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A Note FROM THE TEAM



There's nothing like a fresh start, and with 2020 well and truly under our belts, there's a real sense of hope and optimism in the air. In this issue of the Chermside Guide, we are pleased to celebrate that optimism as we bring you the stories and events that make our corner of the world the truly fabulous community it is.

Family fun is high on the list, with a movie in the park and performance from the Brisbane Symphonic Band – all for free!

If learning some dance moves is on your New Year resolution list, read about Empire Swing – the longest running swing dance school in Brisbane – for the lockdown. And, for the lovebirds, the Valentine's Day dance at the Geebung Bowls Club promises to be just the ticket.

On the environmental front, local residents are being recruited to set up 'bee motels' in their gardens – you can find out how to help bring nature's pollinators back into your back yard.

We also bring you the latest wining, dining, and entertainment options in our region.

As always, if you have a story idea or an event to promote in a future issue, or if you'd like to advertise your business in the Chermside Guide, we'd love to hear from you.

Happy reading!

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Maggie Augustyniak, Ayden, Hannah Rowlands,
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Bring Your Pooch For a Movie In The Park

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Enjoy a free family-friendly movie screening of *A Dog's Way Home* under the stars in Chermside this month. You will also be treated to the live, sensational sounds of the Brisbane Symphonic Band (BSB), playing all your cinema favourites prior to the film.

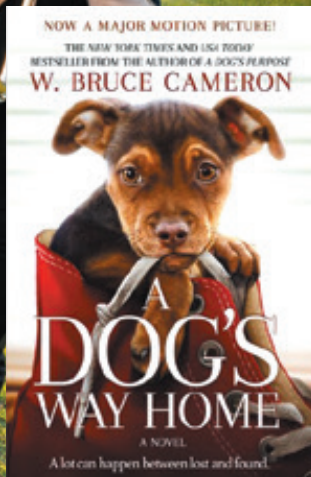
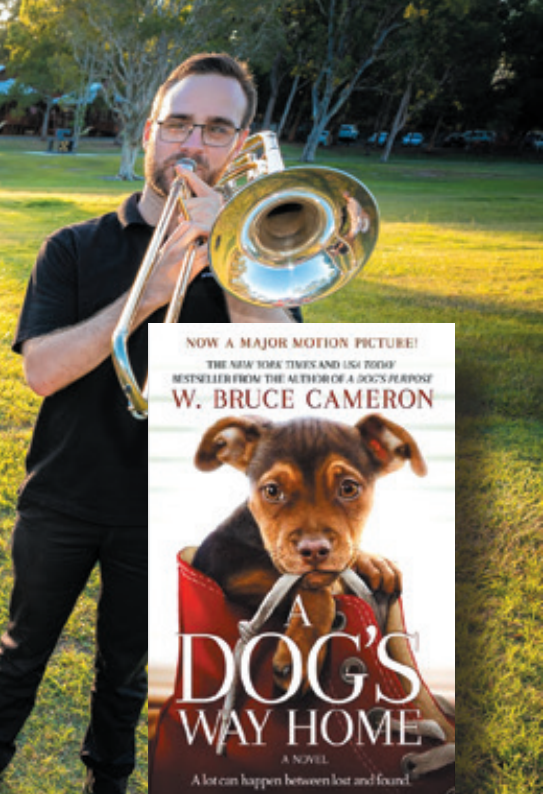
The Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs events are initiatives by the Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Metropolitan Bands aimed at creating fun and community activities by combining local musicians, food trucks and a movie to allow for a relaxed family experience.

This is the first Chermside Movie in the Park for 2021 – and to celebrate the film, Councillor for Marchant Ward Fiona Hammond is encouraging everyone to bring their fluffy family members along for the night.

Fiona Hammond will be handing out small dog packs that contain a collapsible watering bowl, a waste bag dispenser in the shape of a dog bone, an information and activity book about being a responsible dog owner, and a dog treat.

"It is great to see the return of Movies in the Park after a year of uncertainty; it will be a treat to get out and gather as a community again," Fiona said. "So bring your picnic blanket or chair, and the family friend, and have a great time."

BSB vice-president Maggie Augustyniak said the BSB Swing was looking forward to a fresh and exciting start to 2021, with the upcoming Metropolitan Bands in the Parks Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs.



"Last year saw gigs cancelled and we had restrictions on our rehearsals," Maggie said. "We had our first and last performance of the year in November 2020. As one of Brisbane's most active community bands we love our music, and we look forward to performing once again in the Chermide Outdoor Cinema event."

Brisbane Metropolitan Bands president Helen Johns said her company had been working with the Brisbane City Council for over 100 years to create free music events in parks for families.

"Brisbane Metropolitan Bands have survived through wars and the depression – the only thing that has ever halted us was the Spanish flu and now COVID," Helen said. "We are thrilled to be able to start the ball rolling again for 2021 and keep providing incredible bands to the community."

Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs
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Burnie Brae Centre
60 Kuran Street, Chermide

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ROB BURCHETT

Interview **Linda Read** Photo **Bruce Redman**

"I'm an Adelaide boy, and my wife Vikki is an Adelaide girl. Vikki and I have been together 23 years. We met at the Gay Mardi Gras Sleaze Ball in Sydney – two straight people met at a gay ball!"

We [with son Noah] came to Brisbane six years ago. We had six months in Spring Hill and then we bought the house at Wavell Heights.

The location is great; going up the coast, and getting into the city, and if you ever want to travel, the airport is really close. They're all the reasons we picked it.

I'm a hairdresser and a barber; I'm qualified in both. I'm actually a master hairdresser. I've been hairdressing and barbering combined for 43 years now. I was actually an [Australian Rules] footballer when I started doing hairdressing – that was very, very rare. I still love football; I'm a Port Adelaide fan.



I cut Julia Gillard's hair in Canberra when she was Prime Minister, and I cut the Swedish Prime Minister's hair a couple of weeks later. And, a couple of rock people back in the 80s – Billy Idol was one.

Barbering I've actually only concentrated on for the last four years full time. I'd done just about everything in hairdressing – I'd owned my own businesses, I'd worked for some of the big-name salons, worked internationally and nationally. I just felt like a change, and barbering was a scene that was starting to pick up and become quite happening. In the last six years, barbering has really taken off. Men are finally starting to embrace it.

Some men are fussy. Some of the young ones are really fussy. I had one young bloke come in the other day and said 'I want a mullet, do you know how to cut one?' The guy next to me just about burst out laughing. He goes, 'He was cutting mullets before you were even thought of!' The young ones forget the wheel goes round.

I took Noah away for his 21st in February last year and we went to Chicago. When we came back through LA, you could feel that something was happening. We got home about 10 days before it all went bad; Coronavirus hit, and Black Lives Matters hit. We would have been in the middle of some very interesting demonstrations."

