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A portrait of Jason Singh, a man with dark hair and a serious expression, wearing a black blazer over a black shirt. He has a red shirt cuff visible on his left arm and a tattoo on his right forearm. The background is dark and textured.

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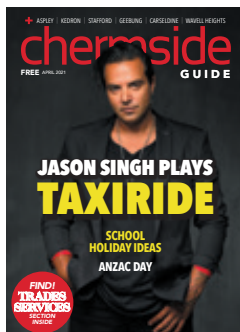
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# A Note FROM THE TEAM



**D**on't you just love this time of the year? Warm days, coolish nights – the perfect conditions to enjoy the Easter holidays.

Speaking of holidays, we have ideas aplenty in this issue for keeping the kids – big and small – active and entertained this month.

Grab your cowboy hat and spurs, and head to the Eatons Hill Hotel for its annual rodeo – it promises to be a whip-cracking good time for the whole family. Yee ha!

Harry Potter fans can grab their wands, cloaks, and spell books for a Harry Potter Trivia Night at the Aspley Coffee Club that promises to sort the muggles from the real wizards. Or, for a night of good old-fashioned belly laughs, the Sit Down Comedy Club has it covered, at Nundah's Royal.

We bring you the heart-warming story of Manko the much-loved macaw, who has helped his owner recover from trauma; and the inspiring story of young McDowall entrepreneur Anthony Rice, whose virtual reality learning platform, VRreddo, has the potential to change the face of education.

Of course, we also pay our respects this month on Anzac Day to all those service men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, for our country. Details of services and events are inside. Lest we forget.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter.

Enjoy our April issue!

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# THE FUTURE IS NOW: VIRTUAL REALITY CLASSROOMS

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

**T**he virtual world is no longer reserved for gaming, with technology advancing daily and changing the way we lead our lives. With this in mind, McDowall resident Anthony Rice and his business partner Reuben Brennan have created an innovative virtual reality learning platform. VReddo, established in 2018, is changing the way businesses and students undertake education.

VReddo co-founder and chief of sales Anthony Rice said that virtual reality (VR) was powerful in its impact and its users regularly said how “real” it felt using the technology.

“We enjoyed doing VR learning experiences as users, but wanted a platform that could not only provide access to experiences, but act

as a ‘campus’ to bring trainers and students together to commune, connect, and grow,” Anthony said.

“Learners simply put on their headset and they get teleported into their classroom. Within this classroom, they can meet and interact with their fellow learners and trainer – exactly like they can in a physical classroom. However, VReddo classrooms can also provide learners unique experiences to enrich their learning.”

Anthony said that the VReddo classrooms provided a learning experience similar to face-to-face learning, with the benefit of being at any location around the world. They are finding that progressive businesses are ditching the PowerPoint presentations and immersing their staff into a realm where they can experience their lessons in a real-world scenario, rather than watching it on a screen.

“With VReddo, we can teleport them into a workplace, mine site or another planet, and they can experience and feel what it is as if they were really there,” Anthony said. “VReddo classrooms can project holograms and teleport learners into locations or scenarios – think a tourism class where they’re not only learning about the Eiffel Tower, but they actually visit it within class.”

Anthony said VReddo merged with software company TUTIS in November 2020 to form TUTIS VReddo, and now license its software to companies to train their own courses through the VR headsets. The headsets are currently being used for formal training in certificates, diplomas, and in some companies’ orientation and in-house training programs.

“Many futurists have described that education, or at least the traditional schooling variety, is ripe for disruption given its set-up; and the format really hasn’t changed in decades,” Anthony said. “I can see a world where schools are setup as co-learning spaces – where students attend to enjoy the community – but they follow a curriculum that’s been personally curated for them and their lessons are all delivered within VR, so they can access a diversity of subject matter and teachers from anywhere across the globe.”

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# KEDRON WAVELL SNOOKER

## SNOOKER CLUB GETS A REVAMP

Story *Jodie Woodward* Photo *John Pires*

**K**edron Wavell Snooker, one of Queensland's biggest billiards club, has been around since 1970.

However, club president Nate O'Connor said COVID restrictions last year almost closed the club for good during its 50th year.

"When we were told to close the doors for three months, we had no revenue coming in at all but still had expenses," Nate said. "We didn't have much money in the bank because we hadn't been about revenue building before."

When restrictions began to lift last year, the club's long-term president retired and a new volunteer board took over. Nate said this kick-started the club in a whole new direction.

"I've been involved in this club for about ten years all up," he said. "I'm the current president of the Queensland Billiards and Snooker Association, so I'm heavily involved in snooker and billiards in Queensland and at the Australian level. When the opportunity came up to help out my actual home club, I jumped at the opportunity."

"Now it's a younger board. We pretty much revamped the whole club. We couldn't have

done it without COVID grants from Brisbane City Council and RACQ Foundation that helped us recover some of our losses. The whole room has had a complete face-lift. We've doubled our membership numbers since October and we're just about to sign up our 200th member."

Nate said the club was very accessible and not overpriced to join.

"What sets us apart is availability, 24-hour access for our members, and we are a premium venue," he said. "We regularly re-cloth our tables and have the best equipment money can buy, including ex-professional tables. We've got a good social atmosphere too, with music on in the room and Kayo sports on the TV."

Nate said they are always on the lookout for new members, including juniors.

"It doesn't matter what age or skill level, snooker and 9-ball can be played your whole life, over multiple generations," he said. "It doesn't matter your gender, physical ability or walk of life, it's a game you can definitely enjoy."

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# MANKO THE MACAW

## LOCALFACES

Story *Linda Read*

**W**hat if a bird could save someone's life? It may seem an unlikely scenario, but that's exactly what Manko the macaw has done, according to his owner, Wavell Heights resident Catherine.

Emerging from a traumatic life experience and with three young daughters, Catherine had become anxious and afraid to leave her home, until a friend suggested she might like a feathered companion.

"I had become like a hermit," Catherine said. "I wouldn't go out and I had so much anxiety about everything. The doctor put me on anti-depressants, and I just became a zombie; it was just terrible.

"My friend breeds macaws, and he said in America they use them as therapy pets. So he gave me a six-month-old baby [Manko] and within six months, I was off all my medication and I was back to living my life. I was a better mother again."

That was four years ago. Manko has now grown into a stunning, vividly-coloured, 1.5kg beauty, who is quite the local celebrity. He's made music videos and had TV appearances, as well as being a live model for artists in art classes. He's also picked up some photographic work at a Gold Coast holiday park in the school holidays. He adores people and is very chatty. He loves going to pick the girls up from school; Catherine's daughters call him their "brother".

Catherine wants birds to be officially allowed as therapy and companion animals in Australia, as they are in the US – an option that she said would benefit many people who are unable to have a dog or cat.

She cautions potential bird owners, however, to think long and hard about the commitment required for sharing your life with a feathered friend.

"They're a lot of work, so don't get one just because you think they're cool and awesome," she said. "It's literally like having another child. If Manko doesn't get his breakfast on time, he yells at you.

"And, they [macaws] can live until they're 150 years old.

"He's a next-generation pet – with dogs, you may have three in your lifespan, but he could last three human lifespans."

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# 'GET SET'

FOR JASON SINGH'S  
**RETURN**  
TO THE STAGE



## Story **Aleasha Bliss**

**E**mbark on a ride back to the '90s with Taxiride's powerhouse lead singer Jason Singh. Revisit your youth with all your favourite throwbacks from the band of heart-throbs Australia fell in love with.

Australian band Taxiride hit the bigtime in 1999 with the release of their debut album, *Imagine*. The overnight success of the young men had them touring all around the world and boasting nine top-40 singles. *Get Set and Everywhere You Go*, along with their other charting songs, are still popular on Aussie radio and playlists today and have fans singing every word to their pop rock tunes.

