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A Note FROM THE TEAM



Have you ever wanted to lead a more sustainable life? The Green Heart Fair in Chermside this month is the perfect place to start – a one-stop-shop for all things eco-friendly. We also celebrate Compost Awareness Week, where you can learn how to turn your waste into rich garden soil at free workshops from the Brisbane City Council.

These are just some of the many events and ideas we are showcasing in this edition in the Chermside Guide, as the sun is losing its summer sting and we're all getting our doonas out.

Now's also an excellent time to focus on our inner well-being, which you can do at The Feel Good Festival at Wavell Heights. And for the gardeners amongst us, the Aspley Orchid Society Show is a must.

Jazz lovers are in for a treat, with Kelsey Giarola performing at the Kedron-Wavell's North Brisbane Jazz Club, bringing her unique brand of jazz/funk/pop. And don't miss the the Neil Diamond Super Hits Show coming to the Geebung RSL.

You can also read about our rising sporting stars at Northside Wizards Basketball – the largest basketball association in north Brisbane, and the Hornets Australian Rules Football Club, now included in the prestigious VFL competition.

Of course, we also bring you the latest and greatest food and drink destinations, and lots of other happenings in our thriving community.

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BEING GREEN IS EASY *AT POPULAR FAIR*

Story **Alyssa Mackay**

If you're looking for ways to lead a more sustainable life, the Green Heart Fair is your one-stop-shop for everything eco-friendly.

More than 120 eco-experts will share their knowledge and advice when Brisbane City Council's longest running sustainability event returns to ChermSIDE this month.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said the fair was about encouraging residents to keep Brisbane clean, green, and sustainable in a fun, family-friendly environment.

"Council is inspiring residents and businesses to affect global change through local action and this fair is a great opportunity to participate in practical environmental workshops, discuss environmental issues around the home, and receive a free native plant to contribute to Brisbane's urban forest," Cr Schrinner said.

"Small, everyday decisions by households are having a big impact on our city's sustainability, and the Green Heart Fair is not only a fun day out for the whole family but a great way for residents

to have their questions answered first-hand by eco experts."

With a schedule jam-packed with presentations and workshops, fair-goers will be given all the information they need to reduce their ecological footprint. From gardening and recycling tips, to minimising food waste and going solar, attendees will discover what they can do to implement positive environmental change.

Stock up on sustainable products at the artisan markets and sample locally sourced produce from a variety of food trucks. Bring a reusable cup to get a discount on your coffee, or borrow a mug from the designated Mug Library.

There will also be plenty of family activities including live entertainment and a special zone for the kids to have fun with free craft workshops, nature play activities, and giant games.

Green thumbs will want to get in early to grab one of Council's free native plants.

"Brisbane is a city that lives and breathes its dedication to a clean and green lifestyle," said Cr Schrinner. "This fair is another way we are



keeping Brisbane clean, green, and sustainable now and into the future."

Councillor Fiona Hammond said she was excited to have the Green Heart Fair back on this year in Marchant Ward.

"The Green Heart Fair always draws a great crowd and it is wonderful to see so many residents who want to contribute to a green, clean Brisbane," Fiona said.

"It is a fun and educational day with lots to see and do. Come along, grab a free tree and talk to an expert about how you can contribute to reducing your environmental footprint."

Fair-goers are encouraged to walk, cycle or travel by bus. The event will comply with a COVID-safe plan, which includes contact tracing and social distancing.

For the full schedule and to register for your free ticket, go to: www.greenheartfair.com.au

Green Heart Fair
Sunday, 30 May, 9am-3pm
7th Brigade Park, Newman Road, Chermide



MAKING NBL MAGIC WITH LOCAL WIZARDS

Story Robyn Baker

Photo supplied by

Northside Wizards Basketball

Zillmere is now home to the Northside Wizards Basketball, the largest basketball association in north Brisbane. With over 3000 registered players, the club has announced it has entered both male and female teams into the inaugural NBL1 competition, a brand new competition that showcases current NBL players and rising stars of Queensland.