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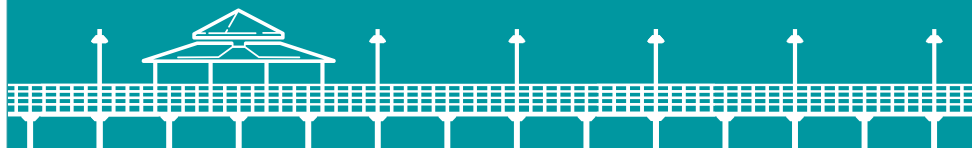
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Alexis Anastasi and Kameron Davis

Getting Into the Swing

Story *Alyssa Mackay*
Photo *Bruce Redman*

Empire Swing is keeping the jive alive by offering swing dancing classes for beginners at Wavell Heights Community Hall this month.

You can relive the best moments of the big band days by learning how to do the jitterbug, charleston and lindy hop over an eight-week course.

Owner and instructor Kameron Davis said the dance classes were a great way of bringing the community together because they were fun, upbeat, and inclusive.

"Swing dancing cuts through a lot of generations," Kameron said. "I've seen people from their early 20s through to their 60s having fun together on the dance floor."

"All you have to do is dance to one song and you're instantly part of the group, sharing that community."

Now in its tenth year of operation, Empire Swing is the longest running swing dancing school in Brisbane, teaching popular dances from the 20s, 30s, and 40s.

"These dances came about during a time when things weren't the best," Kameron said. "They make people happy. What I love about dances like the lindy hop is you can put it together in any way. It's not regimented. It's a social dance."

Kameron, who has been dancing for 15 years, said the beginner classes have been designed to teach people who had never danced before.

"You don't need to be a natural dancer," he said. "The way we design our beginner block is to teach people the fundamentals and basic steps."

"Those who aren't sure if they want to do the eight-week course can come along to one of our Summer of Swing taster classes and see if they like it."

"The classes will be operating in accordance with an approved COVID-safe plan."

With Valentine's Day coming up, it might be a good opportunity to meet someone special. "I've seen lots of relationships develop from swing dancing," Kameron said. "I've seen people get married and have babies, who met through swing dancing."

For more information about the classes visit empireswing.com.au

Learn To Swing Dance Beginner Block
Wednesday, 24 February, 6:45pm-7:45pm
Wavell Heights Community Hall
76 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights



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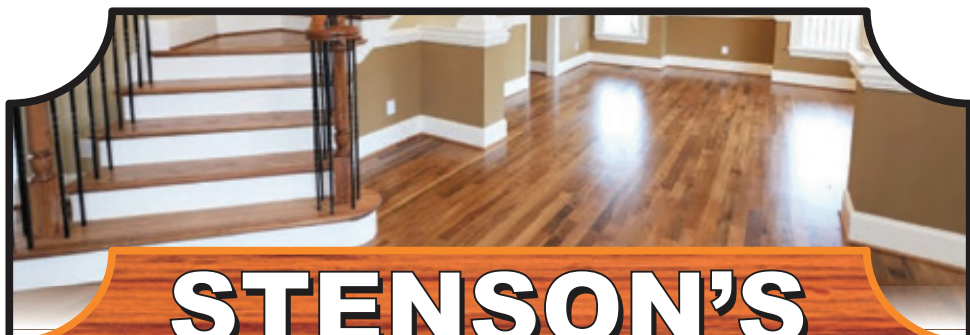
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Beer Fest



Story Aleasha Bliss

Eatons Hill Hotel is hosting its eighth annual Beer Fest on the Grass – “the biggest beer festival in Brisbane”.

Festivalgoers can expect an exhibition of over 130 local craft beers and ciders, and will be able to find a flavour to suit their tastebuds by sampling the brews from the endless selections on offer.

The day will also feature gourmet food trucks serving delicious eats to complement your brew of choice and keep your belly full so the ‘beer goggles’ do not come out too early.

Eatons Hill marketing and events coordinator Lauren McCarthy said the focus of the Beer Fest was on the local brewers and suppliers that will set up their market stalls with their craft creations for everyone to sample.

“Our main event of the day is the Keg Races,” Lauren said. “People are in teams of two and run kegs from one side to another. The winner will get an incredible prize.”

“We have pretty cruisey music on through the day from our live entertainment (yet to be announced), and as it progresses into the evening we have more full-on, fun music so everyone can have a dance on the dance floor

in front of the stage, before continuing on to our nightclub inside when it opens.”

The Beer Fest tickets are currently only \$10 if purchased online, however, will cost more at the door on the day.

Lauren said they also have a dress up competition to add to the fun of the day with patrons getting more creative each year – any theme you like.

“Over the years we have had Where’s Wallys running around, people wearing beer shirts from Lowes, and one year some festivalgoers dressed up as Power Rangers,” Lauren said.

“It’s a great event to get out and celebrate with your friends. Try some new beers – there’s a huge variety – for example last year we had a watermelon sour, and some of the smaller, local breweries will create some new, special flavours just for the day.”

Book tickets online at:
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Beer Fest on the Grass
Saturday, 6 March, gates open 11am
Eatons Hill Hotel
646 South Pine Road
Eatons Hill

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Fiona Hammond



As we begin 2021, I wanted to wish readers a happy and successful year and let's hope that it is more predictable than 2020.

As the Councillor for Marchant Ward and a former Chair of Environment, Parks and Sustainability, I have a

passion for our local parks and green spaces.

To that end, you will see that there has been some new plantings taken place in 7th Brigade Park as part of Council's Greener Suburbs Program. The first of three community planting days was held in November 2020 and the next will be in March. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for more details as we get closer to the day.

Also, I am very excited to announce that Movies in the Park is returning this year with the first to be held at Burnie Brae Park, Chermside, on the 27 February. I welcome all residents to come along and enjoy the movie, Dog's Way Home.

As always, I am available to meet with residents about Council matters. Just contact my office on 3407 0707 or email marchant.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

Bart Mellish MP



As we kick off 2021, our plan for Queensland's Economic Recovery is well underway. A key part of this plan is easing the cost of living on Queensland households – that's why I'm urging northside locals to check their

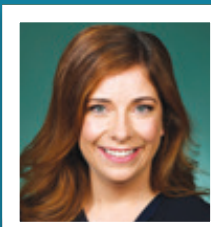
eligibility to receive the Palaszczuk Government's electricity and gas rebates. These rebates can be worth up to \$416 per year.

The Palaszczuk Government is already delivering 625,000 Queenslanders a share in \$212.8 million worth of concessions, but thousands more are eligible and we're calling on Queenslanders to talk to their energy retailers about what savings are on offer.

