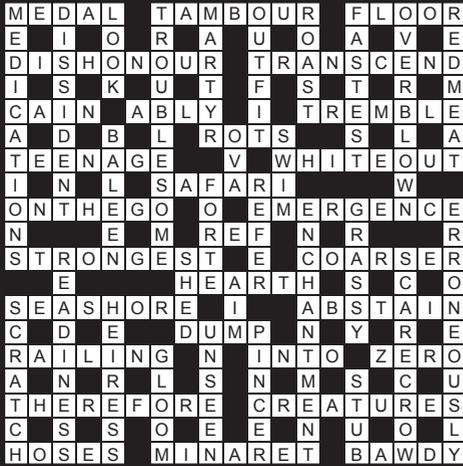
In the late 1800s the chrome tanning process was developed, shortening production times from months to days. It is unknown when this method was adopted locally, but most likely in the early 1900s. Although it was a major revolution to the industry, it came at a cost, affecting the health of workers and polluting the waterways.

Individual operations sought to minimise these impacts but concerns for community health and safety in newly developed residential areas saw the last tannery close in 1973.

This is interesting history to ponder when next you are seeking a new pair of leather shoes.

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STILL GOT THE SPIRIT?

Story Philip Woods Photo PDPR Media

Fermentation is a natural process that has occurred for millennia, however, the advent of distilling required human intervention in the form of alchemy. This process proved to be quite handy, allowing the successful use of distilled spirits in medicine, as well as in religious or social rituals around the world.

Overall, it's gone quite well. Sure, there was a messy patch in Great Britain in the 18th century, known as the gin craze, but for the most part we have enjoyed a positive relationship with the still.

Fast track to present day Brisbane, and we find ourselves among a resurgence in the popularity of boutique distilleries, producing wonderful and award-winning spirits that are going down well with the locals.

Owner and master distiller of the Brisbane Distillery Company at West End Jon Atherton said, "I think COVID has really made people look to local with fresh eyes. Not only are we starting to reassess our holiday options but there's also more of a shift to buying local and supporting local, which I think is really fantastic."

Jon uses all natural, local ingredients to create some of his acclaimed gins, which include Game of Eucalyptus, Brisbane Dry and Phat Chai.

The Brisbane Distillery Company also operates a Gin School, offering guests the opportunity to create and take home their own unique gin blend, using botanicals that cover citrus, floral or herbal flavour profiles.

Jon has seen a wide range of people keen to enrol in Gin School.

"I think the recent uptake in arts and crafts has now extended to activities like this, with people from all walks of life embracing activities including baking, preserving, renovating, and of course, distilling," he said. "With the help of our gin coaches anybody can master the art – and with over a trillion combinations with the botanicals we have on hand, you will certainly have something unique."

There are also other distilleries around South-East Queensland that offer a great place to visit and sample some great gin, vodka, and rum, all made right here.

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It's great to have these distilleries so close by, so why not stop by some time for a sample?

www.bstill.com.au/gin-school
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Free Outdoor Movie in the Plaza

Story *Jodie Woodward*

Find your festive spirit as you relax on a comfy bean bag and watch a Christmas movie with family and friends.

Everton Plaza marketing manager Tom Sweep said the outdoor area would be set up with grass, white picket fencing and lighting, with the movie projected on to a 5m-wide screen.

"We have run these events regularly over the last 18 months," Tom said. "It's a great time for family to come out and enjoy all the amazing foodies we have to offer, whilst watching a free movie put on by us."

The movie *Polar Express* is a computer animated film that tells the story of a young boy who sees a mysterious train, bound for the North Pole, stop outside his window on Christmas Eve.

"We're really looking forward to seeing everyone enjoy Christmas this year," Tom said.

Everton Plaza includes the newly developed Parklane Precinct, which includes a range of restaurants and eateries. Movie-goers can enjoy a 5 Boroughs burger or a pizza from Corbett & Claude while watching the movie.

"Book your free tickets online, come down and relax and try amazing foodies," Tom said.

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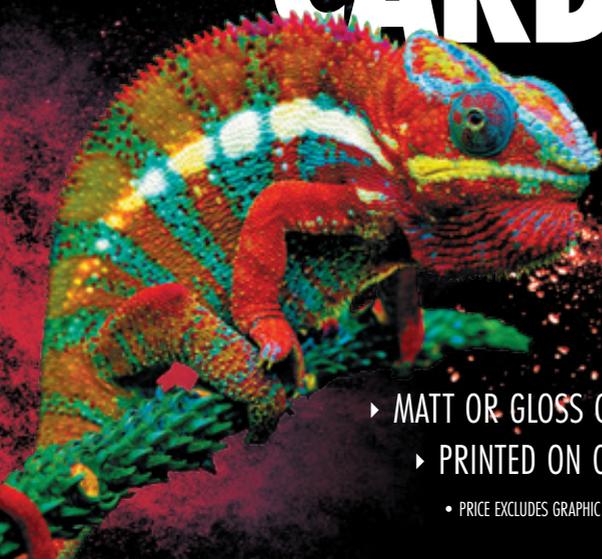
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A-FRAME

Metal Sheet
Black

FROM **\$207**

BROCHURES

A4 Folded to DL
Quick Turnaround

x 250 FROM **\$158**



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