The new Zillmere facility hosted the state under-16s championship last month, with over 850 players on the courts. The opening game of the NBL season will commence on 22 May.

The Wizards is thrilled to have signed Courtney Woods, who returns after playing college basketball in USA and for the Townsville Fire. The club has also been fortunate enough to sign on Georgia McCarron and Regan McCarthy, who are both outstanding female players and will make an impact in the game.

Star player Mitch McCarron, who currently plays for Melbourne United and is a member of the Australian team, has also been signed up to play for the Wizards. Mitch originally played as a junior for Northside Wizards and then went on to play in Denver and professionally in Spain, before returning to Australia. He has been an Australian Boomer since 2019 and was selected in the squad that will represent Australia at the upcoming Olympics in Japan.

Northside Wizards board member Kate Boon said how proud she was to see so many junior players go on to playing in the state team. "We've seen many of our juniors go on to achieve greatness," she said. "Bracken Ridge local Jacob Arthur and Cameron Thew have also been selected for the team, and they were also junior players with Northside Wizards, which shows that it is possible to make your way from a junior local northside club all the way to NBL1 level.

"We are looking forward to an exciting and magical season. We have some fantastic half-time entertainment and high-paced competition to watch with our season opener on 22 May, NBL1 Competition, which due to COVID restrictions will be held at the Brendale sporting facilities."

Tickets for the NBL1 season, including opening night, can be purchased from the Northside Wizards website: northsidewizards.com.

Mitch McCarron





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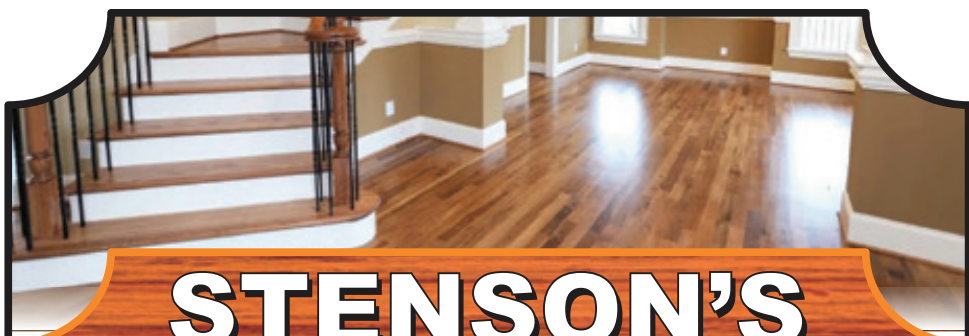
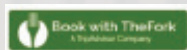
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SAY
BONJOUR
AT KALINGA PARK

Story Jodie Woodward
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French enthusiasts will unite to celebrate all things 'français' at Kalinga Park this month.

Le Festival is a large-scale event which is typically held at Musgrave Park this year. Due to potential risks, Le Festival 2021 will be held in the form of 'Four Seasons' – four smaller events held at various locations throughout Brisbane.

Event Coordinator and Assistant to the Director, Sophia Slancar, said the 'Four Seasons' concept is something they have been brainstorming for a while now.

"We have anticipated for some time that the situation as it stands would pose too great a risk for us financially and logistically if we were to hold our event in its usual format. As such, the change was made to allow us to maintain the essence of our activities and our passion for French culture, but doing so in a way that adapts to the circumstances. There was an opportunity to still do something and make an event happen, albeit in a restructured way, so we took it."

This all-day event includes free-entry and will be something akin to a family gathering in a park, but on a larger scale. There will be a couple of small French food stalls as well as a small French bistro and bar. Attendees can also enjoy children's activities, a merchandise stall, a raffle and the main activity – a Pétanque competition for those aged sixteen and over with some great prizes to win.