To access these rebates, you'll need to contact your electricity retailer or gas retailer – providing your eligible concession card information and answering a few questions about your eligibility. If you are a holder of an eligible concession card, you'll receive a credit automatically applied to your monthly or quarterly electricity bill.

The last 12 months have been challenging, which is why it's so important that every cent of support available gets to those who need it most.

Anika Wells MP



Community groups, sports clubs and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to \$20,000 from Round six of the Stronger Communities Programme.

The grants can be used for small capital projects between \$2,500 and

\$20,000 and in this special round of the programme, will cover up to 100 per cent of the eligible project costs.

The electorate of Lilley has access to total funding up to \$150,000 that can be allocated to successful applications.

Examples of eligible projects can include, but are not limited to, upgrades or fitouts of

community centres, sporting facility upgrades, kitchen renovations, purchase of equipment, park furniture, community barbecues, and community gardens.

After all expressions of interest have been finalised, my community consultation panel will conduct a preliminary assessment of proposals before inviting applicants to lodge formal applications.

Expressions of interest should be made to my electorate office before 5pm Monday, 1 March, 2021.

Visit business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Stronger-Communities-Programme to see if your project may be eligible for funding.

Call the Lilley electorate office on 3266 8244 or email Anika.Wells.MP@aph.gov.au



FREE Movie in the Park

A Dog's Way Home

27 February 2021

Burnie Brae Park, Chermside

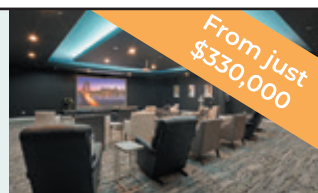
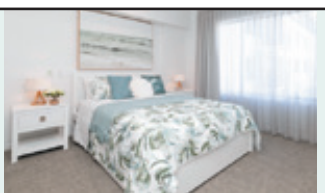
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CHERMSIDE'S **BRIGHTEST STAR**

'Australia's rising star'
Bridget O'Shannessy





Story Jodie Woodward

Bridget O'Shannessy was raised between Brisbane and her family's cattle station in country Queensland. These days you're more likely to find her playing a gig at her new favourite venue – The Sasquatch in Chermerside.

"I love the Sasquatch because it feels like a family lounge room," Bridget said. "I get to jam my favourite covers with my friends and family surrounding me. It's comfortable and welcoming, they support a lot of fantastic emerging artists, and the waffle fries are to die for."

When it comes to singing, Bridget said she'd been doing it for as long as she could remember.

"I first sang on stage at a small festival in central country Queensland and fell in love with performing," Bridget said. "From then I picked up a guitar, started writing music and performing more. It has now literally taken me around the world."

Described by some in the business as 'Australia's rising star', Bridget has been involved in the country music scene through big events like Tamworth Country Music Festival, Gympie Muster and Rockin' Rocky. Her unique talent has also seen her perform on Channel 9's Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols and at London and Shanghai Fashion Weeks.

Her musical influences include modern country musicians, but Bridget said she grew up listening to artists like Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, and Willie Nelson.

"From there, I discovered artists like Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood and listened as they helped country music to evolve into mainstream music," she said.

"I've always adored and respected the story telling lyrics of classic country music, but I also love creating new sounds, so I would describe my style as just that."

With time in quarantine this year, Bridget has taken stock of what's important to her – playing music to people. She plans on doing just that for years to come.

"2020 has provided a wonderful opportunity to support local venues, artists and businesses, and I'd love to encourage people to continue supporting live music and the businesses supporting local artists and bands."

If you can't catch her live, Bridget's music is available to stream across all the online music platforms.

You can find out more by visiting www.bridgetoshannessy.com



Peter Lincoln

NORTHERN TRANSITWAY CONCERNS LOCAL BUSINESSES

Story Jodie Woodward

Photo Bruce Redman

The Northern Transitway project covers 2.3km along Gympie Arterial Road. The project promises to provide a high quality public transport corridor to support high frequency bus services and encourage more people to use public transport. Not everyone is happy about the plans in the current form, though.

Owner of Kedron News and Post Peter Lincoln is concerned about the impact of the construction on local businesses. One of the major concerns is that there would be restrictions to on-street parking in both directions.

"This cuts down trading times to some shops to six hours, which is impractical in the business climate in Queensland," Peter said. "The impact on my business will be minimal but, I believe in if my mate has a problem, then I have a problem."

Yvette Cottrill from Consign-A-Car on Gympie Road, Kedron also had concerns about the project.

"The highest crash zone in Brisbane is Gympie Road, Chermshire. Followed in a close second by Gympie Road, Aspley, and there are no plans for any change there," she said.

Other concerns include the narrowing of lanes to 3.1m wide and installation of traffic lights on the corner of Gympie Road and Boothby Street. The lights are intended for those wanting to get to businesses on the eastern side of Gympie Road, requiring travel through residential streets.

"There are no plans to make the intersection at Hamilton and Gympie Roads any more workable either – which it isn't at the moment. There'll be more traffic jams at this intersection, holding up traffic back along Gympie and Hamilton Roads," Peter said.

State Member for Stafford Jimmy Sullivan said all feedback was carefully considered by Transport and Main Roads (TMR) when determining the final design and operating arrangements for the Northern Transitway.

"In late 2018, TMR first informed the community about the planning and design of the Northern Transitway project," Mr Sullivan said. "In September and October 2019, TMR undertook various community consultation activities, including one-on-one meetings, to gain an understanding of the community's issues and concerns."

Once complete, the project will reduce travel times by an average of six minutes during peak periods and will also mean more frequent buses for some travellers.

Construction of the Northern Transitway is set to begin in early 2021. You can find out more by visiting www.tmr.qld.gov.au

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Rosie Campbell

Story **Emma Sanders** Photo **Bruce Redman**

Coffee roastery Dark Tonic has a bright future ahead, with the popular coffee house and eatery celebrating a very successful first six months of business.

Thanks to the pandemic causing problems at her Brisbane café, Dark Tonic owner Rosie Campbell made the decision to set up shop in the northern suburbs instead, taking a wealth of experience – and her trusted barista – with her.

"My husband and I bought this café for a discounted price as the owner wanted to move back home to Gympie, and we saw so much growth and future opportunities here," Rosie said.

"Running a suburban café has always been an ambition of mine as I find it easier to connect with customers – they have more time to talk and get to know you.

"Our customers also know each other and talk about our coffee to each other, which is lovely and we have put in a lot of time, effort, and commitment to really make our business grow."

Coffee is certainly the star, with Dark Tonic roasting its beans on site.

"People love the fact we roast here on site and we love to show off our little electric roaster and explain the process to anyone that asks," Rosie said. "We also educate our customers about alternative coffee brewing, like V60 and cold drip."

"We have had customers buy whole kilo bags of our beans and we even have a wholesale customer on the southside who has our beans in their café.

