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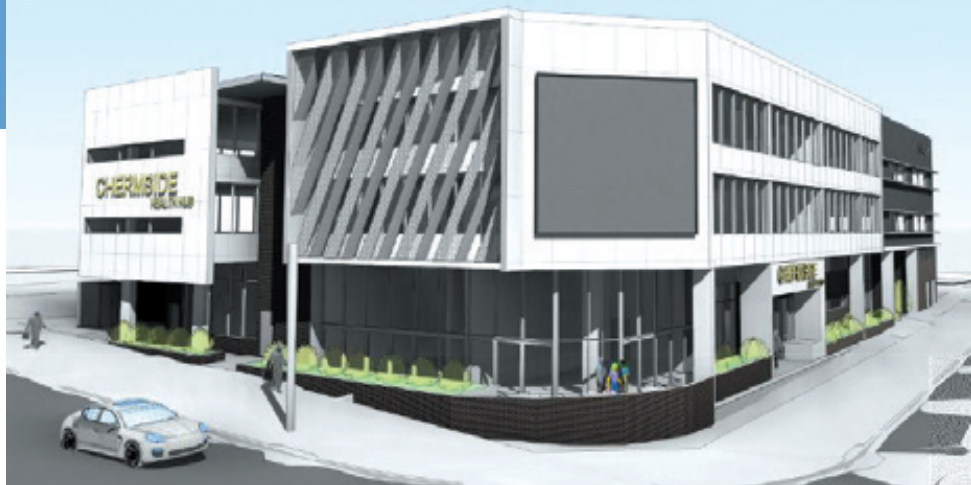
BIG BOOT MAKES WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT



The Car Mine



Artist impression of the new Gympie-Rode Road development



Story **Jodie Woodward**

Chermside locals and commuters may have noticed something missing on their drive along Gympie Road in recent times. The iconic big brown boot, which has sat on top of car yard The Car Mine for decades, was recently removed from its home.

Owner of the boot Alfie Senese said taking it down saved its life.

"The boot was in pretty bad condition and was beginning to deteriorate so, first and foremost, we pulled it down to avoid it being a hazard or a danger to the public," he said.

The big boot began its life in South Brisbane on a boot factory used during World War II. After the closure of the factory, the boot was relocated to Paddington. There, it became a feature of the popular Spaghetti Emporium, and then for subsequent businesses in the same location. It was moved to Chermshire by a man who owned a camping store and has been in the area for the past 35 to 40 years.

Safety is not the only reason the big boot has been taken down from its Chermshire location, though. The Car Mine site has recently been sold and is earmarked for a new development.

"The new owner of the site will be eventually demolishing the existing building and the big boot did not fit there," Alfie said.

A development application was approved in October last year for a health care service, shop, and food and drink outlet to be constructed on the site. Development group Cornerstone said Chermshire Health hub would offer a diverse range of health and medical services for the broader community under one roof.

"We view our efforts as being for a far greater outcome than simple bricks, mortar and real estate," said a spokesperson for Cornerstone. "Chermshire Health Hub will serve as a welcoming medical precinct that will play an important role in delivering improved outcomes as Brisbane's population continues to grow and change. Our vision is to achieve exceptional health and wellbeing for all communities."

Construction is expected to begin in mid-2021, with completion due around mid-2022.

For those left wondering about the fate of the big boot, we may not have seen the last of it yet.

"If all goes to plan, The Car Mine has every intention of one day bringing the boot back to its former glory – although it needs a lot of work and money spent on it," Alfie said. "Also, we are unsure of our new location at this stage."



ANNA MCGRAW

LOCALFACES

Interview by Linda Read

Photo Bruce Redman

"I've lived in Wavell Heights [with parents John and Andrea, and brother Jack] since I was born. I guess I have a long history with the area; all my friends and family are really close by. There's lots of things to do around here as well – nice places to eat and go out and catch up with friends. It's very central too. It's always been home for me and probably always will be. Dad actually has lived in this suburb his whole life.

Just before I graduated in 2019 [with a Bachelor of Journalism from QUT], I got a job with WIN TV News on the Sunshine Coast, and after about a month there I was offered a full-time gig with WIN in Rockhampton. So I moved up to Rocky, then after about three or four months, I got offered a position at [Channel] Seven in Rockhampton, so I jumped across and changed

networks. After a month there being a general news reporter, they offered me the producing role, managing a team of about six people who produce the local news every night. Then just before Christmas, they gave me a call and said 'do you want to move back to Brisbane?' Obviously yes, I really wanted to come back. I'm doing general news reporting – reporting on anything from crime to coronavirus.

I would love to end up working for Sunrise – that's kind of my 10-year plan. So, hopefully I can move to Sydney in the next five to 10 years. But I definitely don't see myself getting out of the industry. The one thing about this industry is that every single day is different. You start fresh every single morning, and you never know what you're walking into when you go to work – which I really like, because I'm the kind of person who needs a bit of excitement to keep me motivated.

I was only away for about a year and a half, but coming back to Brisbane, it still feels exactly the same, all my friends are still here, my family are still here and still doing the same thing. It's nice for us all to be back together again.

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Claudia D'Ambrosio

LEARN TO SPEAK LIKE AN ITALIAN

Story **Jodie Woodward**
Photo **Bruce Redman**

Learning another language can be a costly exercise, and finding a language school in a convenient location can be a challenge. But, for those looking to learn some conversational Italian, Claudia's Conversation Classes in Geebung will have you talking like an Italian in no time.

Claudia D'Ambrosio said it was normally very expensive to do classes like this, but she had tried to make it more affordable.

"For me, it's got to be light and fun and enjoyable," she said. "It's always been a passion for me to teach this way and I try to keep the prices low."

The language classes run in eight-week blocks throughout the year and are available at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Private classes are also an option. The real difference with Claudia's classes, though, is her relaxed and effective teaching methods.

"I use a different technique where, as soon as I teach something to the student, they straight away put it into practice," Claudia said. "So, they can speak straight away. It's an easier, lighter and more enjoyable way of learning the language. It's one of the hardest romance languages. It's the most detailed. It's like discovering a code. Once you've got it, it's easier."

Claudia said it was a passion for her to open up her culture to others and show them learning the language was easy. She has plans to offer Italian cooking classes at the same venue soon, as well as expanding her offerings to include other languages and cultures by welcoming in other expert teachers.

"It's all about opening the mind and being able to think differently," she said. "It's not just learning words, it's about the culture and learning the reasoning behind things."

For those who are considering going along, Claudia ensures the classes are easily accessible and invites you to be open to a different way of thinking.

"There's no formal assessment," she said. "I don't want people to feel pressured in any way. I don't want to teach to an exam. You've got to be prepared to be open to different things and really learn."

For more information, visit Claudia's Instagram page @claudiasconversationclasses or contact Claudia via the details below.

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CHERMSIDE WATERPARK SLIDES THROUGH SUMMER

Story **Patricia Higgins**

With Brisbane's largest waterpark located in ChermSIDE, gone are the days of having to travel to the coast for some 'splashtastic' fun in the sun. Despite recent Coronavirus restrictions in Queensland, the park has reopened for the remainder of the season.

City Venue Management general manager Roger Hawke said the summer holiday period was always busiest for the park, but that attendance would continue to flow.

"Although it's a touch quieter now, the waterpark is still open until the end of the Easter school holidays and we're ready for some more busy days," Roger said.

Adults and children have weekend access to more than 200m of water slides and a wading lagoon pool at the dedicated waterpark, which is a part of the ChermSIDE Aquatic Centre.

"Adults most enjoy the Flume of Doom, which involves buddying up on a raft, and can get quite surprisingly fast," Roger said.

There's extra fun for the kids with birthday parties at the waterpark, with not only all the fun of

the water slides, but also party food and drinks supplied.

"Kids' parties involve unlimited access to the slides, lily pads and lagoon for the entire day (or as long as a parent wishes to hold a party for)," Roger said.

City Venue facility manager Shani Gold said that alongside the waterpark, the ChermSIDE Aquatic Centre offered plenty of drawcards of its own, such as the outdoor 24m lap pool, indoor heated hydro pool, and adult fitness classes.