"As usual, everyone is welcome to our events, whether or not they have a French connection. We encourage everyone to visit us, and there will definitely be something for all ages," Sophia said.

"There has never been a better time than the present to help multicultural communities come together. The past year has certainly been challenging for events, and especially community events, so please come to support us. Come and visit us, even if only briefly, or just passing by, because there is always an opportunity to discover something new and have a memorable experience."

For more information, head to the 'Le Festival - Brisbane French Festival' page on Facebook or go to www.lefestival.com.au

Un AUTUMN Familial - A Family Day At The Park
Sunday 16 May, 9am - 4.30pm
Kalinga Park



A portrait of Kimberley Hopkins, a woman with short blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a pink top with a leopard print pattern. The background is slightly blurred, showing green foliage.

SELF CARE & REFRESH

Story **Aleasha Bliss**

A women's only event – The Feel Good Festival - will be taking place at the Uniting Church Hall, Wavell Heights this month. The afternoon will encourage self-love and workshops to inspire women to take a break from their everyday responsibilities and look after themselves.

The festival will consist of women's well-being workshops, a healthy cooking class, and a Pranayama and sound healing session. All of these workshops will be conducted by specialist practitioners, including a psychologist and health and wellness coaches.

Women's wellness mentor Kimberley Hopkins knows only too well how busy women's days can be. She is the mother to three daughters and "has felt the burnout from the struggle of the juggle as a modern-day career mum".

"I have a beautiful home studio called Stillness Urban Retreat for Women where I offer massage therapy and run a program called Return to Me," she said. "I guide a small group of women through self-care practices, including heart meditation, stretches, movement, aromatic dressing, chanting, sacred cacao, and journaling, to reconnect them to their inner being and stillness."

Kimberley said the festival was an afternoon well-being retreat with workshops facilitated by local, heart-centred women in business. The concept was to create a space for women to be nurtured and nourished to switch off.

"The day will be a delicious flow of meditation, essential oils, a women's emotions and mental health talk, a live cooking class – that will become our yummy snacks for the afternoon – and finishing off with yin yoga and a sound bath healing," Kimberley said.

"In my practice, I'm always telling my clients, 'you can't give from an empty cup', and it's so true; women especially need to prioritise their health and well-being and The Feel Good Festival is the perfect way to fill their cup and enhance or begin their self-care practice."

Kimberley said this was the first festival and was looking forward to many more to come.

"Women should come so they can take some well-deserved time out for themselves," she said. "Time away from the noise and chaos of modern life so they can experience relaxation and stillness and be reminded of the beautiful space that resides within themselves."

Purchase your tickets or find out more here:
bit.ly/feelgoodworkshops

The Feel Good Festival
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Uniting Church Hall
147 Rode Road,
Wavell Heights

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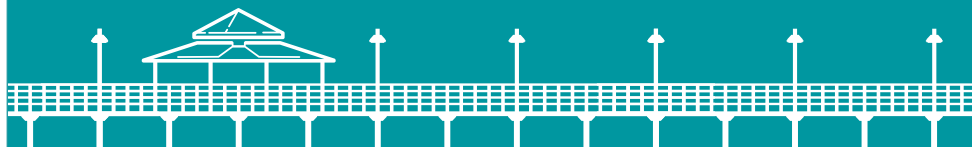
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PODCAST OF THE MONTH

Stuff The British Stole

Story *Nick Allford*

Being British, like me, you get blamed for a lot of things your ancestors did. Most of the time it's pretty justified – we've been pinching other people's gear for centuries.

The title of this podcast is pretty self-explanatory. In each episode, Marc Fennell selects an item with profound cultural importance that has been nicked from a far-off land and currently resides in a museum – or in one case, being used as a doorstep. A talented author, broadcaster, and of course, great podcaster, Fennell describes these items as a doorway into history, taking the listeners on fascinating and often bizarre tangential journeys through time.