"The flavour of our beans and choice of different milks really sets us apart, and word has been getting around at how good our coffee and food is – we have had quite a few new customers saying, 'I'm so glad my friend told me about you guys'."

A close-knit business, Dark Tonic successfully mixes business, family, and friendship, with the couple's three children and a handful of close friends participating in the running of the popular roastery.

"My husband and I run the business together and we have recently had my husband's best friend help out, who is also a chef, and our barista Tessa is a great friend also," Rosie said.

"My 14-year-old old son helps out in the kitchen, while my 13-year-old old daughter loves the front counter and making coffee.

"Even my toddler daughter just likes to spray and wipe the glass and sweep."

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TYRONE NOONAN

**AT THE NORTH BRISBANE
JAZZ CLUB**



Story Jodie Woodward

If you're a jazz lover, The North Brisbane Jazz Club is for you. It's a brand new offering at Kedron-Wavell Services Club and the first performer will be ARIA award-winning Tyrone Noonan and his jazz band.

The club's assistant general manager, Vjorn Bradow, said COVID-19 has meant the club had to change its entertainment line-up as many large touring shows were on hold for now.

"What we love most about this show is that jazz enthusiasts would normally have to travel into Brisbane to enjoy jazz, but Kedron-Wavell is now offering it on the Northside of Brisbane," he said.

Vjorn said the venue for the show, Sky Lounge, was one of the most popular spaces in the club.

"It is beautifully set up with a bar in the room, a lovely outdoor deck, and the ceiling looking like a starry night," he said. "The room is great for intimate events with great viewing from all areas in the room."

If you're a fan of music, you've probably already heard Tyrone Noonan's name before. He's the former front man of much-loved, multiple platinum-selling Brisbane band, George. A solo artist since 2005, Tyrone's latest album, Utopia,

has just been made record of the week with Rolling Stone, Tone Deaf and The Brag.

Tyrone said singing jazz was his favourite thing to do, and he's looking forward to presenting his jazz band at this venue.

"If you like jazz, then you should be there," he said "This is an authentic show, and my band features the cream of players currently available in Brisbane: Aaron Jansz on drums, Joshua Hatcher on double bass, and Brendan St Ledger on piano.

"We will be performing selections from various themed and tribute shows performed over the last few years, including Frank, Harry, Antonio, and others. I'm hoping the show will be a highlight from start to finish."

For more information about Tyrone Noonan, visit tyronenoonan.com. To book tickets for the Chermide show or to find out more about the North Brisbane Jazz Club, go to www.kedron-wavell.com.au

Tyrone Noonan quartet
Saturday 27 February, 6pm
Sky Lounge at Kedron-Wavell Services Club
21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermide

What's On.

02 TUESDAY

🎵 **MORNING MELODIES**
W SIMONE CUTTING
GEEBUNG RSL 10:30AM

05 FRIDAY

📅 **FLAVOURS OF EATALY FOOD TRUCK**
HUB BREWING 4PM

🎵 **ROBBY FRY**
ASPLEY TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **GREG POWELL**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ME & JODIE LEE TRIO**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

06 SATURDAY

🎵 **NATHAN MT**
HUB BREWING 3PM

🎵 **CHRIS STEVENSON**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6:30PM

🎵 **BEN STEWART**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **A NIGHT WITH ISSI DYE**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **STEVENSON STREET**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

07 SUNDAY

🎵 **THE DAPPER DANCE**
GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB 11:30AM

★ **BIMER BONSAI CLUB - MARKET**
DAY AT WAVELL HEIGHTS P.47
THE BIMER BONSAI CLUB
CLUBHOUSE 12PM



🎵 **SHANI DUO**
HUB BREWING 1PM

🎵 **RAFF DE**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

09 TUESDAY

★ **SUMMER SEASON**
GRAND FINALS P.42
BRADBURY PARK, 5:30PM

10 WEDNESDAY

★ **SUMMER SEASON
GRAND FINALS** P.42
BRADBURY PARK, 5:30PM



12 FRIDAY

🎵 **MICHAEL GEEVES**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **FAT CHANCE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **TREVOR WHITE**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **CAUGHT IN THE ACT**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

13 SATURDAY

🎵 **JAKE HILL**
HUB BREWING 3PM

🎵 **BRAD POOLE**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 **THE FREE AGENTS**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **NICK WATERS**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **PARIS TEXAS**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

14 SUNDAY ♥

★ **VALENTINE DAY
AFTERNOON DANCE** P.44
GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB 1PM

🎵 **DAVE GRAY**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

16 TUESDAY

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

19 FRIDAY

🎵 **BIGGY P**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **BRETT PATMAN**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **MIDNIGHT GROOVE TRIO**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

20 SATURDAY

🎵 **GREG ALSTON**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 **TOM ROBERTS**
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **MIKE WINKWORTH**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **THE NATURALS TRIO**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

21 SUNDAY

🎵 **FORTUNATO**

GEEBUNG RSL 12:30PM

🎵 **ROY MORRIS**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

24 WEDNESDAY

★ **LEARN TO SWING DANCE
BEGINNER BLOCK P.10**

WAVELL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
HALL 6:30PM

26 FRIDAY

🎵 **DAVE KERO**

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **DAN LEWIS**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **LISA STEWART**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ACROSS THE AGES**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

27 SATURDAY

🍷 **LIVE MUSIC LACHLAN FLANAGAN**

HUB BREWING 3PM

Gnokout Gnocchi food truck and
live music by Lachlan Flanagan

★ **OUTDOOR CINEMA IN
THE SUBURBS P.6**

BURNIE BRAE CENTRE 4PM

★ **TYRONE NOONAN AT THE
NORTH BRISBANE JAZZ CLUB P.26**

SKY LOUNGE AT KEDRON-
WAVELL SERVICES CLUB 6PM



🎵 **THE FREE AGENTS**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON**

KEDRON-WAVELL 6:30PM

FULL MOON

RISE TIME 6:36PM



🎵 **RUSSELL HINTON**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON BAND**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

28 SUNDAY

★ **FAB FINDS MARKETS P.40**

GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB 9AM

🎵 **THE BLUE SUEDE BAND
- ROCK N ROLL**

GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB 2PM

🎵 **DARRIN LEIGH**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

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*Thursday, 11 February at 7.30pm
The Royal, 1256 Sandgate Road, Nundah*

Bush Kindy - Guided Walk in the Bushland

Make memories with your little ones on a guided bushwalk in Raven Street Reserve. Volunteers will lead a fun and engaging guided walk along the Senses Trail and other nature tracks near Downfall Creek. Parents and carers can relax with their toddlers in tow. Max 10 participants. Suitable for children aged up to 5 years. This is a free event, however, bookings are essential. Visit www.eventbrite.com.au and search Bush Kindy Downfall Creek.