"We offer adult 'Swimfit' classes with our swim coaches who put adult swimmers through their paces," Shani said. "There are the early mornings before work or evening 'cooldowns' – be it for fitness, social, or event training purposes."

She said coaches were happy to adapt lessons for personal goals and that there were a variety of fitness classes for different demographics.

"We have something suitable for everyone including the elderly and pregnant women looking for low resistance-based exercise options."

The waterpark is open weekends and school holidays only. ChermSIDE Aquatic Centre has separate operating hours. Find out more/book here: www.chermSIDEpool.com.au. Phone enquiries: 07 3054 4305.

Free Outdoor Royal Event

Story Aleasha Bliss

Huxtable Park in Chermside West will be transformed into an outdoor cinema this month. The family-friendly evening will be screening *The Queen's Corgi* – a movie inspired by Queen Elizabeth II and her dogs. The movie follows Rex the Corgi's adventures after becoming lost and navigating his way back to the palace.

The event is being hosted by the Brisbane City Council. Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona Hammond said the Chermside-Burul Scouts would be cooking a sausage sizzle on the night to raise much-needed funds for their club after a year that was tough on community groups.

"I am excited to be able to deliver another Movie in the Park for local residents," Fiona said. "It is going to be a great night. Come along, bring your blanket, chair, and a couple of gold coins to buy a sausage sizzle in support of Burul Scouts, and royally enjoy *The Queen's Corgi*."

Fiona is encouraging all the children to come in a royal-themed costume, which will add to the fun on the evening.

"I really am looking forward to seeing the kids dressed as their favourite royal, with the opportunity to win a gift basket for best dressed," she said.



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Aspley Rockin' A Cool New Green Image

Story *Robyn Baker*

Photo *John Pires*

When COVID hit, so did new life in Aspley – in the form of providing a new home for the Brisbane Record Fair. This month, the Plant Lovers' Market will join in.

The Brisbane Record Fair has always been a very popular attraction at West End. Ric Trevaskes, of Brisbane city institution Rocking Horse Records fame, located in Albert Street in the city, is behind bringing this famous fair to Aspley.

Last year, in an effort to emerge from isolation and shake off the COVID blues, the Brisbane Record Fair took up its new home at the newly refurbished Aspley Central Shopping Centre on Gympie Road.

The finest sellers from everywhere bring crates and crates of their collectable treasured vinyl records in 7", 10" and 12". With over 50,000 records for sale, there is something for everyone's taste in music. Some records are newly acquired, some are gems from the depths of their collections, looking to find a new home where they'll be well looked after.

Ric's partner Michelle Carey has added The Plant Lovers' Market to complement the Brisbane Record Fair.

"I wanted to create a market for everyone, and records and plants go so well together to provide a Zen environment – something we all need to see us through in difficult times," Michelle said.

"It's wonderful to take in the new Aspley Central green spaces, and many stall holders have remarked on the noticeable growth in the plants at the refurbished centre. Even the plants here are flourishing from the musical interlude each month."



Ric Trevaskes and Michelle Carey

All things greenery can be purchased at the Plant Lovers' Market from plant-inspired homewares, seedlings, cactus, succulents, rare plants, garden gifts, to even jewellery with a green theme.

The Brisbane Record Fair and Plant Lovers' Market is all undercover and there is free entry. Tables and vendors are carefully spaced, social distancing is encouraged with all COVID-safe measures in place, and there's loads of free parking close by.

Find out more on the Brisbane Record Fair at www.facebook.com/BrisbaneRecordFair and The Plant Lovers' Market at www.facebook.com/Plantlovingpeople.

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The Plant Lovers' Market, 8am-1pm
Aspley Central Shopping Centre
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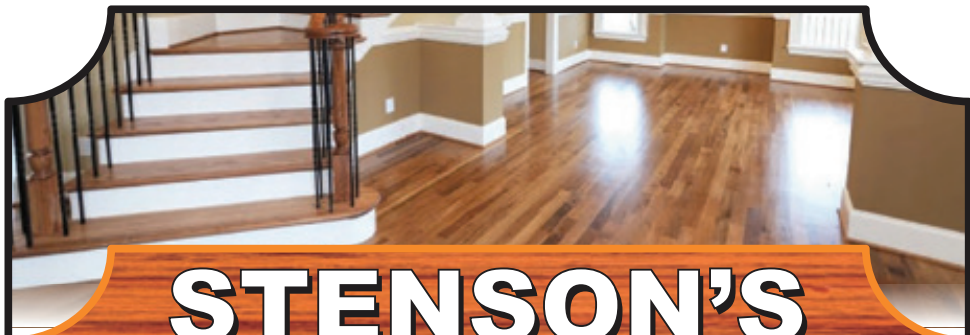
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FIGHTING FIT WITH FENCING CLASSES

Swordsmanship school founders Kate and Sean

Story *Alyssa Mackay* **Photo** *Pires*

If you've ever imagined yourself fencing like *Zorro* or *The Three Musketeers*, then Spanish sword fighting classes are a great place to start.

The Brisbane School of Iberian Swordsmanship is holding classes on Wednesday nights at Stafford State School for those keen to learn how to wield a rapier, or who want to impress their friends with an exciting new hobby.

Instructor Kate Hickey said the school was founded in 2015 and was the only place in Brisbane where students could learn the traditional Spanish style of fencing known as *La Verdadera Destreza*.

"What we do is a bit different," Kate said. "We've taken an art that is not used anymore and we are interpreting textbooks written in the 1500s and 1600s. One of our members, Lois, speaks Spanish and does the translations.

"We try to be history-based but it's also lots of fun."

If learning how to swordfight isn't motivation enough, the school also offers the first lesson for free. Students are supplied with everything they need, including eye protection and a loaner sword. Kate said beginners would learn safety and footwork in the first class, as well as basic attack and basic defence.

"Destreza has 14 specific actions and some of them take a bit of work, but within three to four weeks, you'll learn enough attacks and defence to be able to slowly fence someone without knowing what they're going to do next."

Members of the school are aged between 14 and 56 and include people with an interest in history, who enjoy the community aspect, and those looking for a fun way to exercise.

"People get more coordinated and fitter as they start to master the sword and can move faster," Kate said. "For me it has been an amazing fitness benefit.

"We also try to build a community by going out for ice cream afterwards and breaking in the middle of training so people can chat and get to know each other."

"The best time to start is this Wednesday. We always make people feel welcome when they arrive. It's really important that everyone feels safe and comfortable with us."

No bookings are required. Find out more about the classes via www.bsis.club

Iberian Swordsmanship Classes
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iFly Ladies Night

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A LOCAL FIGURE OF SPEECH

Story *Eve Vickerson* Photo *Bruce Redman*

Eat, Play, Speak. Those words are at the centre of it all for speech language pathologist, Michelle Wallace.

At her Chermside clinic, Michelle works with families to support children in all areas of speech and language development and feeding and mealtimes.

While she has experience working with people of all ages, Michelle said the clinic was more centred around providing support to younger children.

"I tend to focus on the littlies," she said. "The zero to 10 age group."

She also has a clinical focus on disability, speech and language delays, and can even assist families with fussy eaters.

Instead of a one-size-fits-all mentality with fussy eating, Michelle said it was about tailoring interventions to the unique needs of each child and family.

"There are different approaches, depending on what the difficulties are for the child," Michelle said.

"Sometimes with fussy eating, you might take a bit more of a behavioural approach where you use your rewards."

Michelle said that sometimes putting more pressure on a child to eat may not necessarily help them to eat more.

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There's another process where it's more about exposure," she said. "Exploring the food without too much pressure, so that the child is the one initiating the interaction with the food."

Some children can also experience difficulties in transitioning to solid food. Michelle said it could be related to how the muscles of the cheek, lips, and the tongue function in eating.

"If your muscles aren't working properly, then it's hard [for children] to breastfeed or to bottle feed and then sometimes it can be hard to transition to solids. They can become averse to eating and then their diet can become more and more restricted."