Listen to intriguing interviews from around the world with people who have studied the artefacts and those who hold them most dear. How do they identify who the items belong to, and ultimately their repatriation, which we all know won't be happening anytime soon.

You don't need to be a history buff to enjoy these explorations into the past. More often than not, the people being interviewed are as interesting as the items and have just as much of a story to tell.

Balls Out Bingo

Hold onto your balls.....bingo balls that is! Join the Kedron-Wavell for Balls Out Bingo... not your nana's bingo. Hosted by award winning drag performer and live singer Candy Surprise. The night will be loads of fun, laughs, and a little bit of bingo thrown in for good measure.

Saturday, 29 May, 8.30pm at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club.

Carer Support Group

The Carer Support Group (Chermside) offers a supportive environment where people have the opportunity to talk about their feelings, help explore alternative ways of coping, offer support to other group members, or to simply listen and observe. This support group is organised by Aramfi. Held on the second Friday of each month, 10am-12 noon at Chermside Library. Next meeting Friday, 14 May.

Proposed 7 Eleven for Kedron

A development application has been lodged for a 7 Eleven Service Station, located at 493 Gympie Road, Kedron. The proposal seeks to construct a single storey service station building, with the removal of the commercial showroom buildings to make room for the redevelopment.



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HONOURING MUMS

Story Jenn Carrington

Mother's Day is globally celebrated by more than 40 countries after being founded by American peace activist and suffragette Anna Jarvis in 1908. It was to be a day dedicated to peace and honouring all mothers.

Her intention was to create a memorial day based on sentiment, love, and gratitude.

However, due to its nationwide and international popularity it quickly became associated with commercial profiteering. Ms Jarvis regretted this immensely and eventually protested to have the national day she created scrapped. But the profits from selling Hallmark cards, carnation flowers, and gifts became more prevalent and the worldwide phenomenon was unstoppable.

In modern times, Mother's Day is still a commercial frenzy, but is also associated around the world with medieval connections to Mother Earth, Mother Nature, goddesses, the religious connections to Mary, mother of Jesus, and International Women's Day.

The original and exclusive association of Mother's Day with a biological definition of motherhood has evolved over the years to be a more inclusive celebration.

A very noticeable difference from the early 20th century to today is the recognition of mother figures, not just biological mothers.

There is the saying, "it takes a village to raise a child," and we live in a society where children are raised by dads, aunties, uncles, cousins, grandparents, siblings and non-blood relatives including step-parents, foster mums and dads, care-givers and legal guardians.

If we are going to honour those who mother with a special day, it's important also to acknowledge the mixed emotions it can bring for many families, especially mothers who have lost children and children who have lost their mothers.

So, from Japan to Brazil, and Germany to Australia, the celebrations around the world may vary, but the ties to gratitude and love are universal. Whether you celebrate with gift-giving, flowers, cards, or special parties and meals, Mother's Day has been set as a reminder to honour all those who are caring and raising the next generations.

"Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother." Oprah Winfrey





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Cr Fiona Hammond

Councillor for Marchant Ward

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Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

IT'S TIME FOR JAZZ ON THE NORTHSIDE

Story Jodie Woodward

It's good news for jazz-lovers as the North Brisbane Jazz Club has scheduled its second event of the year.

Kedron-Wavell's marketing manager Brendan Wilson said North Brisbane Jazz Club's first event with Tyrone Noonan was a great success.

"The first instalment was a sell-out," Brendan said. "The crowd enjoyed the intimate setting in the Sky Lounge, and everyone walked out talking about it and asked when the next show was."

The next jazz club act will be Kelsey Giarola. Kelsey has had the privilege of working with some of Australia's biggest names in music, including James Morrison and Ian Moss. She describes her music as a blend of jazz, funk, and pop.

"Similar to if Diana Krall and Sara Bareilles inhabited the same body," she said.