*Thursday, 11 & 18 February, 9.30-10.30am
Downfall Creek Bushland Centre
815 Rode Road, McDowall, QLD 4053*

Safer Footpaths Project

Brisbane City Council's Safer Paths for Seniors project is part of Council's commitment to getting residents home safer. The aim of this project is to improve pedestrian safety around areas with a high concentration of elderly people. The path along Rode Road between Letizia Close and Belfort Street, Chermside West was identified to be upgraded due to elderly people often travelling to Rode Centre shops.

For more information, contact Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona Hammond's office on ph. 3407 0707.

PODCAST OF THE MONTH

And Now For Something Completely Different...

Story Nick Allford

Want a break from your regular diet of true crime, talkback, and pop culture podcasts? Then wrap your ears around *The Thrilling Adventure Hour*, a comedy stage production recorded live in the style of the old-time radio shows from the 30s, 40s and 50s.

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Episodes run for around 20 minutes and vary between self-contained stories or a selection of continued adventures. They are joined by a host of guest stars with names you might not recognise but voices that you will.

The podcast is suitable for all ages, staying true to the original style of the era by never being too rude, and instead opting for the occasional sneaky innuendo. For some, it will be a nostalgic trip down memory lane, and for others like me, it's a taste of a more innocent time with a modern comedic twist.

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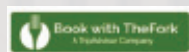
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Story **Jodie Woodward**

CARSELDINE VILLAGE: STAGE 1 COMPLETED

The Carseldine Village redevelopment is well underway with Stage 1 on track to be completed this February. This first stage includes an aged care facility, residential units, and road upgrades. Future stages are set to feature a sport and recreation precinct, additional housing, and a retail precinct. The masterplan for Carseldine Village is scheduled to be developed in five stages over the next three to five years.

CHERMSIDE LOCAL WINS \$10,000 ON A \$1 SCRATCHIE

How's this for a Christmas gift? A Chermshire local got very lucky with their Christmas gift last year. Once the \$1 Instant Scratch-It ticket gift was scratched, it revealed the recipient had won herself a nice \$10,000 prize. After receiving official notice of her win, she headed to NewsExtra Chermshire to validate her ticket. If only we could all be so lucky!

FREE BEESWAX WRAPS WORKSHOP

If you're looking for ways to reduce your environmental impact this year, head along to Brisbane City Council's free Sustainable Living Workshop at Downfall Creek Bushland Centre on Thursday, 4 February. You'll learn how to make and use your very own beeswax wraps. Bookings are required online.

MEET AUTHOR SARAH THORNTON

Author Sarah Thornton will discuss her newest crime novel, *White Throat*, in person at Chermshire Library on 16 February. This is the second crime novel from Thornton, which again

features disgraced ex-lawyer Clementine Jones. Set in Queensland, the book is sure to satisfy your summer reading cravings. It's nice to see a return to in-person events, and this one is free, but you need to register via the library.

SHORT-TERM HOTEL ON HAMILTON ROAD PROPOSED

A development application has been submitted for the construction of a new eight-storey hotel for 523 Hamilton Road, Chermshire. Originally proposed as 173 rooms, the plans have been decreased to 148 rooms because of issues raised with the original proposal. While the final decision is yet to be made, the project aims to provide suites for tourists, travellers, and for those attending the nearby Prince Charles Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital.

RODE ROAD SHOPS UPGRADES COMPLETE

Upgrades to the Rode Road Shopping Centre have now been completed. While the changes were mostly cosmetic in nature, the general floor area of the centre has increased. The car park has been upgraded and more space has been added for new eateries, offering locals more options for night-time alfresco dining and takeaway options.

TALK TO A PLANNER AT CHERMSIDE LIBRARY

Got a question about the Brisbane City Plan and how it relates to your building and construction plans? In these free sessions you'll get to speak face-to-face with a planning specialist and ask any questions you may have about the City Plan. Sessions will be held in February and throughout the year at Chermshire Library. Book your free fifteen-minute session online.

Would you like to contribute to Chermshire Bites?

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LET'S TALK PROPERTY *With Robyn*

Story Robyn Baker

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Each month I'll be sharing a snapshot of what's current and happening in real estate in the Chermside and surrounding areas.

Our property market ended on a high last year in light of the global pandemic. Australia has managed this well against many overseas countries and local agents have reported that the housing market is extremely busy. Why is this so, and what is driving this hive of activity?

According to Gary Singh from Leeding Real Estate, Geebung, "record low interest rates have generated a higher volume of buyers and increased activity. Consumer confidence has been strong, and with COVID restrictions easing this trend is expected to carry into 2021," he said.

With the shift to working from home, buyers are seeking properties that offer options for this. Detached properties, homes with

separate areas such as a granny flat or a separate office area have proven popular. This has resulted in a reduction on the demand for apartments and units.

Chermside and the surrounding suburbs have always been popular with families and those wanting to access easy transport to the city. The closeness to Westfield, providing extensive dining and shopping options, is also a major attraction for buyers. This area also boasts great recreational options including Marchant Park, Chermside Hills Reserve, and Downfall Creek, which also makes the area attractive for long-term purchasers. There are many options in the area including houses, units, apartments and townhouses, some properties with views of the city, providing options for singles, couples, growing families. Transport infrastructure is currently being improved throughout the area, including upgrades at some of the local train station car parks. Suburban improvement programs, providing more pedestrian and dining-friendly areas at local suburban shopping centres, completing the picture.

Currently the median house price for Chermside is \$631,000, a 10.7 per cent growth increase in the last 12 months and a capital growth of 13.69 per cent in the last five years. (Source: CommBank property app 14/1/21.)

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Michele Murray

PRE-LOVED FASHIONS EVEN MORE FABULOUS

Story Patricia Higgins

Northsiders have always loved bagging a stylish steal at Fab Finds Markets, and now the second-hand fashion events are gearing up for a fresh new venue at Geebung Bowls Club.

Shoppers will have access to over 30 racks of quality second-hand fashion and accessories with entry free to the public.

Market manager Michele Murray said she was excited for the first event of 2021 at the new venue.

"The Bowls Club offers us the ability to have both inside and outside stalls, is air-conditioned, and has a coffee shop attached – so we are fully caffeinated for the early start," she said.

Michele said she still had outdoor stalls available for sellers, and that guidelines and practical support would be included in the booking fee.

"We offer an extensive sellers pack, which gives people great ideas on how to style their stall and how to price their items," she said.

"When you arrive on the day you know who to see because I am there in a bright pink vest to show you where to set up and answer any questions."

Michele said that alongside perks for sellers, there were many silver linings to shopping second-hand – one of the biggest being the sustainability aspect.

"The feeling when you find that dress at a market, hardly worn or still with tags for a fraction of the price, is priceless," she said.