Lead singer and original founding member of Taxiride, Jason Singh has a career spanning 20 years, and said he was looking forward to bringing his latest acoustic tour – *Jason Singh plays Taxiride: Hits, Bits and Beyond – To The Lounge at The Royal, Nundah*.

Jason said he decided to do the tour because of the isolation of last year. He spent lockdown reflecting on his journey with Taxiride, his solo career, and with other artists that he had worked with. While flying solo, Jason had achieved two top-10 Aria club hits with *The World As You Know It* and *One World* alongside his two albums.

"This tour is my take on the songs I loved most from the band and is a journey through the history of how the band evolved musically," Jason said.

"The big songs will obviously be what people sing along to, but a lot of the fan favourites are the bonus tracks that were on our singles, so I'm going to go out and play them again for everyone."

Jason said that this tour would be a one-on-one experience between him and the audience. He will take the time to chat with his fans and answer questions while showcasing his powerful vocal and musical talents.

"I'm excited to be this vulnerable with people," he said. "It makes me both nervous and excited at the same time, and it's the first time I've spoken about my relationship with Taxiride."

"It's a massive difference doing a solo show than with the band. We always relied on the harmonies – that was the power of Taxiride. In

this tour, I strip that away and tell the story of the songs."

Jason will also feature some of his solo songs and personalised covers of artists that influenced himself and Taxiride over the years.

**“***No one would ever have seen me or Taxiride's songs like this before,” Jason said. “It's a throwback to the '90s - Australian bands ruled back then. Silverchair, Powderfinger, Grinspoon, Killing Heidi, Savage Garden – the list goes on.***”**

"Music is a time machine for me," he said. "When I hear a song, I can instantly go back to when I heard it or when the song was important in my life. So, there's a few songs in the setlist that, from my point of view, had a real connection with the band and made us go down a certain road. It's not only a journey into the band but about a great time in music."

Jason said during his 111 days of COVID lockdown in Melbourne, he spent valuable time with his family and took to the tools to build himself a 60sqm studio at home to continue creating music for years to come. He also has plans to record a new album at the end of the year.

"It is a nice way to sum up the last 20 years for me," Jason said. "I compared COVID to being a career half-time. This tour encapsulates the first part of my journey. I still feel like I'm in the middle – so we will see what the next half brings. I still have a couple of albums in me that can have an effect on people."

*To book tickets to see Jason Singh at The Royal or to find out more information visit:*  
[jasonsingh.com.au/tour/](http://jasonsingh.com.au/tour/)

**Jason Singh plays Taxiride: Hits, Bits and Beyond  
Friday, 9 April, 8:00pm  
The Lounge at The Royal  
1258 Sandgate Road, Nundah**



## Work Begins on Interchange Upgrade

Story Alyssa Mackay

**C**ommuters will be one step closer to improved traffic conditions with construction beginning on a major intersection at Bald Hills.

A construction tender was awarded in January, and works were scheduled to commence last month, to transform the Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road intersection into a diverging diamond interchange (DDI).

Member for Aspley Bart Mellish said this groundbreaking interchange design was proven to reduce congestion and would make the busy intersection more efficient and much safer.

"Diverging diamond interchanges are shaped like a diamond and consist of two key intersections at the top and bottom of the shape," Bart said. "Between these intersections, motorists actually drive on the right-hand side of the road.

"While this may sound strange, it serves to alleviate one of the key pressures on a traditional interchange – right-turning motorists crossing in front of oncoming traffic. Now these drivers can simply turn into exit lanes without interrupting traffic flow.

"Australia's first interchange of this type in Caloundra has been highly successful."

A Transport and Main Roads spokesperson said the project was set to be completed by mid-2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Under the Urban Congestion Fund, the Federal Government committed to jointly fund \$30 million for the upgrade with the State Government.

## Kids Magic Show

Bring the kids along for an unforgettable magic experience, with Magic Pete performing his Magic and Balloons Show. Cost is \$14 and kids receive a meal after the show. Monday, 12 April, 11am-12pm at Geebung RSL Club. Book tickets via the Geebung RSL Facebook page.

## Hornet's Paint & Sip

Enjoy the relaxing view, a glass of wine and a relaxing painting session with the girls. Hosted by A Painter's Dream, the session includes all painting supplies, a glass of wine, and a cheese platter for one. Cost is \$65. Book via the Aspley Hornets (official) Facebook event page or call 3263 5522. Friday, 9 April, 6-8pm at the Aspley Hornets, 50 Graham Road.

## Kids Holiday Cooking Class

These classes are for kids wanting to enjoy cooking in a relaxed group environment. This class will feature an Easter theme – items cooked will be hot cross scones and Easter themed biscuits. \$45/child includes ingredients. Bookings via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) – search for Kids Holiday Cooking Class. Two sessions available; Tuesday, 13 April, 9:00-10.30am and 1:00-2.30pm. Everton Park.

## Bike Maintenance

If you're a Club 99 member, you're invited to come along to the 99 Bikes store in Chermide for a free basic bike maintenance class. The class will cover: assessing your bike is safe to ride; cleaning your bike; and changing a tyre and tube. No need to bring your bike along to this class. For more information visit [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search 99 Bikes Maintenance Class Chermide.



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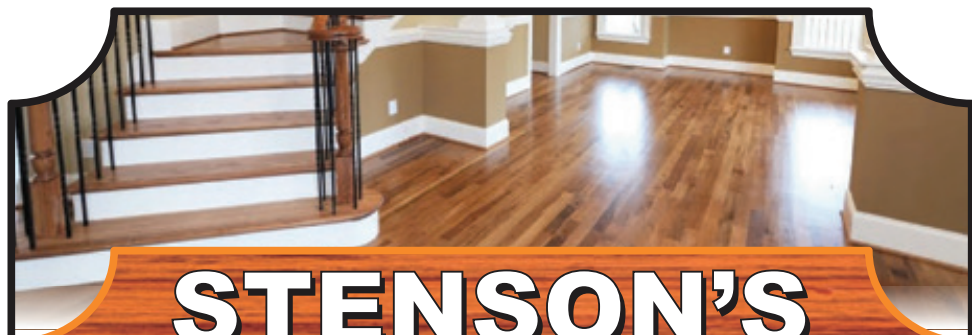
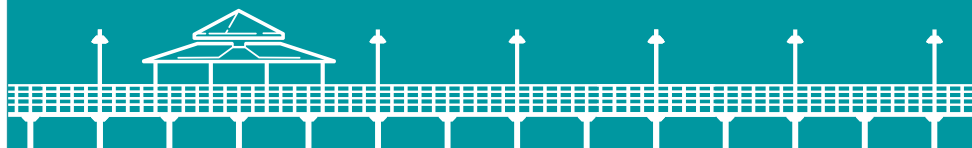
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A photograph of two children on a swing set. A boy in a blue t-shirt is on the left, and a girl in a floral dress is on the right. They are both swinging. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a path.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS

**Anti-boredom Activities  
Your Kids Will ❤️**

## Story *Sally Eberhardt*

**L**ure the kids away from the screens these school holidays with these fun activities! All of the venues are local so the kids won't even have time to ask, "Are we there yet?" With a mix of indoor and outdoor, free or pay-to-use, there is something here for every age and budget.

## The Great Outdoors

Mild autumn weather makes Easter holidays the perfect time to enjoy fresh air and exercise.

Check out [John Goss Reserve Playground](#) on Maundrell Terrace and [Kidspace 7th Brigade Park](#) on Murphy Road. Both have lots of play equipment for children of all ages; play areas are shaded and there are barbecues and picnic tables.

John Goss Reserve is surrounded by native vegetation and birdlife, and features an obstacle course, fort structures, climbing walls, and a flying fox.

Kidspace is home to a huge fort, many play and sport facilities, and even two 'choose your own adventure' walks via the Story City App (free to download from App Store or Google Play).

Both parks provide hours of healthy fun for free.