Kelsey studied jazz at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music and has been performing jazz and her own original music ever since. She said she was looking forward to playing at the Sky Lounge for the first time.

"There's always something exciting about performing in a venue for the first time," Kelsey said. "I also love to connect with a new audience because that's what it's all about. I will be performing a mixture of old-time classic jazz numbers as well as some of my favourite tunes from the era.

"The band is made up of professional musicians and we'll be performing a mixture of up-tempo classic jazz tunes with plenty of audience

interaction on the side. It will also be a great way to support local talent and a local live music venue. Plus, who doesn't love a good night out of the house?" she said.

If you missed out on North Brisbane Jazz Club's first event, you won't want to make the same mistake twice.

"If you like live music and want to spend a night in an intimate setting, this is made for you. If you don't grab your tickets, you're really missing out," Brendan said.

Kelsey said, "If and when you come along to the gig, don't be afraid to say hello. I love meeting audience members and creating a friendly atmosphere."

For info, go to www.kedron-wavell.com.au

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Fiona Hammond



It's May and what a beautiful time of the year to live in Brisbane.

As many of you may know, we had to cancel this year's May Day celebrations at Lanham Park, Grange. Sadly, it was near impossible to host an event with such

a transient crowd and have appropriate contact tracing in place. I am, however, excited about a few other events happening in Marchant Ward.

I'll be hosting a Family Fun Day on 8 May, from 2pm to 5pm, with free entertainment, face painters, popcorn, fairy floss, and much more. Council will be showcasing some of the plans for stage 2 of the Bradbury Park upgrade, which will include a state-of-the-art playground, toilet block, and expanded car park.

Brisbane City Council will be again hosting the Green Heart Fair in Marchant Park on 30 May. This is a great opportunity for green thumbs to learn some tricks of the trade and to learn how we can work together to improve our sustainability practices to keep our city clean and green.

Anika Wells MP



Lilley community organisations trying to keep a lid on their electricity costs can apply for a helping hand through the Powering Communities Grant Program, which is now open.

Up to 12 grants, ranging from \$5000 to \$12,000, are available to support projects in the Lilley electorate that will improve energy efficiency and lower power bills for community organisations.

Grant funding can cover up to 100 per cent of the eligible project costs.

Expressions of interest will be invited through the Lilley electorate office and a community

Bart Mellish MP



Traffic noise reduced for Aspley residents.

With heaps of construction happening around the Aspley Electorate, it's great to see that the noise barriers along Gympie Road at Aspley are getting underway. I've

fought hard to deliver these barriers, which will reduce overall traffic noise and have enormous benefits for our community.

Work started in late March is expected to be completed by September 2021, weather and construction conditions permitted.

Residents have raised concerns about traffic noise from Gympie Road and I am pleased their concerns have been considered in the project design. Noise monitoring was completed in the planning stage and helped to determine the current levels, where it is coming from, and the predicted levels for the next decade. Traffic speed, road surfaces, existing buildings, and future traffic volumes were all taken into consideration in the design.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$4 million for the new noise barriers along Gympie Road from Ellison Road to Nevin Street, Aspley, and we've also allocated \$5 million towards replacing and improving noise barriers along Gympie Arterial Road in Bald Hills, with planning underway.

consultation committee will conduct a preliminary assessment of proposals.

Nominated projects will then be invited to apply via the Powering Communities grants portal.

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

Welcoming the Babies – NEW DATE

Wet weather sadly postponed the 2021 Lilley Welcoming the Babies event last month.

I am pleased to announce that it has now been rescheduled for 16 May, 2021, 9am-12noon.

If you have already registered to attend, my office will be in touch.

To register your baby, visit anikawells.com.au

KITCHEN WASTE TO COMPOST IN ONE EASY LESSON

Story **Sally Eberhardt**

Don't waste your kitchen waste! Here's a great opportunity to learn how to turn kitchen scraps into beautiful, nutrient-rich compost for your garden.