"Also, shopping second-hand helps to divert textiles from landfill – did you know that textile waste is the third largest contributor to landfill?"

For Fab Finds Markets, the spirit of giving back does not stop there. It partners with local Geebung charity shop Broken to Brilliant, which supports victims of domestic violence.

"At the end of each market, stall holders can leave what they don't want to take home and we bundle it up and donate it," Michele said.

You can follow Fab Finds Markets on Facebook www.facebook.com/fabfindsmarkets/ and book a stall as a seller at www.fabfindsmarkets.com.au/sell-with-us.

Fab Finds Markets
Sunday, 28 February, 9am-2pm
Geebung Bowls Club
21 Thompson St, Zillmere

HOMES FOR SOLITARY BEES

Story Jodie Woodward

Photo Bruce Redman

The Pollinator Link project aims to bring birds, butterflies and bees back to our urban habitat. It will do this by providing water, food, and shelter in backyards, balcony gardens, school yards, and other areas in our community. The trial will begin in the Chermide area with the help of Councillor Fiona Hammond. Local gardeners will be recruited as 'guardians' to accommodate homes for solitary native bees.

Michael Fox, who is running the trial, said providing suitable shelter for safety and breeding was a key factor in bringing wildlife back to our city gardens.

"While stingless native bees have become well known, most people do not know we have around 2,000 species of solitary native bees in Australia," he said. "Solitary native bees are ideal for our gardens and school yards because of their unique pollination services, like buzz pollination. Also, with no hive to defend, they rarely ever sting."

If the bees have no hive, how are solitary bees attracted into our gardens? Michael said the initial research was focused on leaf-cutter and resin bees using nesting tubes from the UK and the US, as well as paper straws.



Blue Banded Bee -
Amegilla cingulata

"Guardians will host bee homes in their gardens using specially designed nesting tubes that are returned at the end of the nesting season," Michael said. "These filled tubes are processed with some cocoons returned and others sent out to hatch in gardens of new guardians."

These bee homes are very different to the ones you'll find at your local hardware store, according to Michael.

"Those aim to provide shelter for leaf-cutters and resin bees," he said. "However, most are very poorly designed with tubes too short, which unbalances the male / female bee ratio, and holes with too large a diameter, which attracts ants and grass-carrying wasps. Our research compared the commercial products with our research design."

The Chermide Parks research started in late 2019, however, Michael said building up a guardian program would take years.

"Initial deployment of bee homes will be at no cost to our research gardeners, so a key step is to source funding for materials," he said.

You can find out more via www.pollinatorlink.org or call Michael Fox on 0408 769 405 between 7.30am - 2pm.

CULTURE BREEDS SUCCESS

Story **Wayne I Flack**
Photo **Bruce Redman**

As the Brisbane Netball Association enters the pointy end of the summer season, we showcase one of its premier clubs, Kedron Lions.

Kedron Lions Netball Club president Adam Disney said the club was established in 1988 by founder Len Davis.

"Len was associated with the Kedron Lions Aussie Rules Club, but once his daughters came along, they and their friends wanted somewhere to play netball," Adam said.

"Len has since moved away from the area but still drives down to coach his favourites, our little 'Go' group," Adam said.

The Kedron Lions have 30 teams across 17 divisions from U10s through to seniors.

Adam said the club was very much about the social development angle as well as the athletic angle.

"We try to give our kids really good habits, but also good direction and understand how good sport is for community and individuals as well," he said.

"We like to breed community and do some blanket drives, which I feel is a nice effort from a sporting club."

The club has fully funded programs with sponsors like Nitro Boxing, where they send the girls to do boxing sessions.

"It's a bit of fun but also an eye-opening lesson for them that's great for strength, change of direction, and being light on your feet," Adam said.

Beach Sports at Woolloowin is another venue where members go to train in the sand and do beach netball sessions.

The club hasn't left out the older girls either, and has a strength and conditioning trainer come in and work with them.

The club averages 20-25 rep players per season, with five premierships collected last season.

Adam said he was quite optimistic this season they would get five or six premierships.

"I think it's nice being a bit patriotic having your club and colours, but the netball community is a nice community in general anyway, although they're competitive once they cross the white line," he said.

The Brisbane Netball Association Summer Season Grand Finals are on at Bradbury Park, Chermiside from 5.30pm on Tuesday, 9 February and Wednesday, 10 February.

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STAR WARS EPISODE V: EMPIRE STRIKES BACK



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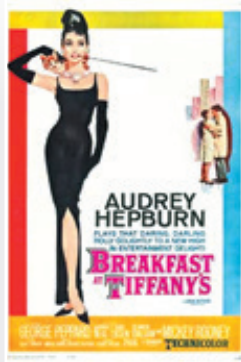
Release Date:
04 Feb 2021

Director: Irvin Kershner

Main Cast: Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Frank Oz, Billy Dee Williams, Anthony Daniels, David Prowse, Kenny Baker, Peter Mayhew

Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Science Fiction

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A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building, but her past threatens to get in the way.

Release Date:
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Genre: Comedy, Drama, Romance



THE LITTLE THINGS



Denzel Washington and Rami Malek are two cops tracking down a serial killer in this crime thriller written and directed by John Lee Hancock (The Highwaymen). Co-stars Oscar-winner Jared Leto as the prime suspect.

Release Date:
18 Feb 2021

Director: John Lee Hancock

Main Cast: Rami Malek, Jared Leto, Denzel Washington, Sofia Vassilieva

Genre: Thriller

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The Lets Dance Band

Story Aleasha Bliss

If you are looking for a fun way to celebrate your love this Valentine's Day, Geebung Bowls Club is hosting an Afternoon Valentine's Day Dance.

This event will have you twirling your partner on the large dance floor while being serenaded by The Let's Dance Band. Fortunato Isgro and Frank Maugeri will have your hearts fluttering and your legs grooving to their tunes all afternoon long.

The Let's Dance Band drummer Frank said the band would be performing a mix of dance pieces to get everyone out of their chairs and to celebrate the special day. Old-time music, rock 'n' roll, new vogue, Latin and fun dance are the genres they have prepared for the event.

"It's about going out for Valentine's Day," Frank said. "Due to the COVID situation people haven't been going out, and have been stuck at home – so we really want everyone to come along and enjoy some afternoon dancing with their loved ones. You can expect a really great four hours of entertainment."

Geebung Bowls Club manager Linda Jackson said this was the first time The Let's Dance Band

had performed at the venue, and the club was looking forward to hosting the event. The café and bar will also be open during the afternoon if you work up an appetite or thirst while dancing the day away.

"We have heard great things about Fortunato and Frank – The Let's Dance Band," Linda said. "Geebung Bowls Club is very excited to have them at the club and to see their great show in the cool comfort of the air conditioning. Everyone will have a blast, so go and get your tickets now."