Take advantage of the last of the swimming weather at [Chermside Aquatic Centre](#), home to Brisbane's largest water park. Twisting water slides, a wading lagoon pool, the scenic Jungle Adventure, the exciting Flume of Doom, and many more water play areas means there's something for everyone.

The water park section is only open weekends and school holidays, 10am to 5pm.

**V-Golf** at Boondall is the newest 18-hole mini golf course in Brisbane. The course has a natural feel, is well shaded, and ranges in difficulty from

fairly easy to more difficult, to keep everyone entertained.

Inside is air-conditioned and licensed with a virtual golf course and other facilities making it a great choice for a family day out or special event.

Whichever of these activities you choose to enjoy, remember to Slip Slop Slap with sun-safe shirts, sunscreen and hats. Most of all – have fun in the great outdoors.

## Indoor Action and Activities

**Ice World** - Play it cool with ice skating at Ice World. A short 10-minute drive from Chermside, the Boondall ice rink is the perfect place to exert some school holiday energy in style. Sandgate Road, Boondall – daily sessions available. Kids prices start at \$10. For more information go to [www.iceworld.com.au](http://www.iceworld.com.au).

**Westfield Chermside** has a range of play and relaxation opportunities. Entertainment offerings include the 16-screen Event Cinema, Kingpin, and iFLY.

**Kingpin** includes **Bowling** (with bumpers for the little ones), **Karaoke** rooms where kids can sing along to their favourite tunes, **Playtime Arcade** with heaps of arcade games and even good old-fashioned table tennis and billiards, and **Cryptology Escape Rooms** (brilliant fun for older teens). You can even form a team with friends or family to battle for supremacy at **Laser Tag** – an exciting game suitable for everyone from age four and up.

**iFLY** indoor skydiving is where the dream of flight comes true in a vertical wind tunnel that simulates free-fall conditions. For flyers from three to 103 years.

From high adventure to relaxed play, Chermside and surrounds has a wonderful array of options to keep the kids from being bored these holidays. Have fun!







DJ Tenzin

## Happy 10th Birthday Eatons Hill Hotel

Story Aleasha Bliss

**E**atons Hill Hotel is celebrating 10 years of opening the pub that hosts big name artists and yearly events, and is a favourite local meeting place to many.

Of course, the landmark couldn't turn 10 without a party to celebrate the milestone – and you are all invited.

Eatons Hill Hotel marketing and events coordinator Lauren McCarthy said the hotel was really excited to celebrate, and would throw a tenth birthday party in their nightclub.

"This is not your average nightclub event," Lauren said. "There will be lots of flames, CO2 and live entertainment from 8pm. A really fun nightclub event to celebrate 10 years of operation."

"We have DJs Tenzin and Brooklyn playing inside the nightclub and our resident DJs outside in the Beer Garden. The night will be a huge party."

She said that both DJ Tenzin and Brooklyn were huge acts not to be missed, and will be playing all your favourite throwbacks, RNB, and Hip-Hop tunes, so you can dance the night away and celebrate 10 years of Eatons Hills Hotel.

*This 18+ event has free entry prior to 8pm, and \$10 entry per person thereafter.*

**Friday, 16 April, party starts at 8pm  
Eatons Hill Hotel**

## Trivia Wizzes – Get Your Wands Ready

Story Alyssa Mackay

**A**ttention Muggles! Do you know more about the world of Hogwarts than Hermione Granger? Then grab your cloak and wand and get along to Harry Potter Book Trivia when it returns this month to The Coffee Club Aspley.

Restaurant manager Jordan Maris said the family-friendly event would kick off at 6pm with witches and wizards able to order drinks, meals, and Harry Potter-themed cocktails before trivia begins at 7pm.

"If you have read the Harry Potter books this will be a night to test your knowledge," Jordan said. "All Harry Potter fans think they're the biggest Harry Potter fan. The atmosphere changes rapidly from a restaurant into a battle of wits."

The team from Try Again Trivia have questions to challenge even the most dedicated Potterhead, as well as a new round called Spell Bingo.

Jordan said the winning team would receive a \$50 voucher to spend at The Coffee Club.

Prizes will also be awarded for best dressed, so get creative with your Dumbledore, Snape and Hagrid costumes.

"These nights are full of laughter and fun," Jordan said. "The team loves working them, the players have a ball, and the host is just fantastic."

*The event is free but participants must register online at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search for the event name – Harry Potter Book Trivia.*



**Harry Potter Book Trivia  
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# TRUE-BLUE AUSSIE Rodeo

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

**Y**ou are sure to have a whip-cracking good time at Eatons Hill Hotel's 9th Annual Rodeo with live entertainment, cattleman's bar and plenty of 'yee-haas' thrown in the mix.

The main attraction and most exhilarating part of the day is the bull riding which can not only be viewed in the arena, but on big screens so you won't miss any of the action regardless of your location during the day.

Eatons Hill Hotel events and marketing manager Lauren McCarthy said this year was going to be the biggest Rodeo yet with their VIP and accommodation packages already having sold out, and the family day passes very popular.

"We are excited to see people from all walks of life come to Eatons Hill Hotel to see the Rodeo," Lauren said. "We haven't seen ticket sales go this fast. It is happening right in the middle of school holidays, so it's a great opportunity to get the kids involved in the bull-riding shows, the demonstrations, and horse-riding events. It is really engaging with the kids."

The event will have all your favourite food trucks, roving entertainment and balloon makers for the kids.





Watch the best in the business from all around Australia compete in bull, saddle and bareback rides for the adults and the U16's will have junior bull rides and poddy calves.

"The biggest part of the entertainment is the professional bull-riders competing against each other," Lauren said. "They enter their bull and themselves at the event and we have a competition winner at the end. The bull riders come from all over Australia to compete at Eatons Hill's Rodeo which is quite exciting."

Lauren said everyone was encourage to get in the cowboy spirit by dressing in their favourite country-inspired attire to set the theme for the day. There have even been children dressed as cows in the past. "We love it when people dress up wearing cowboy outfits," she said. "We see a lot of cowboy and cowgirl hats and this is the chance to get the denim skirts, check shirts and cowboy boots out of the wardrobe. The more everyone dresses up the better."

For the adults, from 8pm until the early hours of the morning is a B&S Ball afterparty to keep all the country fun continuing on – and it's included in the entry price.

"The afterparty is a huge nightclub event and usually we get to capacity every year," Lauren said. "The DJ dresses up, puts on some great cowboy country music. Before the event we have a bucking bull in the ballroom which is a lot of fun."

*Book your tickets to the Rodeo at <https://www.eatonshillhotel.com.au/event/9th-annual-rodeo/>*

**Eatons Hill Hotel 9th Annual Rodeo**  
**Saturday 10 April, 2:00pm**  
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## Hearing It All

Paula Stanz

Story **Eve Vickerson**  
Photo **Bruce Redman**

**D**on't believe everything you hear, especially when it comes to advice from 'Dr Google' on hearing loss.

While the wealth of information available online can help guide us on healthy living, not all of the advice is accurate.

Audiologist at the Burnie Brae Centre Paula Stanz said that her job often involved helping people sort out the misinformation around hearing aids.

"What happens is everybody hops onto the internet and they can see that they can buy this or that type of hearing aid," Paula said.

"But not every hearing aid and not every hearing loss match. There is no one-size-fits-all. It's very individual on how we set the prescription, how we explain things to people, how we get them to manage, and what we focus on for them – everybody's different.

"A lot of people come in with preconceived ideas about hearing aids. They compare them to what their parents had, which is comparing technology from 50 years ago.

"Some people think all hearing aids are the same or that they are only for much older people.

Others say that because they can hear me, they don't need a hearing aid."

Although 70 per cent of people aged over 70 experience hearing loss, Paula said that many people delayed seeking help.

"Sometimes people don't realise what they're missing and what they put up with. Because it's a chronic illness, you just compensate. You just turn the TV up louder and you just miss bits of conversation."