For feeding issues, Michelle said that it was "never just one thing", and that a combined approach with other health professionals like lactation consultants and occupational therapists could be effective.

Having a clinic in Chermside is a plus for Michelle, who said the area was central in terms of access to other specialists, with the Prince Charles hospital located "just across the road".

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WHAT'S THE CRAIC? ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

Queensland Irish Choir

Story Aleasha Bliss

St Patrick's Day is set to be a fun one for 2021 with the Queensland Irish Choir performing at Chermide Kedron Community Church to celebrate the iconic event.

The two-hour concert will be full of your favourite Irish numbers sung in unison by the choir of 40-plus voices.

Queensland Irish Choir president Barbara Poole said the traditional songs would be a mixture of Irish ballads and upbeat Irish songs including the popular tunes, I'll take you home again Kathleen and The Rose of Tralee.

"This will be our first time performing at the Chermide Kedron Community Church," Barbara said. "We have special guests in each half of the concert – The Queensland Irish Association (QIA) Dancers and the QIA Pipe Band. The audience always loves watching the little ones dancing."

The choir will be a sea of shamrocks with the female singers donning the lucky, bright green clovers on their tops, and the men in matching green ties.

The tartan-clad pipers and young Irish dancers complement the singers as they each do a ten-minute performance per half of the concert.

"People always look for the pipers and the dancers at our concerts," Barbara said. "It is

always upbeat and fun, with all our concerts featuring guest artists. We often have a folk band, a trio, the pipers or dancers."

The Queensland Irish Choir started in 2014 and has members ranging from early 20s to 80 years old. Barbara has been singing for over 20 years and was a part of the choir from day one.

"Singing is good for the soul," Barbara said. "It keeps you young and vibrant and it's just a great feeling to sing with other people. The camaraderie is great in the choir."

It has been a big year of changes for the choir as it moved from its previous rehearsal venue from the city and is now at the Toombul Shire Hall.

After the Queensland Irish Choir's annual St Patrick's Day concert was cancelled last year due to COVID, the members are looking forward to welcoming you on 14 March. They ask that ticket holders arrive at 1.30pm for sanitizing and seating purposes, for a 2pm start.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available from 15 February at www.trybooking.com/BORMB

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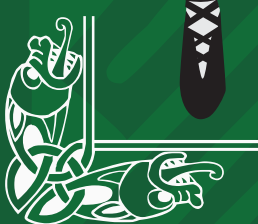
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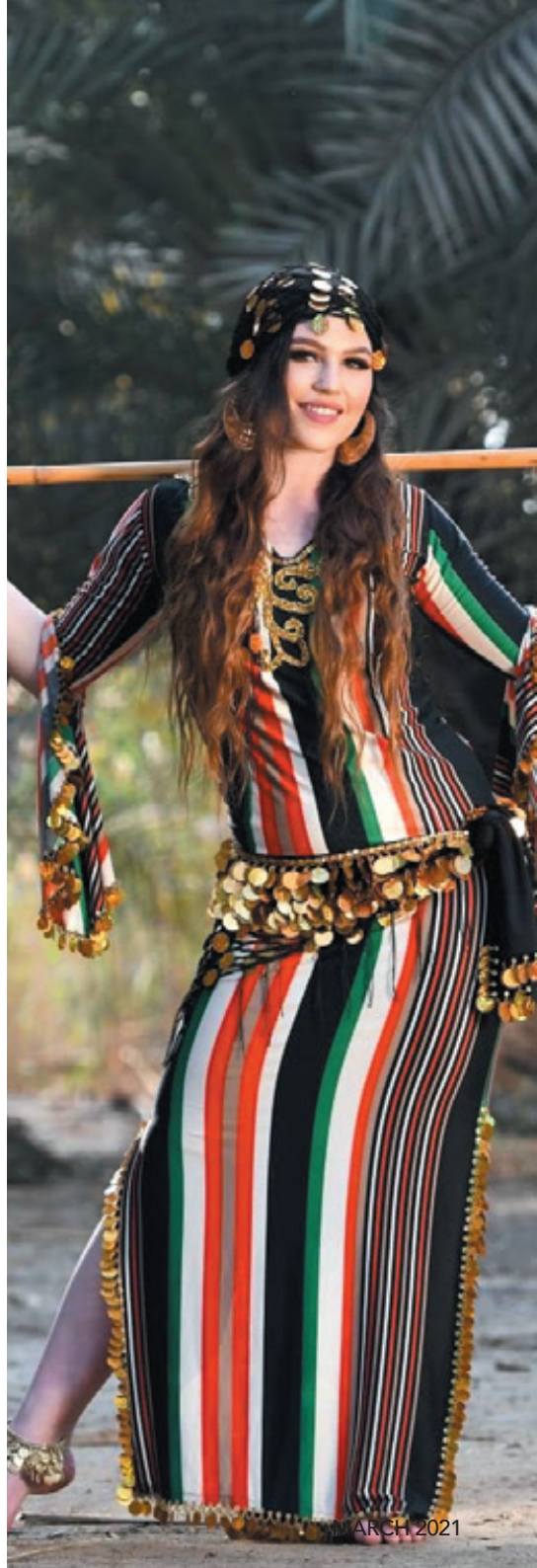
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Story **Sally Eberhardt**

Bellydance! The very word conjures thoughts of colourful costumes, exotic locations, and mysterious women. Imagine forgetting your cares and getting comfortable with your body as you move to the sensual dance rhythms.

Soul Dance School of Romany and Middle Eastern Dance offers classes that teach bellydancing movements in a safe, supportive, and fun atmosphere. A healthy body image and higher self-esteem are natural by-products of bellydancing, according to Soul Dance founder and artistic director Margaret Cunningham.

"Women of all ages and body shapes enjoy this beautiful, and largely misunderstood, dance form," Margaret said.

"Bellydancing enhances how women feel about themselves and connects women with each other and the wider community when we perform at events and festivals."

Classes are available at Chermshire, as well as Petrie and Redcliffe.

Emily Pazouki, one of the main teachers, recently became the only bellydancer in Australia to win an international competition in Egypt, the home of bellydance.

Emily said that she came to Soul Dance at the age of 11 after her parents divorced and she had been diagnosed with depression and anxiety.

"The family atmosphere at Soul Dance provided me with a supportive and empowering community that helped me learn to love and accept myself," Emily said.

"I've learned through the great diversity of women at Soul Dance that all women's bodies are capable of achieving beauty and that size, age and shape have nothing to do with it.

"Soul Dance also supports devoted students right through to professional level if they want. In 2019, I travelled to Egypt to study and compete and became the first dancer in Australia to win at the famous Nile Group Festival.

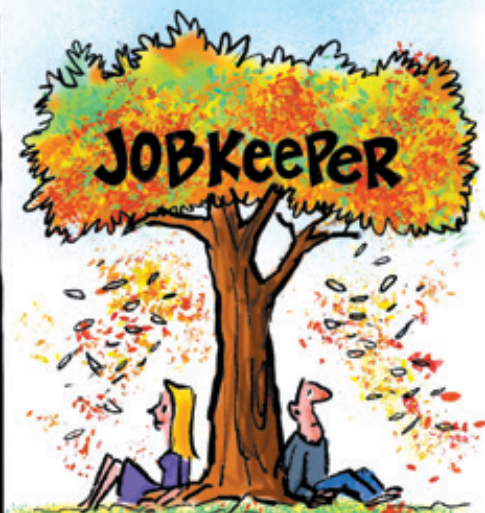
"Dancing for me isn't about the movement. It's about connection – connection to my body, my soul, my audience, the music and culture of the Middle East, and to my fellow dance sisters."

Classes start in early March. For more information and to book, search 'Beginners Bellydance Classes' on Facebook or email info@souldance.com.au

Classes are very popular – book now to avoid disappointment.

Beginners Bellydance Classes
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Pier Prepped To Party

Plans are well underway for the 2021 Long Table Shorncliffe Pier on Saturday, 24 April, with further details to be announced on the Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce webpage.