"Tap your toes, get up and dance (if restrictions allow). Have a bite to eat, an icy cold drink, and have a fantastic time."

The Afternoon Valentine's Day Dance will be held between 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are limited, at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

To book your tickets phone Frank Maugeri on 0412 086 983.

**Valentine Day Afternoon Dance
Sunday, 14 February, 1pm-5pm
Geebung Bowls Club
21 Thompson Street,
Zillmere**

John Borg with Chance,
Smokey and Tramp

SHEEP HERDING FOR CITY DOGS

Story *Jenn Carrington*

City people who own herding-breed dogs as pets may find this all too familiar. Chasing cars, birds, rounding up other dogs at the park, and ignoring recall are most likely signs your dog is simply trying to herd.

Working dog breeds that are domestic pets who play in back yards, visit the local park, and have never seen a sheep, often transform in front of their owner's eyes in their first visit to trainer John Borg.

"The problem is we are trying to communicate with our dogs with human language, human instinct, and human emotion," John said.

"The issue is they are dogs, not humans, and we have to learn to talk to the dogs in their own language, which is body language."

John has always had an affinity with animals, and began training and competing at sheep-herding shows in 2012 with his first working dog, Bindi.

Born and raised in Redcliffe, John competes against farmers and sheep-station owners, and learned that by using sheep to train people's dogs, he could help city dog owners understand their pets.

"I tend to have a natural connection with dogs and they with me, so my training started evolving and I don't train like a lot of other guys; I'm more in tune to the animal and the dog," he said.

John said he learned that it was not about domination, but respect.

"Because I'm surrounded by dogs all the time and have 14 of my own, I see the body language between them," he said. "My pack leader, the alpha, does not dominate the other dogs, they all show mutual respect."

"So that's what I try to convey to people now and that helps change the way they communicate with their pet, by understanding their body language."

With more than 200 city dogs a week coming to see John, he said the most rewarding part of his day was seeing the enjoyment the dogs got from doing something instinctive.

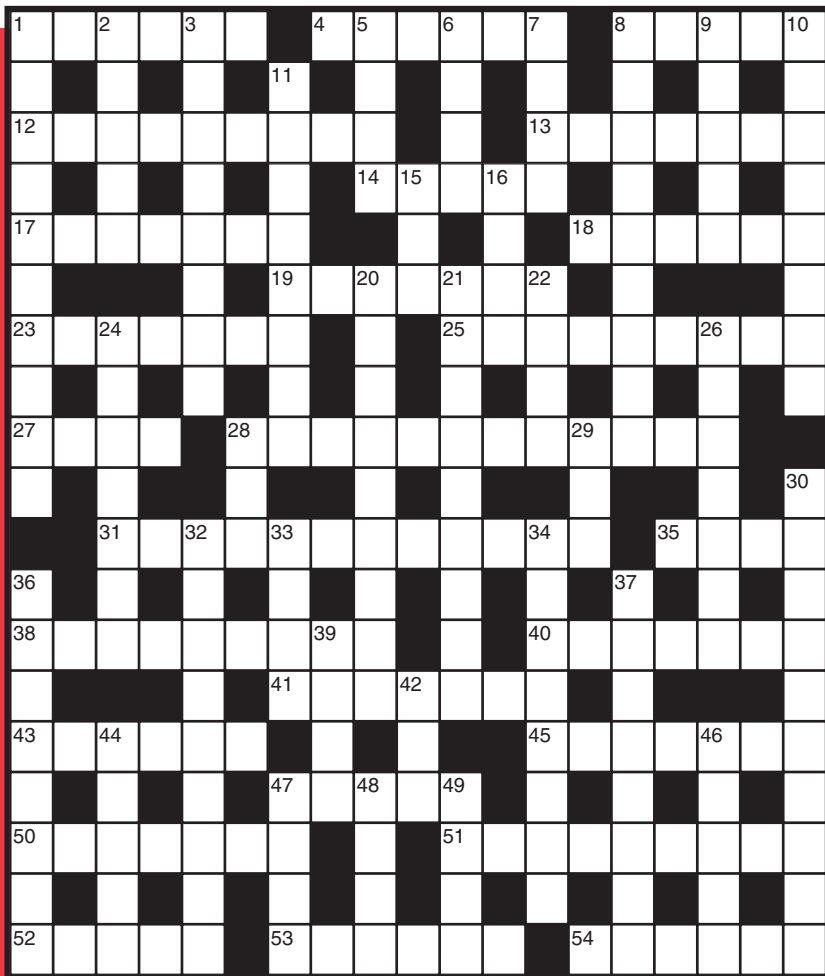
"I love the new dog when the light comes on and they realise what they have got to do; it's a moving thing," he said.

"Then when their humans see their city pet – never been on a sheep farm before – naturally work the sheep, they are just so happy and proud."

All types of sheep herding breeds can come to the farm, such as Border Collies, Kelpies, German Shepards, Samoyeds, Rottweilers, and even Corgis.

If you're looking for a fun activity for your dog, and to build trust and better communication with your pet, you can find out more information at www.shepherdforcingcitydogs.com.au

THE BIG ONE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Binder
- 4 Lacking grace in movement
- 8 Throw
- 12 Festive present (6,3)
- 13 Innocently
- 14 Particle
- 17 To a greater extent
- 18 Outlaw
- 19 Act of anointing with oil
- 23 SE European country
- 25 Yellow maize (5,4)
- 27 Quantity of bread
- 28 Imaginary
- 31 A higher degree

- 35 Matured
- 38 Large extinct reptile
- 40 Print again
- 41 Pass across
- 43 Ask round
- 45 Live longer than
- 47 Two-up call, ___ or tails
- 50 In danger (2,5)
- 51 Clients
- 52 Decreased
- 53 Looking
- 54 Lacking courage

DOWN

- 1 Public brawl (4-3-3)
- 2 No-hoper (coll)
- 3 Animal with a trunk
- 5 Dawdles
- 6 Beast of burden
- 7 Jerk
- 8 Culminating
- 9 Turn over
- 10 Central piece atop an arch
- 11 Short month
- 15 Special
- 16 Breed of dog
- 20 Queen of Egypt
- 21 Connecting spits of land

- 22 After taxes
- 24 Takeaway item (4,3)
- 26 Compels
- 28 Crude shelter
- 29 Frost
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BIMER BONSAI CLUB

Market Day at Wavell Heights

Story Meredith Anderson

Bonsai hobbyists, take note: Bimer Bonsai market day is quickly approaching.

With every vendor table booked out, the market day will have a variety of offerings related to Bonsai, from quality bonsai to pots, tools, wire, books, stands, potting media, Akadama, and other accessories.