Paula said new research suggested a link between hearing loss and dementia.

"We always knew that there were social issues associated with hearing loss, like when people misjudge you or that you can become isolated or withdrawn," she said. "Now we know that it can have a direct effect on how our brain functions.

"They say that one of the things you can do to reduce your risk of cognitive decline and dementia is to wear hearing aids. So if the brain gets the right sounds, you can actually reduce your risk of dementia. It's phenomenal."

**Clinical audiologist Paula Stanz visits the Burnie Brae Centre in Chermside every Thursday. More information is available at [www.hearbetterclinic.com.au](http://www.hearbetterclinic.com.au).**



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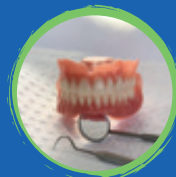
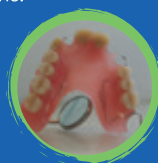
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# A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Cr Fiona Hammond



The year is moving so quickly I cannot believe we are in April already, and on that note I would like to wish all residents a very happy Easter.

Over 100,000 Australians are living with Parkinson's Disease and on 11 April you can help support them by taking part in the

Parkinson's Awareness Day event to be held at Bradshaw Park, Lutwyche.

The event, which is to raise awareness of Parkinson's, is being run by Madonna Brady who is a Parkinson's Everyday Hero. There are 18,500 Queenslanders living with Parkinson's Disease, with 20 per cent of those diagnosed being under the age of 60.

Participants are asked to support by wearing purple and making a gold coin donation on the day.

Also, we have had such great turnouts at my two recent Movies in the Park that I would like to invite you to come along to Lanham Park, Grange on 1 May to watch the all-time favourite, Xanadu. Bring your blanket and your chair, relax and enjoy a great night of entertainment.

I look forward to welcoming you to these wonderful events.

## Bart Mellish MP



The success of Queenslanders in stopping the spread of COVID-19 means that we've been able to ease restrictions further and faster than many international, and even interstate, jurisdictions.

This means that on

Anzac Day 2021, Queenslanders will be able to gather in their streets and at cenotaphs to mark the sacrifices of previous generations of serving men, women, and their families. Dawn services, marches and other commemorations can go ahead as normal.

As Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs, this is something I am incredibly proud of. After consultation with leaders in the Veterans' community, it was clear to me that being able to commemorate this day after the challenges of 2020 is extremely important to our Veterans.

Anzac Day commemorations are a special moment of unity and reflection for our nation, and thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders, we will once again be able to come together and acknowledge the sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

Let's we Forget.

## Anika Wells MP



Lilley community organisations will have the chance to support their volunteers through the 2021 Volunteer Grants program, which is now open.

Groups in the Lilley electorate will be able to share in funding of up to \$132,450.

Expressions of interest can be submitted for the Volunteer Grants program, which offers funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of volunteers.

For example, grants can be used to purchase small equipment to be used by volunteers or for the reimbursement of volunteer fuel, transport

or training costs, or for promoting awareness and increasing participation in volunteering.

To be eligible, applicants must be a legal entity, a not-for-profit organisation, utilise volunteers (which make up at least 40 per cent of the organisation's staff), and have an ABN (or provide a Statement by Supplier Form).

A community consultation committee will develop a shortlist of recommendations, to be submitted to the Department of Social Services for assessment.

Contact the Lilley electorate office for an Expression of Interest application form by emailing [Anika.Wells.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Anika.Wells.MP@aph.gov.au) or by phoning 3266 8244.



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## Cr Tracy Davis



It's hard to believe that April is upon us – a month of celebration, commemoration and school holidays.

It is heartening that Anzac Day services will

return this year. Local RSL sub-branches will once again be hosting services to remember the men and women who have served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions, as well as acknowledging the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. Lest We Forget.

This year, Youth Week runs from 10-18 April. This Youth Week, we're celebrating the important role young people play in making our city an even better place to live. It was wonderful to attend the first 2021 Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting recently and hear from student representatives from local schools. It's a fantastic program that connects councillors with emerging young leaders, who have the opportunity to learn how our city is governed, connect with other students, and raise awareness about issues, which affect them and their peers.

On a personal note, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Easter and a safe, enjoyable holiday break.



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Story **Jodie Woodward**

## STAFFORD UPDATES

Council has just finished installing a new footpath along Barokee Street in Stafford following consultation with residents. The footpath will provide an active transport route, making the walk from Minimine Street to Wilgarning Street safer and much easier to navigate for locals.

Food lovers can rejoice as another food venue is set to open in Stafford in May. 'Oh Boy Bok Choy' will sit next to the newly refurbished Stafford Central, and will serve South-East Asian cuisine. The restaurant is another venture for owners of local favourite, Farm House Kedron, and will serve lunch and dinner.

## ASPLEY HYPERMARKET NEWS

Take your toddler to Aspley Hypermarket for Toddler Time on Friday 30 April at 9.30am or 10.30am. Held in conjunction with Chermshire Library, the sessions are held outside Woolworths and will include story time, fun and games, and will end with morning tea. Sessions will continue on the last Friday of

each month and bookings are essential via Aspley Hypermarket's website.

While you're at the Hypermarket, you might be in time to visit the new Source Bulk Foods venue located at the centre. Browse over 350 products including nuts, seeds, grains, confectionery, cleaning products and yummy snacks. Shoppers can BYO bottles and containers to fill, or use the ones provided in store. The store aims to provide good old-fashioned grocery shopping the modern way, with zero waste in mind.

## MAKE YOUR OWN BOHO RAG RUG

Enjoy an afternoon of mindfulness through craft and colour as you make your own eco-friendly rag rug at The Nest in Everton Park. Participants will be introduced to various forms and then shown a simple looping technique for making their own rug. Then you can continue to divert fabric and clothing from landfill at home and reduce your waste footprint. The class is suitable for adults and will run on 11 April from 1pm – 4pm. Tickets can be purchased online.



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## BRISBANE NORTH RETIREES MEETING

Brisbane North Retirees Inc. meets on the third Friday of each Month. Meetings take place in the Newman Room at Geebung RSL Club, starting at 9.30am. Join for an entertaining and informative look at matters relating to older people and their families. The guest speaker for June will be Brian Herd, one of Australia's leading lawyers in his field. For more information phone 0457 029 141.

## CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON HAS BEGUN

Queensland Running has commenced its cross-country running programs for all ages and abilities. The weekly competition runs from March to July each year, with distances from 500m to 8000m. All events take place on Saturday afternoons and are timed, with results available by the following Tuesday. A Fun and Fitness Walk is also held each competition afternoon, which is an untimed

event. Local venues include Huxtable Park, 7th Brigade Park, and Teralba Park. Register via the Queensland Running website.

## TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Head to Soul Pantry in Stafford on 15 or 23 April to make your very own terrarium. In these sessions you will learn all the techniques to create a tiny world of ferns, rocks, and moss in a glass terrarium. Each participant will get to make one terrarium to take home and will be able to use the skills they learn in the class to make more terrariums in the future. Materials are included but you can bring along your own 'something special' to add to your design if you'd like. Purchase tickets online via the Soul Pantry website.

## Would you like to contribute to Chermide Bites?

*Is there something happening in the Chermide area you'd like to share? Email Jodie the details at [bites@chermideguide.com.au](mailto:bites@chermideguide.com.au) to be included in the next Chermide Bites.*

# GET YOUR LAUGHS AT THE LOUNGE

Story Jodie Woodward

**If you need a laugh, you'll find plenty for free at The Royal in Nundah each Wednesday night. Each week, attendees can laugh along with a different group of comedians presented by the Sit Down Comedy Club Brisbane.**

Comedian Emma Zammit will MC the event on 21 April. She has performed to sell-out solo shows in Sydney and Brisbane in 2018 and 2019 and will support Jimoen and Akmal this year.