The Long Table is a catered, open-air, fine-dining event that has had 700 people sharing a meal on the Shorncliffe pier on a single table. The dinner allows everyone a waterfront view of the beautiful Moreton Bay and a chance to make new friends while enjoying the sunset and entertainment of the evening.

Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan said, "The Long Table dinner showcases what we can do in our local area and it is a must-do event for locals and people of the Brisbane area."

While these events are being planned, it will be subject to any lockdowns and government recommendations.

For up-to-date information on these events, or to purchase tickets to the Long Table dinner once available, visit the Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce website www.sandgatechamber.com.au or Facebook pages.



PODCAST OF THE MONTH

Story Club

Story Nick Allford

Who doesn't love a good yarn, especially when it's funny, fascinating, and brutally honest?

Picture this. You've committed your most embarrassing memories to paper. You sit in front of a crowd of strangers and recount your tale – exposed, like the adult equivalent of a sibling reading your diary... aloud... to the entire school.

Well, that's what these celebrities, comedians and storytellers do, often repeatedly.

These gluttons for punishment have taken the time to give us more than a word vomit retelling of a time they got drunk and fell over; they're carefully crafted personal tales.

Like any good storyteller, they know when to shut up, keeping the episodes down to around 12 minutes a pop. Be warned, it looks like they may not be making any more episodes in this COVID-19-plagued world we live in, but there are over 100 episodes to keep you going.

So, if you feel like a voyeuristic deep dive into someone's hilarious memoirs, told by the people who have lived them, then sign yourself up for Story Club. Have a listen and then ask yourself: what anecdote would you share with a room full of randoms?

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Fiona Hammond



March is all about clean, green and having fun.

Sunday, 7 March is Clean Up Australia Day. Today the focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

With that in mind, I have a number of useful resources that can be picked up from my Ward office, such as a small compost caddy, Brisbane's best recycling guide for households.

I mentioned in my previous column the Downfall Creek Restoration Project being undertaken in 7th Brigade Park; as part of that a community planting day is to be held on Sunday, 28 March, starting from 9am. Bring along your hat, sunscreen and water.

On Saturday, 6 March, I will be hosting a Movie in the Park at Huxtable Park, Chermside West, starting at 6.45pm. The chosen movie is The Queen's Corgi, a computer animated comedy about the Queen's Corgi who becomes lost and has to find his way back to the palace. Come along and support the Burul Scout Group, who will be doing the sausage sizzle.

Bart Mellish MP



It's been just over a year since Queensland recorded its first case of COVID-19, and the Queensland Government declared a public health emergency. Since that time, 1.7 million tests have been conducted and

1,286 people have recovered from COVID-19 infections.

When health measures were introduced to ensure that we kept Queenslanders safe, 28,000 people joined the Care Army and stepped up to ensure that our community's most vulnerable were not left behind during the toughest times.

Queenslanders put in an extraordinary effort to contain this virus, which means we are now enjoying an open economy and lifestyle. Our strong health response has meant that Queensland has had the strongest population growth in the nation, the largest rise in jobs in December, and the strongest growth in housing finance commitments of any state.

The world is still battling COVID-19, and as we wait for the vaccine rollout, we cannot afford to forget the unpredictable nature of this virus. Thank you to everyone in the community for keeping up social distancing and hand hygiene, and most of all – looking after each other.

Anika Wells MP



Great news! The 20th Welcoming the Babies event is back for 2021.

A highlight of the year for many northside families, the Lilley Welcoming the Babies ceremony has been replicated around Australia.

Being a parent is certainly not easy, and this annual event acknowledges the important job that parents do in our area.

It is also a special way to welcome some of our newest and youngest residents.

The event will be held on Sunday, 28 March, at Mulbeam Park, corner Beams and Muller Roads, Boondall from 9am to noon.

Due to the pandemic delay, the event will this year be open to families with newborns through to 24-month-olds.

They will be presented with a certificate and a small gift to commemorate the occasion.

In addition to the welcoming ceremony, the day will feature an Easter egg hunt, stalls, food trucks, a coffee van, Bounty Bags, and free children's activities.

To participate, parents must register on my website: www.anikawells.com.au/community/welcoming-the-babies-2021/

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I look forward to seeing you there.



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Local
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BREWS & BITES

JOIN THE CLUB AT
KEDRON-WAVELL



Story *Emma Sanders*

Seeing some frosty craft beers and delectable Asian delights? Something tasty is brewing on the delta at The Kedron-Wavell Services Club.

The club's popular dining options have grown with the addition of two new venues – Bravo Brewhouse and Red Delta Asian Eats – bringing with them a raft of new flavours and tastes for diners to try out.

Kedron-Wavell Services Club marketing manager Brendan Wilson said the club wanted to add something new and fresh that would add extra flair to the new bar area.

"By going for a small, quick eatery-style setup, we are able to provide our diners with more variety and choice for their dining experience," he said.

"With Red Delta, the concept was to introduce a dining outlet where customers have the option to share meals in groups at the tables.

"Chermside is an ever-changing landscape and we are listening to the community and what they want."

And the new eatery has a perfect companion in Bravo, providing a range of delicious beers brewed on site.

"The greatest benefit to the club is we are able to provide our members and guests more variety, more options and more choice," Brendan said. "That was our goal moving forward as a venue to be able to offer more choice to more people."

Opening the eatery in conjunction with our on-site microbrewery Bravo, we are able to provide a holistic experience and even come up with brews specifically designed to match with our food offerings."

Red Delta's menu consists of all kinds of Asian delicacies, such as Nepalese Chicken Momos, the Filipino Pork Belly Adobo, the Indonesian classic Nasi Goreng, as well as a variety of other dumplings and classic Asian entrees.

The restaurant allows diners to enjoy share plates or main meals with big serves, with most elements of nearly every dish hand-made on site.

And diners are lapping it up, with positive feedback flowing in fast.

"The feedback we have been receiving so far has been great," he said.

"We are always taking our diners' feedback on board and have adjusted some spice levels, but overall the diners are loving the menu and coming back for more.

"We have started the 2021 year off very strong and we look to continue that with introductions of special food and brew-related events."

The restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday from midday every week. Bookings are not required, with diners able to come in anytime and find a table.

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Andy B as Elvis and Mark 'Hound Dog' Hammond on guitar

Story Aleasha Bliss

Get your blue suede shoes, and your sparkly bling, and leather ready - The King is alive and ready to woo you with his soulful, sultry sounds and swinging hips. The Aspley Hornets Football Club is presenting Andy B as Elvis, and a two-course dinner to enjoy alongside the entertainment this month.

Elvis impersonator Andy Bithell and his guitarist Mark 'Hound Dog' Hammond have been in the music industry for over 20 years, and developed the Elvis tribute show 18 months ago. In this short span of time, Andy has been awarded third place in the Parkes Elvis Festival ARTC Tribute to Elvis Competition.

Andy said the show would be broken into three sets, the first will be replicating the 1968 comeback special Elvis did – he will be decked out in leather, of course. The following two sets involve two different Elvis-inspired jumpsuits, and all the songs from the King's Vegas residency.

"At the show you will get to relive the years that Elvis was at his best," Andy said. "You get to get up and dance while I do a mix of fast songs and all the big Elvis hits.

"It will take you back to yesteryear while you enjoy the music of Elvis and celebrate the man, the myth, and the legend."

Representing Elvis flows on to Andy's life off the stage also. He is an Uber driver when not performing, and said that his passengers got

their own private shows while he took them to their destinations.

"I feed off the energy of the audience," Andy said. "To me, the best thing I get out of this show is seeing people go back and revisit a different time. Seeing everyone's reactions excites me every time.

"Elvis is more popular now than he was in the day. The legacy he has left lives on."

Aspley Hornets Football Club general manager Danni Francis said it was an intimate show, as the functions room can hold 80-100 guests.

"We really wanted to make sure everyone can have a fun night out, be entertained and have some amazing food and forget all their worries," Danni said. "Andy is fantastic. He does the King well."

Your \$49 ticket will include a gourmet two-course meal consisting of seared chicken breast with provolone, crushed chats and broccolini topped with beurre blanc, followed by banana panna cotta served with crispy shards, coconut dust and dollop cream.