The items are priced based on timber type and the complexity of crafting, and the market day will have something to offer for those with all levels of Bonsai knowledge.

Club president Albert Garcia said the club aims to “provide a sheltering umbrella for motivated people with an interest in Bonsai and to develop and enjoy their hobby/art with other enthusiasts”.

Another club member said that after market day, people who wish to learn more can attend club meetings as a visitor “and you’ll understand a bit more about Bonsai and what’s required to take care of them, which can be a bit more than people expect”.

This is the second year that the market will be run, with the first market day in 2019 attracting

much attention for the hobby/art. The Bimer Bonsai Club is a non-profit and accepts donations.

Find out more information via bimerbonsai.org.au or by searching for The Bimer Bonsai Club on Facebook.

Bimer Bonsai 2021 Market Day
Sunday, 7 February, 12-3pm
The Bimer Bonsai Club clubhouse
76 Cressey St, Wavell Heights



HISTORY

Gympie Road tram tracks 1950s

TRAVEL BY TRAM CHERMSIDE COMMUTES

Story *Hellen White*

Towards the end of the 19th century, a new form of transport came to Downfall Creek (now known as Chermside). Horse-drawn trams modernised the small settlement. However, there is some dispute over the exact date these new trams arrived – 1883 or 1885.

In 1883, Downfall Creek consisted of a few small dwellings, a store, and a smithy, surrounded by small farms and bushland. It was very much a working-class area, and other businesses in the area included a carriage builder, a slaughterhouse, and a tannery. There were no big homes or wide streets as in other, more fashionable suburbs of Brisbane.

Early photos showed that the slow-moving vehicles ran on the ground, but soon were running on rails. They were so slow that a buggy could outpace the tram, but the tram could carry more people.

In 1897, the first electric tram came to the area. These were faster and smoother than their horse-drawn predecessors, as well as being able to go further, carry more people, and operate in all weather.

Over the next few years, the services were extended. In 1912, when several horse bus companies in Brisbane amalgamated,

Chermside was suddenly without a public transport system. With Aussie gumption and out of necessity, a group of locals formed their own Kedron Omnibus Service. From 1914, the buses would go as far as Kedron Brook. Windsor was also added in 1914. By 1925, trams reached Lutwyche Cemetery.

As the rail network expanded, more people could travel to work in the city, school attendances increased, and the area boomed as more people moved here. Housing estates expanded along Gympie Road, which was widened to take the trams.

Twenty years later, at the end of WW2, Chermside had become a thriving and growing area. With the opening of the new terminus on Hamilton Road, ordinary wage earners had clean, reliable transport options and the area thrived.

Massive changes took place over the next decade, and with the opening of the shopping complex at Chermside (now Westfield), the automobile took over as the major mode of transport. Trams were phased out and the trees and rose beds planted along the tracks were removed.

We now have a multi-laned major motorway where once, horses leisurely plied the tracks.

With thanks to: Chermside and District Historical Society; 'History of Chermside and District' by Patrick O'Shea.

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Horizon Trike Tours

TRIKE THIS!

Story Philip Woods

Romance means different things depending on whom you ask. For some, candles and chocolates, fireplaces, sunsets, mist and mountains, or beaches and oceans spring to mind.

But for others the roar of an engine and the wind in your face is just the thing to stir feelings of romance.

Col Clarke started Horizon Trike Tours on the Sunshine Coast several years ago, and he gets a great deal of satisfaction from having couples on his three-wheeled, three-seater motorbikes as he shows them the sights of the beautiful Sunshine Coast and hinterland areas.

"We get couples celebrating their anniversaries or just looking for a fun day out, and being on the back of one of our trikes is a great way to enjoy the roads and scenery that we have up here," Col said. "Being a passenger on a trike is great for couples; you can see right over the driver's helmet to the views ahead. It's a great shared experience."

Brody Gough, who operates Dark Horse Trike Tours and is based in Redcliffe, agrees. "We offer a night tour, which is a perfect romantic date-night option for couples," Brody said. "We pick up our customers and take them for a ride through and around Brisbane where



Dark Horse Trike Tours



they can see the city lights, then we head up to the spectacular Mt Coot-tha summit, which offers a beautiful vantage point of Brisbane and beyond."

"You can book to dine at the Summit Restaurant or picnic in the gardens while you take in the star-lit skies, before we bring you home on the back of our trike. It's a great way for a couple to spend an evening."

Brody also offers trike tours for events such as weddings or even school formals.

"We can basically customise a tour to suit anyone," he said. "We love taking our customers for a quick tour up and around Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious where the air is cool and the rainforest beautiful."

Why not book a trike tour? Surprise the love of your life with an adventure you'll both remember forever.

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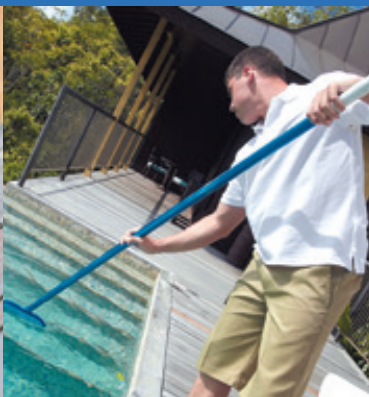
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PIGEON NESTS A PEST FOR PANELS

Story Emma Sanders

Pigeons may not always rule the roost, but when it comes to solar panels, their nests become the ultimate pest.

Pure Sunshine Solar Cleaning owner Luke Vervoorn said pigeons nesting in solar panels were a big problem in the local area.

"We can't be sure where the problem started, but the bird numbers are constantly going up," he said.

"The boom of the solar industry has provided hundreds of new nesting areas for the birds, and they breed constantly – the homing nature of the bird means they stay local.

"We have completed more than 200 bird proofing jobs in our region alone and close to 500 in total."

Luke said the reason behind the rising numbers was the solar panels sit on rails above the roof to

allow air to flow underneath and to prevent them overheating, however, this space was a perfect nesting and roosting area for pigeons.

"These birds can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage, and if ignored, the problem gets worse with time," he said.

"Once new birds have been hatched at the property, they consider it home, and it is then harder to move them on, and the numbers grow rapidly.

"The amount of poo these birds make is incredible, and it is not only smelly but can corrode metal roofs and gutters in time, block gutters and downpipes that cause water to spill during storms.

"Bird poo on solar panels also dramatically drops the efficiency and causes hot spots, which can burn out the panels."

Luke said a solution was to get a pest proofing system, which extends to other pests including possums.

"Clips fix to the underside of the solar panels and are attached to a heavy-duty, outdoor plastic mesh to keep the pigeons from getting under," he said.

"The mesh is plastic to prevent any metal-on-metal reactions and can be clipped on and off easily, so it doesn't interfere with the system.

"People should get the problem sorted straight away as it only gets worse and more costly as time goes on."



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