"I have not performed at The Lounge before, but I have heard great things and I am really looking forward to it," Emma said. "In the year we all have had, I feel honoured to be able to entertain people in a live comedy club – something I don't think an audience and comedians will take for granted again."

Leading the night as MC on 7 April will be Lindsay Webb, who has recently returned from performing at Perth and Adelaide Fringe festivals. He said the venue was "adorable" and the show would be "a delight".

Emma Zammit

**"***The Nundah venue is a treat to work in; cosy and intimate in all the right measure. I have performed there twice before, and they say the third time's a charm. So, let's get at it!" he said.*

Need some extra encouragement to drag yourself out of the house on a Wednesday night? Emma and Lindsay have these words of inspiration for you:

"I love hosting shows and put a stack of good energy in the room to make the night enjoyable for all," Lindsay said. "The other two acts are great choices and make the lineup a diverse and eclectic comedy style evening."

Emma said audiences were "guaranteed" to walk away feeling great. "Who wouldn't want an excuse to get out of the house, away from Netflix, and have an amazing night with great comics?" she said. "And if you are on a first date, you will seem funnier to them."

Emma and Lindsay will be joined by a range of comedians throughout April including Open Mic Guys, Fiona McGary, Sandeep Totlani, Anne Ferguson-Howe, and Matt Ford.

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Story **Jodie Woodward**

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**A**lthough you might be right in the middle of suburbia, you can find a little of the country at Farm House in Kedron.

Owners Amanda and John Scott count Farm House as their seventh business together. Amanda said the site had previously been Farmer Joe's, a much-loved, family-owned produce store.

"A site always talks to you and tells you what it wants to be," Amanda said. "We both came from farming families and wanted to pay homage to farmers by buying local ingredients and serving the local community. It all came together."

Serving up delicious and local food, Farm House brings the country charm in the form of its tin shed structure and relaxed dining atmosphere. Once inside, it's hard to believe busy Gympie Road is only metres away.

"We wanted to set up an oasis, a place that brings you joy and creates a break in your day," Amanda said.

While weekend breakfasts are the busiest times here, Farm House offers breakfast and lunch seven days per week. The breakfast menu comprises of classic favourites with a modern twist. Lunch options include salads, burgers, pork belly and tacos.

"Our signature dish is the breakfast gnocchi, but the crispy cheese and potato cake is by far the most popular menu item. We make 500 to 600 of these from scratch each week.

"One of the main points of difference is we employ a chef, not a cook. We believe breakfast deserves the same level of skill and training as making any other meal. You need more than just somebody who can flip an egg," Amanda said.

While Farm House continues to be a popular and successful venue, there's more on the horizon for Amanda this year. Her new restaurant Oh Boy, Bok Choy will open in Stafford in April, offering South East Asian cuisine across lunch and dinner.

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🎵 **RUSSELL SPROUT**  
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## 04 SUNDAY

🎵 **RYAN HURRICANE**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

🎵 **CHRIS DOYLE**  
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## 06 TUESDAY

🎵 **MORNING MELODIES W  
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## 07 WEDNESDAY

★ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
**AT THE LOUNGE** P.28  
THE ROYAL 7PM

## 09 FRIDAY

🎵 **BIGGY P**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

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

🎵 **ROSE POWELL**  
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★ **JASON SINGH PLAYS TAXIRIDE**

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🎵 **MIDNIGHT GROOVE TRIO**

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## 10 SATURDAY

★ **EATONS HILL HOTEL 9TH**

**ANNUAL RODEO** P.20

EATONS HILL HOTEL 2PM

🎵 **CHRIS STEVENSON**

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

🎵 **THE FREE AGENTS**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **DARRIN LEIGH**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

## 11 SUNDAY

🎵 **THE DAPPER DANCE 2**

GEEBUNG BOWLS CLUB 11:30AM

★ **MAKE YOUR OWN BOHO RAG RUG** P.26

THE NEST 1PM

🎵 **G-BASS**

KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

🎵 **JARED ALEXANDER**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

## 14 WEDNESDAY

★ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**LIVE AT THE LOUNGE**

THE ROYAL 7PM

## 16 FRIDAY

🎵 **BRAD POOLE**

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

★ **HARRY POTTER BOOK TRIVIA** P.18

THE COFFEE CLUB ASPLEY 6PM

🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM



🎵 **NICK WATERS**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

★ **HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY**

**EATONS HILL HOTEL** P.18

EATONS HILL HOTEL 8PM

🎵 **CAUGHT IN THE ACT**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

## 17 SATURDAY

🎵 **JACOB LAUBE MUSIC**  
HUB BREWING 4:30PM

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM



🎵 **FAT CHANCE**  
ASPLEY HORNETS 7PM

🎵 **LISA STEWART**  
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

## 18 SUNDAY

🎵 **FORTUNATO**  
GEEBUNG RSL 12:30PM

🎵 **MARCO**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

🎵 **ROB STEVENSON**  
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

## 20 TUESDAY

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

## 21 WEDNESDAY

★ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE  
AT THE LOUNGE P.28**  
THE ROYAL 7PM

## 23 FRIDAY

♣️ **BALLS OUT BINGO //  
DRAG QUEEN BINGO**  
THE COFFEE CLUB ASPLEY 5PM - 9PM

The Coffee Club Aspley is proud to announce another round of Balls OUT Bingo! Check out The Coffee Club Aspley Facebook Page to book tickets.

🎵 **JAMES DEAN**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM



🎵 **QUINN MCHUGH**  
ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **SIMONE CUTTING**  
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **THE NATURALS TRIO**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

## 24 SATURDAY

🎵 **DEAN GRAY**  
KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM



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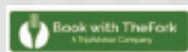
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## 🎵 THE FREE AGENTS

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

## 🎵 DAVE CLAYTON

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

## 28 WEDNESDAY

### ★ WED. NIGHT LIVE AT THE LOUNGE P.28

THE ROYAL 7PM

## 25 SUNDAY

### 🎵 JOE ACE & SUSIE

GEEBUNG RSL 12PM

### 🎵 GREG MCINNES

KEDRON-WAVELL 3PM

## 30 FRIDAY

### ★ TODDLER TIME P.26

OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS 9:30AM

### 🎵 AL GIBSON

KEDRON-WAVELL 6PM

### 🎵 BRETT WHITMORE

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

### 🎵 ALLAN CAMERON

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

### 🎵 HAYDEN SMITH TRIO

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

## 27 TUESDAY

### FULL MOON RISE TIME

5.33PM





# HOPPING INTO Easter



*Story Jenn Carrington*

**L**oosely tied to Christian tradition, our modern Easter is represented by the Easter Bunny rewarding good children with eggs to remind them of rebirth and resurrection, and bless them with fertility. But how did the hare make its way into our history books?

For German- and English-speaking nations, Easter is derived from Ostara, a pagan goddess of fertility, and for most other languages it stems from the Hebrew holiday known as Passover, or Pesach.

Way back in 1682, the Easter hare was published in a German children's book, mentioning a rabbit that brought eggs to well behaved children during the season of Eastertide or Ostara.

Traditionally, Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, three days after dying at the hands of the Romans at Calvary. But in today's world, the religious aspect is not always featured or acknowledged, as the commercial trend of Easter has seen a surge in confectionery, Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny, with the origins of Easter expanding to celebrations, feasting, games, and unique customs.



One widely accepted tradition is the hot cross bun. These sweet and spicy buns date back to 12th-century Monks who made and decorated them with a cross in remembrance of Jesus' death. Also known as Good Friday buns, folklore stories state Queen Elizabeth I, in the late 16th century, made it law that hot cross buns could only be made at Easter and funerals.

In addition to hot cross buns, the Easter Bunny, and eggs, the Easter Christian festival and holiday is further celebrated in various ceremonies, rituals, and cultural events around the world.

Similar to Australia, the UK and many European countries decorate eggs for Easter, and there is lots of chocolate involved. And in some European countries like Bulgaria, traditional meals such as ham and eggs, and lamb roasts with sweet bread are common.