To book tickets to this event go to:
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05 FRIDAY

🎵 **ANDY MAC**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **MICHELLE RAU**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6:30PM



🎵 **LANN LEVINGE**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

★ **ELVIS TRIBUTE DINNER**
AND SHOW P.32
ASPLEY HORNETS FOOTBALL CLUB 7PM

🎵 **MICHELLE RAU BAND**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

06 SATURDAY

★ **CHERMSIDE COMMUNITY**
TREE PLANTING P.45
JOHN PATTERSON PARK 9AM

★ **BEER FEST ON THE GRASS**
EATONS HILL HOTEL 11AM

★ **MOVIE IN THE PARK** P.13
HUXTABLE PARK 6PM

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



🎵 **LIME STREET**
ASPLEY HORNETS 7PM

🎵 **ROSE POWELL**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

★ **SARAH MCLEOD CONCERT** P.38
THE LOUNGE (ROYAL HOTEL) 8PM

07 SUNDAY

🎵 **BRAD POOLE**
KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM



🎵 **BRIDGET O'SHANNESSY**
SASQUATCH BAR 4PM

🎵 **MARCO**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

12 FRIDAY

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

🎵 **LANN LEVIGNE**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6:30PM

🎵 **FAT CHANCE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 7PM

🎵 **RAFF DE**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **THE ZOOKEEPERS**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM



13 SATURDAY

★ **THE PLANT LOVERS' MARKET** P.14
ASPLEY CENTRAL SHOPPING
CENTRE 8AM

★ **BRISBANE RECORD FAIR** P.14
ASPLEY CENTRAL SHOPPING
CENTRE 8:30AM

🎵 **JAMES DEAN**
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM



🎵 **DAVE CLAYTON**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **FREE AGENTS**
ASPLEY HORNETS 7PM

14 SUNDAY

★ **ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT** P.20
CHERMESIDE KEDRON
COMMUNITY CHURCH 2PM

🎵 **GREG ALSTON**
KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

🎵 **MATT BLACK**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

18 THURSDAY

🎵 **GALA VARIETY SHOW**
GEEBUNG RSL 11AM

19 FRIDAY

🎵 RYAN HURRICANE

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 JARROD MURPHY

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 BRETT WHITMORE

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 ALLAN CAMERON

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 DARLINGTON STRIPES

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

20 SATURDAY

★ PARK VIBES FESTIVAL P.40

PINE RIVERS PARK 3PM

🎵 BRIAN AVERY

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 TRACY VAUGHAN

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

21 SUNDAY

🎵 FORTUNATO

GEEBUNG RSL 12:30PM

🎵 CHRIS BENT

KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

🎵 TRACEY HAMMELL SOLO

SASQUATCH BAR 4PM

🎵 MICHAEL GANT

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

26 FRIDAY

🎵 GREG MCINNES

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM



Greg McInnes

🎵 BIGGY P

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 ROB ROSENLUND

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 BROWN SUGA

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

27 SATURDAY

🎵 MARCO

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 FREE AGENTS

ASPLEY HORNETS 7PM

🎵 ROB STEVENSON

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

28 SUNDAY

★ TECH GIRLS ARE SUPERHEROES P.49

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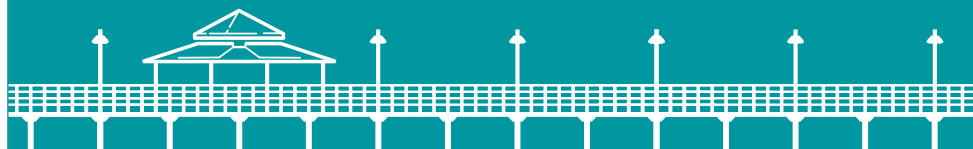
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The Evolution of an Aussie Rock Goddess: Sarah McLeod

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Photo *Nix Cartel*

Fans of Sarah McLeod will be ecstatic to see her in a one-time-only tour where she showcases not only her electric rock style you all know and love, but also a show where she is her own support act in a vulnerable and raw piano set.

The charismatic songstress took time out from her birthday getaway – with a vodka in hand – to chat to ChermSIDE Guide about her One Electric Lady in Concert Tour. The show will be at The Lounge (Royal Hotel) Nundah on 6 March.

Sarah said that the 2021 tour had morphed into a new concept, as her electric show from last year was cancelled due to the pandemic. She spent her time at home mastering the piano and decided to combine the original show with her new passion – in a way she has never been seen doing before.

"This is the only time I am going to do a show like this," Sarah said. "So, if you want to see the electric show and the warm-up piano show, this is your only chance.

"It's the best of everything I can muster in one show. It's the only time I will do a tour where I do two sets. I'll get it out of my system and then tour like a normal person."

Sarah said the electric show sounded like she was with a full band, however, it was only her on stage.

"I built a guitar that I can play both bass and guitar at the same time and then constructed this elaborate pedal board where I can trigger drums," Sarah said. "I've relearned all my songs so I can sound like a full band. I've got electric, dirty guitars, bass, drums – but it's just me."

"I'll be playing the piano prior to the electric show. I'm warming up for me – and then coming out as the main act as the wild electric lady. It's such a different headspace and attack on music for each part of the show.

"The piano is really stripped back, raw and beautiful and then it's the rock show and it's wild.

"I even get changed for each show; different setup, different light shows – two different personalities."

You will see the wild, rock star Sarah in the electric show with renditions of songs from her Rocky's Diner and Beauty of the Tiger solo albums. Her piano set features some of the Superjesus tracks – completely rewritten, interesting renditions, covers and some new music.

"I'm really enjoying the remake of Gravity," Sarah said. "I rewrote it with different chords, and I attack it differently. I am enjoying it because when I was doing it solo on guitar I would get so bored with it because everyone wanted me to play it – I'd find myself rolling my eyes, but I have found a way of loving it again. Now Gravity is new to me and the audience.

"I always love playing it with The Superjesus but not so much on my own. Now my heart is in it again and it's beautiful."

Sarah said she enjoyed the tranquility of the piano and found herself mesmerised by the music each time she sat in front of it.

"Going from The Superjesus shows to Solo is quite a different headspace," she said. "When I'm playing electric guitar, I'm on edge – there's so much going on and it's all so quick, jumping around.

"I don't think anyone's ever seen me calm. I'm always quite erratic on the stage, running around. I am way more vulnerable live now as I'm so used to going over the top to make sure everyone is having fun and moving around on stage."

Sarah describes herself as a "musical hermit" as she stays home and practises her piano all day, every day. She has started creating new music for her next album that she is hoping to release at the end of the year.

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"I'm excited about this album because it's going to be very different," Sarah said. "I love every song and love every word on it. This record is written from a different place within my soul, so it has a totally different angle.

"I usually get a little hook or melody come to me while I'm out in society. Then I formulate the chorus and it becomes like a puzzle; I work backwards to create the story to fit in with the hook.

"I get inspiration from things I learn along the way – how to treat people, love people, about mother nature, mistakes I've made, where I've been, where I'm going, things I should have done, what someone else should have done. I put it into music so everyone else can learn too."

Sarah has a fan group on Patreon – McLeod's Wolf Pack, where she passes her demos on to her "Wolfies" to see if they like what she is producing.

"They are the first responders of my music," she said. "We talk about what they like, and then I groom my songs more. Everyday fans, they subscribe to join the wolf pack and hear everything first. It is great to connect with them – we have a lot of fun."

To book tickets to Sarah's One Electric Lady Tour and keep up with her latest tunes check out her website at: www.sarahmcleodofficial.com

Sarah McLeod: One Electric Lady in Concert
Saturday, 6 March, 8pm-10pm
The Lounge (Royal Hotel)
1259 Sandgate Road,
Nundah



FOOD, FUN AND FIREWORKS AT FAMILY FESTIVAL

Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Feast on delicious food, dance to the very best in live music and finish up with fireworks. What more could you want from your weekend?

There's something for everyone to enjoy at Park Vibes, a family festival to be held at Pine Rivers Park on 20 March. Only a short drive for residents living in Chermshire, this event is packed with so much entertainment you won't want to miss it.