However, in Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, Easter customs are much more startling. Spanking on Easter Monday was traditionally carried out by men, softly spanking their women with a handmade whip called a pomlázka. The willow rod whips were decorated with colourful ribbons and the ceremony ended with cold water being thrown over the women. According to folklore, legend declares that women should be spanked with a whip to keep their health, beauty, and fertility for the next year. Fortunately, this tradition is no longer very popular, and has been replaced with an all-day water fight known as Dyngus Day, or Wet Monday.

Much tamer customs are observed around the world such as the USA, with Easter egg rolling contests, and in Bermuda, colourful kites are flown on Good Friday.

Further south in Columbia, Easter or Holy Week is the largest celebration of the year, with dances, parades and home-cooked feasts. In Russia, floral wooden painted eggs have famous symbolism. Many of the eggs are exquisitely handcrafted and decorated with flowers that have bloomed to represent new life and the renewing of the spirit. In Russian folklore they are meant to bring people good luck and have become popular with collectors.

**So wherever you are from and however you acknowledge Easter, enjoy the festivities - and those chocolate eggs.**

# MAGIC MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Story Alyssa Mackay

**G**et your skates ready because Xanadu is rolling onto the screen for this month's free movie in the park, hosted by Brisbane City Council.



The colourful, cult Olivia Newton-John flick will transport you back in time with a soundtrack featuring music from Newton-John, Cliff Richard and Electric Light Orchestra.

Marchant Ward  
Councillor Fiona  
Hammond said  
everyone should come  
along, bring the kids

and relive their childhood by seeing this iconic movie.

"We are going back to the 80s with Xanadu – big hair, bright clothes and great music," Fiona said.

"Once you have the Xanadu soundtrack in your head, you will never get rid of it, but oh, what a joy!"

Xanadu tells the tale of a Muse named Kira (Newton-John) who inspires an artist, played by Michael Beck, to open a nightclub. Things get complicated when they fall in love.

You're sure to see plenty of crimped hair and neon on the night with a fancy dress competition being held for those movie-goers wearing the best 80s outfit. The person deemed best-dressed will win a special gift basket.

Food and drinks will be available from The Grange Thistle Soccer Club as well as from a variety of food vans on site.

**Xanadu Movie Night**  
**Saturday, 1 May, 6:00pm**  
**Lanham Park, Prince Street, Grange.**



# ANZAC

## FRANK MCCOSKER

## Wavell Heights Local Anzac Frank McCosker Remembered

*Photo supplied by This Story Australia  
Information compiled by Robyn Baker*

**H**ow can any of us forget last year's Anzac Day when, for the first time in history, Australians came together with their neighbours to commemorate in our driveways. So many of us, whilst still social distancing, showed our appreciation. It was a sombre time acknowledging how grateful we were for our freedom.

With Anzac Day upon us, we again set aside time to remember those brave souls who fought and served for our country. The sacrifices, actions, and experiences of these men and women has indeed made them extraordinary.

One of these extraordinary souls was well-known Wavell Heights local Frank McCosker who, like many, lied about his age to join the army and fight for his country. Frank was born on 30 November, 1922 and was the ninth child to his parents. He grew up on a dairy farm in the Glass House Mountains. Whilst serving, Frank rose to the rank of Lieutenant in the Australian Army and recalled

in vivid detail the Battle of Milne Bay during his video interview for This Story Australia. After his service in New Guinea, Frank was discharged in 1949 and joined the Queensland Police Force, where he served a long, distinguished career of 33 years. Frank retired in 1980 as a superintendent of the Queensland Police. In his video profile, Frank recalls many fond memories of those he served with and the life they lead whilst at war.

Brisbane charity This Story Australia is on a mission to preserve the many untold stories, like Frank's, by documenting them through profiles, biographies, and digital video vignettes, preserving them for generations to come.

Frank joyfully recounted many stories for This Story Australia in 2019 at his home in Wavell Heights, and sadly passed away on 9 September, 2020.

Thank you for your service, Frank. Lest We Forget.

Frank's profile story can be viewed on This Story Australia's website, along with many other stories. The stories are also documented on all of This Story Australia's social media channels. This Story Australia relies on donations, grants and philanthropy to continue to preserve Veterans' stories.

*You can find out more via searching This Story Australia on all social media platforms or by visiting [www.thisstory.com.au](http://www.thisstory.com.au).*

# ANZAC DAY CHERMSIDE

Story *Jodie Woodward*

**Last year the country was in lockdown, but this Anzac Day will have Australians returning to organised group functions.**

For Chermside locals, Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub-branch (the largest sub-branch in Queensland) will once again be hosting its Anzac Day commemorative services.

Management committee member Greg Peake OAM said it had been tricky this year to meet COVID requirements, but he believed there would be a large turnout on the day.

"I think it will be bigger because last year people took part in their own events in their own houses," Greg said. "Now we can come out, I think more people will come to support the veterans."

The dawn service will take place at Lutwyche Cemetery at 5.30am. The Anzac Day march will begin from Chermside Historical Precinct at 7.45am and continue to Kedron-Wavell Services Club. A commemoration service will then be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club from 8.30am, which will involve laying of wreaths.

Attendees at any of the services or the march are asked to pre-register by calling the sub-branch or using the QR registration codes on the day.

"Come along and support the veterans and support what they did," Greg said.

*For more information, go to*  
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## PODCAST OF THE MONTH

# Dragon Friends Review

Story **Nick Allford**

**I** have a confession. I'm in love with a Dungeons & Dragons podcast. Wait... before you dismiss this review as a deep dive into a nerdy world filled with geeks huddled in a dark room throwing dice around, **Dragon Friends** is so much more.

Think of this podcast as a live improv show where six Aussie mates muddle their way through a Dungeons & Dragons campaign. So, what is D&D? It's a fantasy tabletop role-playing game where you use your imagination on an adventure led by a Dungeon Master (in this case 'Dungeon Daddy Dave') who narrates the story and decides your fate with the role of a die. I'll admit I've never even played a single game, but you don't need to be a player to enjoy this show.

They give each other a hard time, the way only a group of old friends can, which for me is its most endearing quality and the reason why delicate ears shouldn't be listening. It's definitely not for the faint of heart.

If you want to listen to a group of hilarious mates poking fun at each other while hunting for treasure and battling monsters, all set to a live musical score, I can't recommend **Dragon Friends** enough.

## ACTivate Water Fun & Games

Get wet and keep cool at this ACTivate Water Fun session at McDowall. This is a Chillout event suitable for young people 10-17 years. This session is free, however, bookings are essential. Wednesday, 14 April, 10am-12pm. Visit [www.bazilgrumble.com/whats-on/](http://www.bazilgrumble.com/whats-on/) for more information and to register.

## Chermside Public Speaking Meetup

The Chermside Communicators will help you to improve self-confidence, persuasiveness, and personal influence by practicing your communication and leadership skills. Meetings are held in a fun, relaxed environment where you speak at your own pace and with the friendly support of like-minded people. Everyone is welcome to visit the club to check it out, free of charge, and without pressure or obligation. Meetings are held in the Chermside Library every second Saturday, from 9.15am to 11am. Next meetings on 10 April and 24 April, 2021.

## The Dapper Dance 2

Don't miss the Dapper Dance 2. Book early to avoid disappointment. The band starts at 11.30am with all styles of dance welcome. There will be great prizes to be won, barista made coffee, and the yummiest, best value lunch available. Geebung Bowls Club, Sunday, 11 April from 11.30am to 3.30pm. Entry is \$10. For bookings phone 3865 4139 or email [stuartdm58@gmail.com](mailto:stuartdm58@gmail.com).

## Learn to Sew

The Nest Community Inc. at Everton Park hosts regular kickstart sewing classes, taking absolute beginners through the basics for machine sewing. Tickets are \$30. For more information and to book visit [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search Learn to Sew. Next classes are on Saturday, 10 and 24 April, 10am -12pm. The Nest Community Inc., 720 South Pine Road, Everton Park.





## THE COURIER

The Courier is a true-life spy thriller, the story of an unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. At the behest of the UK's MI-6 and a CIA operative (Rachel Brosnahan), he forms

a covert, dangerous partnership with Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky (Merab Ninidze) in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**Release Date:** 01 Apr 2021

**Director:** Dominic Cooke

**Main Cast:** Benedict Cumberbatch, Merab Ninidze, Rachel Brosnahan, Jessie Buckley, Angus Wright

**Genre:** Thriller



## BLACK WIDOW

In Marvel Studios' action-packed spy thriller Black Widow, Natasha Romanoff aka Black Widow confronts the darker parts of her ledger when a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past arises. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Natasha must deal with

her history as a spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.

**Release Date:** 29 Apr 2021

**Director:** Cate Shortland

**Main Cast:** Scarlett Johansson, Ray Winstone, Rachel Weisz, David Harbour, Florence Pugh, O-T Fagbenle

**Genre:** Action, Science Fiction, Adventure



## TOM & JERRY THE MOVIE

When a young family moves in, Jerry the mouse is determined to scare them away. The family adopts a stray cat, Tom, to help rid them of their pest problem. In an epic battle for the house, Tom & Jerry discover their adoration for the family and work together to protect them.

**Release Date:** 01 Apr 2021; **Director:** Tim Story

**Main Cast:** Chloë Grace Moretz, Ken Jeong, Pallavi Sharda, Michael Peña, Rob Delaney

**Genre:** Adventure, Animation, Family, Kids, Comedy

## Coming in April

Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable	1 <sup>st</sup>
The Courier	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cranston Academy: Monster Zone	1 <sup>st</sup>
The Father	1 <sup>st</sup>
Night of Kings	1 <sup>st</sup>
Nobody	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom & Jerry The Movie	1 <sup>st</sup>
Two by Two: Overboard!	1 <sup>st</sup>
Qismat 2	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sooryavanshi	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sulthan	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Antoinette in the Cévennes	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ascendant	8 <sup>th</sup>
The Eleventh Chapter	8 <sup>th</sup>
Puaada	8 <sup>th</sup>
Reel Rock 15	9 <sup>th</sup>
Gunda	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mortal Kombat	15 <sup>th</sup>
Land	15 <sup>th</sup>
Six Minutes to Midnight	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Twist	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Black Widow	22 <sup>nd</sup>
The Godmother	29 <sup>th</sup>
No Man's Land	29 <sup>th</sup>
United States Vs. The Billie Holiday	29 <sup>th</sup>
— Golden Globe Winner	29 <sup>th</sup>

Subject to change, check website for more details.

# HISTORY

## LEST WE FORGET KEDRON-WAVELL RSL MEMORIAL

*Story and Photo Hellen White*

**A**s another Anzac Day approaches, we remember those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

In the years between 1914 and 1918, Australia had a population of approximately 5 million. 400,000 young, fit Aussie men and women volunteered to go to the other side of the world to fight for king and country. Of these, 61,800 died. 153,509 were wounded. So many more had mental scars that couldn't be seen or cured.

On the 25th of April each year, we honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. 106 years ago, so many young Australians and New Zealanders died on a lonely beach in Turkey, now known as Anzac Cove. And so the monument at the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch has special significance in its design.

The memorial and the ceremonial space surrounding it integrates a number of traditional symbols. Although this monument is quite modern, the symbols are still relevant.

The large circle represents wholeness. Within that space are three smaller circles, representing

the different branches of Australia's armed forces – Army, Navy, Air Force.

The shortened pillars symbolise all the lives taken too soon.

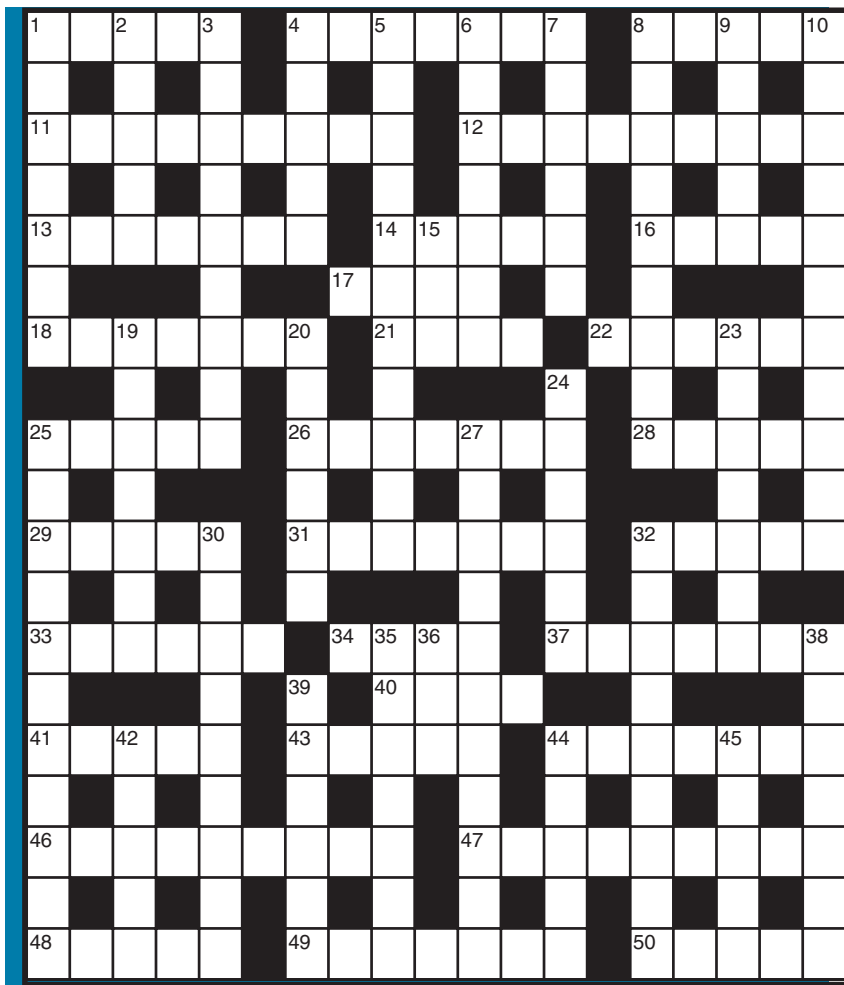
At the centre is a raised three-sided triangle, commemorating those who were lost from the three branches of the defence forces. An illuminated glass prism represents regeneration and looking towards a positive future. Forms of light, including the rising sun of the army badge, came to have new significance in Australia during WW1. Though the rising sun had been adopted at Federation, after the dawn landing at Gallipoli on 25 April, 1915, it became the symbol for national birth, an essential part of our traditions.

Paving on the driveway is inspired by the rising sun on the army badge and shows a link from the memorial to the landscape surrounding it. And the walkways represent the undulations of our sea and lands, for which so many died.

So, as we commemorate Anzac Day, take the time to really look at this memorial, designed by artist Dennis Magee. Take a moment to reflect. We will remember them. Lest We Forget.