When the festival kicks off at 3pm, kids can make the most of their afternoon in the dedicated Kids Zone, where they will be able to enjoy free rides and activities to suit all ages.

Park Vibes will also feature three Flavour Food Zones to tempt your tastebuds. Load up on pizza, burgers, hotdogs and donuts in the United Plates of America, or sample some sushi and karaage chicken at Taste of Asia. In Flavours of Europe, enjoy a selection of mouth-watering pastas and flavoursome gelato.

For those looking to sit back and relax with a drink, the festival will host a licensed pop-up bar where you can indulge in locally brewed craft beer and ciders, as well as sample an array of specialty wine and spirits.

Pack your picnic blanket and settle back on the grass when an impressive line-up of musical talent takes to the main stage. Headline act Baker

Boys Band is set to appear with a performance featuring a full horn section, guaranteed to get you on your feet.

Band producer and musician Hayley Barberis said the Baker Boys Band couldn't wait to play at Park Vibes.

"We've got a huge list of hits lined up," Hayley said. "We can't wait to get everyone moving."

The day culminates with a breathtaking fireworks display at 8pm, so get ready to take some videos or simply sit back and enjoy the spectacle.

The event is being organised by Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism in accordance with an approved COVID-safe plan, meaning numbers will be capped. To skip the contact tracing queue on the day, you can register for your ticket online.

Entry to the event is free with onsite parking available for \$5. Money from parking will be donated to local community groups.

Info: www.visitmoretonbayregion.com.au/whats-on/park-vibes

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Business Case to Address Transport Issues in Brisbane's North-West

Story **Alyssa Mackay**

An undeveloped transport corridor between Carseldine and Everton Park has been identified as a potential solution for growing traffic congestion in Brisbane's north-west.

The nine-kilometre North West Transport Corridor is being considered as part of a business case being developed by Brisbane City Council, which will explore options for improved transport after identifying challenges with the current transport network.

Bracken Ridge Ward Councillor Sandy Landers said the council study was being done at the request of the Federal Government to establish the transport needs of residents in north Brisbane.

"The business case will provide feedback on alternate travel options and look for ways to improve public transport," Sandy said.

The Federal Government has committed up to \$10 million to the development of the North West Transport Network business case.

With the population of South-East Queensland set to double in the next 20 years, Brisbane's north-west will face a significant increase in road and public transport network congestion.

Council's infrastructure chair David McLachlan said the plan was all about proposing a range of travel choices and bus, rail, and active transport options for consideration.

"Delivering high-quality public and active travel infrastructure would reduce the need for travel by private vehicles," David said.



"This will not only reduce congestion for residents, but also improve efficient movement of freight and business vehicles.

"Providing suitable transport options for the growing region is a key objective of this plan."

The project timeline has four stages and is currently in stage 2 of the business case development.

"In this stage, we have identified potential transport solutions for further analysis, and are using community and stakeholder feedback to inform the business case and refine potential solutions," David said.

Stage 1 began in late-2019 and involved problem identification and community feedback. More than half of the community responses identified public transport as the best way to improve

transport in Brisbane's north-west, followed by road improvements and bicycle infrastructure improvements.

McDowall councillor Tracy Davis said the community would play a vital part in developing the business case.

"The most recent round of community consultation provided residents with the opportunity to have their say on how we could provide safer, better connected transport options in their local area," Tracy said. "We will take this feedback and further develop the business case."

Residents have also taken to Facebook to voice their thoughts on the matter, with several users stating a tunnel was the best use for the North West Transport Corridor because another road would only cause congestion further down the road.

"Tunnels are the only answer to public transport; very little need for resumptions and disturbance to homes and businesses in Chermside and Aspley," said one Facebook user.

Others seemed to prefer the possibility of a multi-modal use for the corridor, suggesting surface corridors could be used as a community space and for parks and bikeways, while traffic flows underneath.

Meanwhile, some Facebook users had concerns that putting in rail would "impact residents around the corridor that purchased housing with no rail plans in place".

The North West Transport Network Strategic Assessment Key Findings Report, published late last year, stated it was unlikely one solution would address all the identified transport problems, and that a number of initiatives would be explored.

A report summarising the community feedback is to be released in the middle of the year, with the business case due for completion by the end of 2021.

To read more about the North West Transport Network business case visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/bridges-tunnels-culverts-and-transport-links/north-west-transport-network



CHAOS WALKING

In the not too distant future, Todd Hewitt (Tom Holland) discovers Viola (Daisy Ridley), a mysterious girl who crash lands on his planet, where all the women have disappeared and the men are afflicted by "the Noise" – a force that puts all their thoughts

on display.

Release Date: 4 Mar 2021

Director: Doug Liman

Main Cast: Daisy Ridley, David Oyelowo, Tom Holland, Demián Bichir, Kurt Sutter, Nick Jonas, Cynthia Erivo, Mads Mikkelsen

Genre: Adventure, Science Fiction



NO MAN'S LAND

A modern Western inspired by the real-life "no man's land" areas along the Texas-Mexico border. While out on a father-son border patrol, Jackson accidentally kills a Mexican immigrant boy. When Jackson's father tries taking the blame, Jackson flees south on horseback, becoming a gringo "illegal alien" in Mexico.

Release Date: 25 Mar 2021

Director: Conor Allyn

Main Cast: Frank Grillo, Andie MacDowell, George Lopez, Esmeralda Pimentel, Alex MacNicoll, Ofelia Medina, Jake Allyn, Jorge A. Jimenez, Andrés Delgado

Genre: Action, Adventure, Thriller, Western



GODZILLA VS KONG

In a time when monsters walk the Earth, humanity's fight for its future sets Godzilla and Kong on a collision course that will see the two most powerful forces of nature on the planet collide in a spectacular battle for the ages.

Release Date: 25 Mar 2021

Director: Adam Wingard

Main Cast: Rebecca Hall, Demian Bichir, Kyle Chandler, Ziyi Zhang, Alexander Skarsgård, Julian Dennison, Eiza González, Danai Gurira, Shun Oguri, Brian Tyree Henry, Millie Bobby Brown, Jessica Henwick, Van Marten

Genre: Action, Thriller, Science Fiction

Coming in March

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Women's Adventure Film Tour.....	8 th
Girls Can't Surf	11 th
Judas and the Black Messiah	11 th
Puaada.....	11 th
Crisis	18 th
French Exit.....	18 th
Minamata.....	18 th
White Riot.....	18 th
Godzilla vs Kong.....	25 th
Mick Fleetwood & Friends	25 th
No Man's Land.....	25 th
Persian Lessons.....	25 th
Two by Two: Overboard!.....	25 th
Sooryavanshi	26 th

Subject to change, check website for more details.

Community Tree Planting Gets Growing

Story Patricia Higgins

The Chermside region is set for another community tree planting event, giving volunteers the chance to contribute to a leafier, greener suburb by their own hand.

Hosted by Treescape's qualified staff in consultation with Brisbane City Council, the day involves community participants planting juvenile trees along suburban streets.

Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona Hammond said she expected local residents and schools to get involved, as well as families with children – those who would benefit from the trees and the increased shade they would provide over many years to come.

"The feedback we've received is that people love the opportunity to be directly involved in greening their own streets and neighbourhood, meeting their neighbours and receiving a reward for their hard work – a sausage sizzle and free plant for their own backyard," Fiona said.

She said that Chermside was chosen to be part of the Council's Greener Suburb program in June 2020, and that the plan was to increase tree cover in the area.

Treescape's Green Asset Management approach is to "have a mission to foster a better, greener world for future generations".

You can register online by searching for 'Chermside Community Tree Planting' at www.eventbrite.com.au

Chermside Community Tree Planting

Saturday, 6 March, 9am-12pm

John Patterson Park

57 Norman Drive, Chermside



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CHERMSIDE *Bites*

Story **Jodie Woodward**

BEAMS ROAD, CARSELDINE UPGRADE BEING INVESTIGATED

Brisbane City Council has identified Beams Road (between Lacey Road and Handford Road) for a future upgrade to improve safety and reduce congestion. Survey and investigation works are currently underway and will continue for approximately three months during daylight hours – 7am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. If you have questions or want to provide feedback about the project, you can phone the project team on 1800 870 437 during business hours.

LEARN TO SEW

Fancy picking up a handy new skill? Whether you want to learn some practical skills or just have some fun, The Nest at Stafford can help you learn how to sew. Experienced instructors will teach you the basics of threading, adjusting and maintaining a sewing machine – as well as all the basics of sewing. Materials and sewing machines are provided, but you can bring your own along if you want to. Classes are held regularly throughout the year and you can book in via Eventbrite.

AFLW COMES TO STAFFORD

AFLW team, the Brisbane Lions, has spent a lot of time in Stafford. Hickey Park has been home to a number of AFLW matches this season, with more scheduled to come. While entry to AFLW games was free last year, games this season have been ticketed. There's been plenty of demand for attendance though, with all matches at Hickey Park having sold out so far. While there have been some changes to the schedule because of COVID-19 restrictions, the season is still set to finish at the end of March with finals played in April.

FAMILY STEM NIGHT AT CHERMSIDE LIBRARY

Looking for a low-cost activity the entire family can enjoy together? Head to the Chermide Library on 11 March for a night of games and activities exploring science, technology, reading, and art. The STEM family nights are held monthly and are ideal for children aged 7-10 years. Activities change each month to provide new and exciting challenges for your family members. Places are limited so make sure you book in advance by contacting the library on ph. 3403 7200.

PARK UPGRADES ANNOUNCED

Brisbane City Council has provided updates on nine suburban park upgrade projects in the pipeline. Grinstead Park, Shand Street and Corbett Street Park are all set to have their existing facilities upgraded and new ones added. At Grinstead Park, a new tower structure for older children with climbing options, a watercourse, and discovery trail with information on local fauna and flora are proposed. For Shand Street, a BMX obstacle course with bridges, moguls, boulders and logs is proposed near the existing half-pipe and basketball court.

Would you like to contribute to Chermide Bites?

Is there something happening in the Chermide 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@chermideguide.com.au to be included in the next Chermide Bites.

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Nurse Alice Mabel Cock-Woodside

CHERMSIDE'S NURSING ANGEL ALICE MABEL COCK-WOODSIDE

Story Hellen White

Little was known about Alice Mabel Cock-Woodside until the Chermshire and District Historical Society (CDHS) found the WW1 honour board that had belonged to Chermshire State School. It was in a shocking state, but Alice's name was at the top; the only woman on the role.

More information was gathered when Alice's nephew, Maurice Cock, had a chance conversation with a member of the CDHS. Further history of Alice's family was brought to light by John Woodside, nephew of Alice's husband, James Woodside. Albeit short, the story of this mysterious woman at the top of a WW1 honour board was remarkable.

Alice was born on 11 February, 1890, the youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth Cock. Elizabeth came from one of the earliest settled families in Brisbane – the Chalks, after which

Chalk Street in Kedron is named. Her uncle John also owned Brisbane's first bus service.

Thomas owned a slaughterhouse on Rode Road, Chermshire, into which he incorporated a small cannery in the 1890s. He named it Devonian, after Devon in the UK, where the family originated. Sadly, the business failed in 1901 because of severe drought.

Alice attended Chermshire State School from 1900-1905. She qualified as a nurse in 1917 after four years of training at the Brisbane General Hospital, now the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. She immediately enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service and was sent overseas, serving in Southall, UK. She became ill with influenza while on active duty and spent seven weeks in hospital.

In early 1919, with the war at an end, Alice returned to Australia where she was discharged from the nursing service.

It is not known exactly how Alice met James Woodside, whom she married in June 1919. James was firstly a strapper, then a driver in the Engineering Corps. According to his service record, James spent a large part of the war in ill health with some time in hospital. It is speculated that she may have nursed him at some point. We do know that he purchased a substantial engagement ring before leaving England for Australia in 1918.

Following their marriage, the couple moved to a property at Warrawee, west of Brisbane. It was a hard life, with no conveniences of modern life. Their first child, Eleanor May, was born and died on 11 January, 1922. Then on 30 December, 1923, Alice died during childbirth, along with her second daughter, Helen. Tragically, James was left a childless widower after only four years of marriage. The lingering effects of Alice's wartime illness may have contributed to her death.

Alice was buried on the Cock family plot at Nundah. When CDHS restored the Chermshire WW1 Memorial Gates, Alice's name was added – the only woman mentioned and a fitting tribute to her war service.

With thanks to the Chermshire and District Historical Society and acknowledging the contributions of Maurice Cock and John Woodside.

Girls Can Do Tech Too

Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Girls will learn how to use technology to solve problems in the community when the World Science Fair comes to Chermshire.

Local girls between the ages of 8 and 12 will discover how they can make a difference, by attending Tech Girls are Superheroes at the Chermshire Library this month.

Founder and CEO of the Tech Girls Movement Foundation Dr Jenine Beekhuyzen, who features at the event, said girls opt out of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) at six years of age.

"There are two main reasons for this and one is a lack of visible role models, and the other is a lack of understanding of what technologists do," Janine said.

"Events like the World Science Fair are important, so we can get young people to talk to other young people and show if they can do it, anyone can."

Janine will be accompanied by Craigslea State School students who have developed an app, and other women in STEM who are passionate about showing girls they can do technology.

"They'll gain more understanding of what people working in technology do, what they can do in their future, and the confidence they can actually do it," Janine said.

The event is free but places are limited, so book online: www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/event-program/brisbane/tech-girls-are-superheroes

Tech Girls are Superheroes
Saturday, 28 March, 10am-12:30pm
Chermshire Library
375 Hamilton Rd, Chermshire

Mental Health First Aid

Around one in five Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Having mental health first aid skills means that you can assist someone developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis and make a real difference to your community and in the workplace. The Mental Health First Aid two-day course will teach participants how to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, and skills to feel confident and able to help. For more information contact admin@rethinkmentalhealth.com.au. Bookings at www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Mental Health First Aid Chermshire.

Wednesday, 3 & 10 March, 9am-4.30pm. Quest Chermshire on Playfield

KineticKids

Kids will learn multi-sports skills and experience age appropriate mindfulness activities that will relax an active mind and body. A fun class with active games and challenges. Run by KineticKids for Brisbane City Council. Phone 0439 772 489 for information. This is a free event.

Thursday, 18 & 25 March

Junior session – 3-5 year olds – 3.30-4pm

Senior session – 6-10 year olds – 4-4.30pm

Meet at Kidspace Playground, 7th Brigade Park, 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermshire

Music Trivia

Music Trivia Through the Decades hosted by Helloworld Travel Strathpine. Come along for some Friday night fun and entertainment. You'll be in for a fun night with music trivia from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Bookings can be made by visiting: www.eventbrite.com.au and searching Music by the Decades - Hello World Trivia. Tickets from \$39 per person with a \$20 voucher for a meal included.

Friday, 19 March, from 6.30pm. The Coffee Club Aspley, 46 Gayford St, Aspley



LET'S TALK PROPERTY *With Robyn*

Local Property Market Stays Strong

Story Robyn Baker

*Photo supplied by Amanda Waters,
LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside*

With over 120 groups and around 300 people turning out for two local open homes on the first weekend in February, indications are that the local property market is still extremely strong with consumer confidence high. This has created a sellers market – this means that where the sellers have their terms and conditions met and with multiple offers being submitted, they can choose from those with the best price and most desirable conditions.

Agents have indicated that due to this, the time allocated for open homes has increased from 45 minutes to up to two hours to allow all buyers to view the properties available in a COVID-safe manner. With many buyers trying to view properties, it is advisable that buyers should set up a free account with www.realestate.com.au to get instant alerts when a new listing comes to the market, to avoid disappointment.