*With thanks to the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch*

# THE BIG ONE CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1 Tired
- 4 Meat seller
- 8 Wealthy man
- 11 Forms, documents, etc
- 12 Comic book star
- 13 Bear witness
- 14 Abounds (with)
- 16 Bearing weapons
- 17 To be weakly affectionate
- 18 Rally
- 21 Skein
- 22 To orbit
- 25 Weirdly
- 26 Wrench

- 28 Reminders
- 29 Bronze medal position
- 31 Aerial
- 32 Eye colour
- 33 Religious belief
- 34 Summon
- 37 Loan
- 40 Seductive woman
- 41 Soak
- 43 Eradicates
- 44 Buddhist's paradise
- 46 Wages (3,6)
- 47 Fighter
- 48 Sad song
- 49 Nuzzled
- 50 Pet name for a cat

## DOWN

- 1 Largest planet
- 2 Fools
- 3 Large sleeping-room
- 4 Plunder
- 5 Be distressed by (4,2,5)
- 6 Former star (3-4)
- 7 Quiet
- 8 Description
- 9 Estuary fish
- 10 Vein or artery (5,6)
- 15 Greek letter
- 19 Divine (3-4)
- 20 Unit of pressure
- 23 Native of a state
- 24 Flotilla
- 25 Left behind in a race
- 27 Ridiculous
- 30 Hopeless
- 32 Backpack
- 35 Momentum
- 36 Bind
- 38 Accurately
- 39 Arouse
- 42 Purchaser
- 44 Roamer
- 45 Separated





# TO STAGE OR NOT TO STAGE?

## – That Is The Question

*Magazine-styled designer look - a winning formula.*

*Story Robyn Baker*

*Photo supplied by Tina Leveridge,  
InStyle Realty*



*Tina Leveridge*

**W**atching neighbours achieve record prices might have many considering what they need to do to sell. How do those who achieve the highest price in your suburb do it without expensive renovating? How do you stand out? Real estate agents will give you obvious things to do such as declutter, repair, and bake bread, for example, as key to selling your property. But what if you want to take your home to the next level?

One thing that has become more well recognised is staging – when you employ someone to make your home look like a designer home with carefully selected furnishings. Some buyers have been known to purchase specific pieces also as they fit in so well.

What's involved? Some designers will work with your existing furnishings and others will bring in all of the furnishings because let's face it – not everyone loves Grandad's old chair!

Tina Leveridge from InStyle Realty is a designer and real estate agent who realised some time ago that to achieve the absolute highest price





for her vendors, staging was part of her winning formula. The proof this formula works is in the before-and-afters in pricing, once Tina has teamed her designer skills with some unique suppliers. Most vendors remain in their property and enjoy the results of a perfectly presented designer-styled home.

Tina said, "Whilst selling properties I realised this was something that owners appreciated, for an additional fee for my services and hiring select pieces. It just kept paying off well beyond expectations and I found that more and more vendors were seeking me out for these services."

Virtual staging is also becoming popular using specialist virtual staging products where bare rooms can be stylishly furnished for viewing online. One photographer who works with virtual staging is John Pires from Property Images. Virtual furnishings can be realistic and give appeal with many different styles of furnishings and with no lifting required.

John said, "I use the most advanced digital manipulation technology available to place realistic furniture, fittings and decorative elements into images, so a bare property looks more appealing. It appears quite realistic and most people find it hard to tell the difference."

*For more information:*

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# BLUEWATER *Festival*

## ALWAYS A GOOD FRIDAY.

The Bluewater Festival is back this year and promising to be a bigger and better event than ever before.







### Story Aleasha Bliss

**S**andgate's iconic Good Friday event will bring you the best views of the bay from Moora Park, the experience of the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race and of course, a memorable start to your Easter weekend.

Get nimble and energised for the day with yoga at 8am, before embarking on the food trucks, rides and markets while watching the majestic yachts begin their journey.

Sandgate Bayside Chamber of Commerce president Bill Gollan said he was really looking forward to the 2021 famous Bluewater Festival.

"On Good Friday, our Sandgate bayside area is the centre of the universe," Bill said. "It is the place to be.

"We've got a special guest firing the cannon at the start of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race this year. The multi-hulls start at the end of the Shorncliffe Pier around 11:00am and you can almost reach out and touch them, they're that

close. There are a couple of really big ones this year too."

Bill said the festival officially opened at lunchtime, with many activities for the family to experience and entice them to come back for years to come.

"The famous dragon boats will be back this year," Bill said. "And people can have free rides on them – it's one of the most popular attractions at the festival.

"Of course, the Easter Bunny will be there, and we have some incredible local artists, bands, and kids' acts to keep everyone entertained throughout the day."

Bill said from 4.30pm the Bluewater Festival would morph into the Bluewater Beach Party and have everyone dancing into the early evening.

"There will be some great bands to rock on to," he said. "We have a great Creedence Clearwater Revival band and a Cold Chisel band that are very popular."

The evening will come to a close after the bay skies are lit up with the Bayfire Fireworks Spectacular. Bill said the fireworks would be simulcast live on 99.7 Bridge FM with the soundtrack, and they will also be broadcasting the yacht race live.

"In 2019, we had over 12,000 people down there, so I think this year will also be a great turn out provided the weather stays good," he said. "It's a day for everyone – the locals, plus the thousands who visit our part of the world for the day and line the cliffs and beachfront. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever before."

For more information, visit [www.bluewaterfestival.org.au](http://www.bluewaterfestival.org.au)

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# ROCK N ROLL IN THE LOCKYER VALLEY

Scotty's Museum

Story Jenn Carrington  
Photos Warwick Green

**II**  
*Sunday, Monday, Happy Days  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Happy Days  
Thursday, Friday, Happy Days  
The Weekend Comes  
My Cycle Hums  
Ready To Race To You  
Oh Happy Days!"*

**T**his song from the 1970s and '80s iconic hit TV show *Happy Days* entered my head the moment I stepped foot inside Scotty's Garage and the T-Bird Diner.

The 1950-1960s inspired museum and restaurant the Barn is nestled on three-and-a-half acres of lush Lockyer Valley farmland and it's a life-long dream come true for proud co-owner Scotty Wright.

"In 2011, just after the floods, we started to build the garage," Scotty said. "But I've been collecting since 1996.

"It all came about with buying the 1956 Thunderbird car, so when it was 40 years old, I started collecting all this," Scotty said.

On arrival at the Barn, the '56 Thunderbird is parked out front amongst a plethora of vehicle parts, vintage memorabilia, and the entry to the Garage.

This is where you will find Scotty doing museum tours while his wife Sarah runs The Barn, catering for hungry and thirsty visitors.

Once inside the Garage, it's mesmerising to walk amongst the restored cars and motorcycles of a bygone era, and notice the tribute to the days of poodle skirts and slick rockabilly pompadours, carried through to the T-Bird Diner.

With the juke box filled with tunes from Elvis to Buddy Holly, and a dance floor to ruffle skirts and jive the night away, the T-Bird Diner evokes the fun and authenticity of the era.

"I grew up in the '70s, but it's the simplicity and the innocence of the time compared to where we are now; and when things were cool, even the cars of the time were stylish, influential and individual," Scotty said.





*Scotty Wright, owner of Scotty's Garage*

"The '50s and '60s were all about not needing supplements to have fun. Life was the high in those days."

Scotty said investing in classic cars and memorabilia was not the driving force behind the business, and gets most satisfaction and enjoyment when elderly visitors come to the property.

"It's so precious when it comes to history, but it's not about money in relation to the importance of preservation," he said.

"We've been privileged and honoured to have a local gentleman from Gatton celebrate his 99th, 100th and 101st birthdays here with us, and we see dementia patients coming through who come alive when they walk into the shed.

"Their carers say it's incredible to listen to them talk animatedly about specific items as if they have literally stepped back in time. It's extremely rewarding."

Scotty said the tours and events grew from so many motorcycle and car clubs making daily drives to the region.

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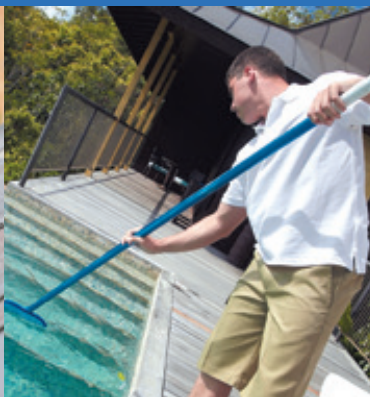
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