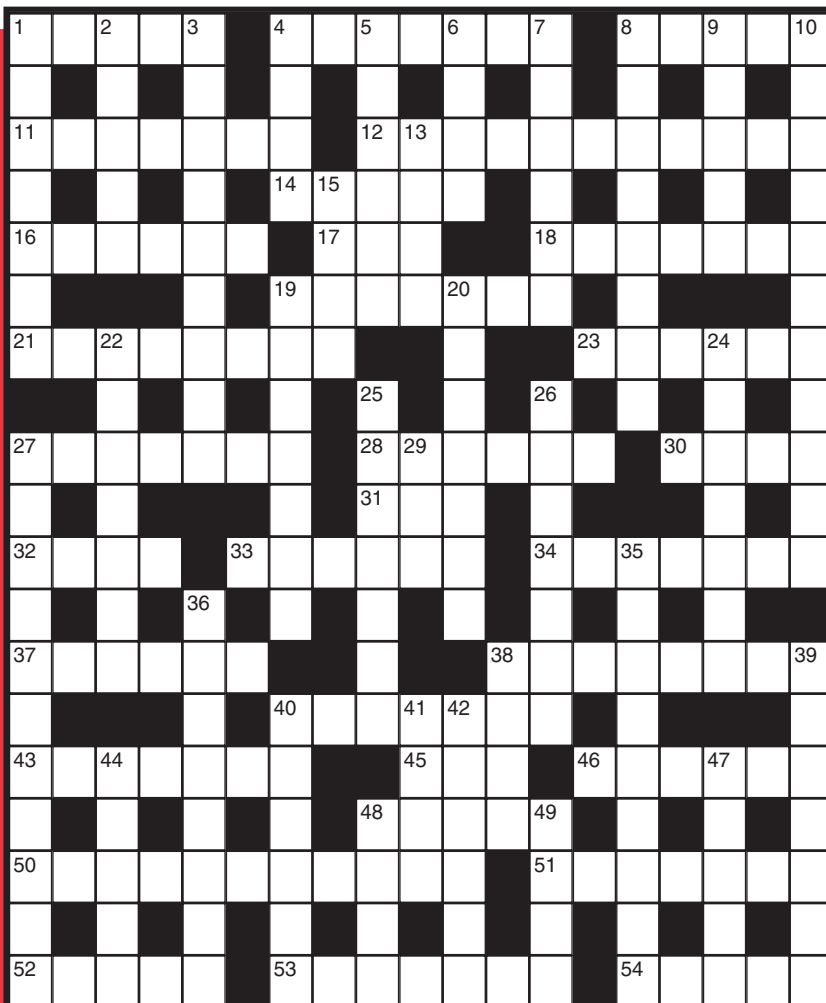
Buyers can place their best offer at open homes and should have their finances in order, with pre-loan approval, so that they can confidently make an offer with the knowledge that they will be approved for their loan.

Record low interest rates continue to drive buyer interest in home purchases across the full spectrum of all price points in the local market. It is interesting to note that the higher end suburbs of Kedron and Wavell Heights have shown a 4.9 per cent and 6.3 per cent increase respectively in median capital property price growth in the last 12 months. Geebung has seen a 1.9 per cent growth in residential homes, Stafford 2.8 per cent and Aspley 4 per cent. Carseldine is the only local suburb to show a drop of 2.3 per cent in capital median growth whilst the neighbouring suburbs of Bridgeman Downs are at 3.9 per cent and McDowall at 6.3 per cent respectively. Chermside remains at 10.5 per cent with the highest median price in the area being Bridgeman Downs at \$800,000 and Kedron at \$771,000.

Unit prices remain low with the highest median for Aspley at \$415,000 and lowest median of Stafford at \$363,000.

All pricing insights are sourced from the CommBank Property app and all statistics listed above are current as at 8/2/21.

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- 48 Team
- 49 Comfortable



MAGIC, SPELLS AND WIZARDRY

We Solemnly Swear You'll Love it

*Story Jenn Carrington
Photos Warwick Green*

As all dedicated Harry Potter fans will know, most of the stores that celebrate the 'Boy Who Lived' are in the USA and the UK, so discovering Australia has not one, but two dedicated Harry Potter stores is a wish come true.

Just a 30-minute drive from the Brisbane CBD is the picturesque semi-rural Samford Valley, where you will find a shop like no other. Look out for the Flying Nun Cafe, and from there you will find Mr Weasley's flying car, a place to hang your broom, and be welcomed by Hedwig the Owl.

The Store of Requirements manager Kim Muldoon said stepping inside the store, with its floating candles, enchanted ceiling, stained glass windows and themed music, transported everyone who dared to enter into the magical, whimsical and spellbound realm of Hogwarts.

"Since we opened on 31 July (Harry Potter's birthday) in 2017, we have seen thousands of not just Harry Potter fans, but many inquisitive and imaginative minds come to visit," Kim said.

"Along with our second store in Melbourne, we have Australia's largest range of officially licensed Harry Potter merchandise and we are the only shop in Queensland 100 per cent dedicated to the wizarding wares and adventures of Harry Potter."

"We are Queensland's largest supplier of all things Harry Potter: from magical ceremonies,



Mr Weasley's flying car

*Professor
Dumbledore and
Phoenix*



The sorting hat

owls, broomsticks, costumes, wands, collectibles, fantastic beasts, clothing, cosplay, books, magic boxes, DVDs, toys, games, posters, jewellery, sweets, memorabilia, potions, spells and our butterscotch brew."

Aside from shopping in store or adding to your memorabilia through the online store, you can find out if you are brave, ambitious, loyal, or wise at a Sorting Ceremony.

"There's nothing hidden in your head the Sorting Hat can't see, so try me on and I will tell you where you ought to be" (Philosopher's Stone p126).

Or why not book a birthday party, a wand ceremony, attend a children's workshop, or even cake decorating. Kim said they have even planned a scavenger hunt later this year in the Samford Area.

"We also have our annual book club night too, so we are trying to offer more than just souvenirs, but a real experience to cater for all ages," she said.

Harry Potter, the English half-blood wizard, was made famous thanks to British author JK Rowling, who wrote the very first book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in 1997. Eight books, seven movies and 24 years later, the Harry Potter phenomenon remains as epic as ever.

Hop off at Platform 9¾, where all witches, wizards and Hogwarts hopefuls are welcome, and you'll discover it's more than just a shop.

Steve Lang, Rob Cray, Amity Winn, Cooper Ide, Lachlan Ide



AUSKICK'S FUN INITIATION

Story Wayne I Flack
Photo Bruce Redman

Auskick is a well renowned and established pathway into the sport of AFL in schools and clubs right across Queensland.

This month, under the guidance of their Auskick coordinator Rob Cray, Kedron Lions Juniors will be rolling out its eight-week Auskick program.

Kedron Lions Junior Football Club vice-president Steve Lang said one of the things the AFL had done really well over the last number of years was the Auskick program.

"Our Auskick program has been running since the early 2000s and is essentially for boys and girls five to eight years of age, and in a difficult year last year we still had 75 turn up," Steve said.

"Our President Rob Cray was nominated and won the Auskick Coordinator of the Year Award at the 2019 AFL Qld Awards."

The Auskick program was about teaching basic skills of the game, from handballing to kicking. The club promotes a fun atmosphere where mums and dads can get involved while learning skills alongside their kids.

Steve said all participants at Kedron Auskick received a backpack that included the right-sized footy for them to be able to practise.

"It's all about foundation, putting a footy in their hands, and getting them to 'buy into' a little bit of what the game is about; understanding the fundamentals."

The club has a natural progression for boys and girls from when they start. After Auskick there's the Superstars program, which is more structured. They play on smaller sections of the field where skills learnt at Auskick can be translated into a game situation.

From Superstars, boys and girls move into U8s, U9s, and U10s, and then there's a pathway from juniors through into youth sides.

Steve said there were probably 20-plus kids who started out in Auskick at Kedron who were still at the club playing in the Juniors.

"For example, my young fellow Theo is still playing after he started his Auskick at Kedron and will be playing U14.5s again this year."

Kedron Lions Juniors Auskick eight-week program commences Saturday, 6 March, from 8am-9am.

For info: www.kedronlionsjuniors.com.au.



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