International Compost Awareness Week is the perfect time to learn how to start and maintain an organic composting system at a workshop courtesy of Brisbane City Council.

Are those vegetable peels, eggshells and banana skins going in the rubbish bin? There is a better answer. Local resident and keen recycler Renee Bugden said composting kitchen scraps didn't feel wasteful – like putting them in the bin did.

"Nutrients go back into the ecosystem, supporting plants and wildlife," Renee said. "Our family garden is healthy and provides food not only for us but for worms and native birds too."

"Composting is super easy to get started and soon becomes a daily habit."

Compost is miraculous stuff – it boosts the health and vitality of your plants, and even improves the flavour of your home-grown produce.

This workshop is suitable for adults and children over 10. It's free to attend but places are limited. Please book on Eventbrite; search for 'sustainable living: creating garden gold from scraps'. Do your bit for the environment and enjoy a more bountiful garden.

Sustainable Living: Creating Garden Gold from Scraps

Sunday, 2 May, 10am-11am

Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre

31 Paperbark Drive, Boondall

Thursday, 6 May, 4pm-5pm

Downfall Creek Bushland Centre

815 Rode Road, McDowall

Cr Tracy Davis



There are lots of exciting projects happening across McDowall Ward.

In Bridgeman Downs, work is progressing on the Idonia Street Crossing Project over Cabbage Tree Creek, from Idonia Street to Coolabah

Crescent Park. This three-metre-wide shared path will create an important link to the Cabbage Tree Creek bikeway, and is part of Council's ongoing program to improve access and connectivity for residents to get out and about and enjoy our great outdoor Brisbane lifestyle.

Council is also currently in the process of delivering a new playground in Dr Valentine McDowall Park, which will provide safer play equipment and can be enjoyed by children of all abilities. Fencing is also scheduled to be installed near the two playgrounds in this park, which will help improve the safety of this area for local families.

In Chermside West, work is nearing completion on improvements to the Milne Hill lookout. This project is about providing an enhanced viewing experience for residents of the panoramic views of the Chermside Hills Reserve and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our community.

PARK UPGRADE UNVEILED AT **FAMILY FAIR**

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Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Be one of the first to see what the future has in store for popular Bradbury Park by joining the celebrations at a free Family Fun Fair this month.

The fair will be held on Saturday, 8 May, and will reveal the plans for the second stage of the park upgrade.

Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona Hammond said she really wanted the community to get excited about what was coming next.

"This is a great way to get the community together and showcase what's next for Bradbury Park," Fiona said.

"This upgrade is one example of how Council is improving our open green space across the city, creating more to see and do."

Fiona said the first stage of the Bradbury Park upgrade involved the construction of the scooter track and magic forest, which had seen a huge increase in families using the park.

"I often call through on a weekend, and usually, there is standing room only," Fiona said.

"I have had many residents comment to me how much their children enjoy the park now, exploring the magic forest, and for the older kids

– and might I add some adults – scooting around on the new track."

Council officers will be at the fair to allow local residents a sneak peek at the Stage 2 plans, which include a new play experience, a small dog-off-leash area, barbecue facilities, toilet amenities, and a carpark upgrade.

Fiona said the Stage 2 plans would build on the attractions of Bradbury Park. "I believe it will make it a signature park on the Northside. I am excited about the adventure playground, which will include challenges for all age groups."

The Family Fun Fair will be a day full of fun activities for the kids, including a jumping castle, animal farm, reptile display, and face painters. A jazz trio will perform live music and the Brisbane Inner North Lions Club will be hosting a sausage sizzle and selling drinks.

"I invite families to come along and have a sausage, pet the animals, enjoy the entertainment, and learn about the improvements we are making," Fiona said.

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Let's Meat Up

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Rumbling tummies will be satisfied at the Eatons Hill Hotel with its first ever Meat Up BBQ Festival due to be held in August this year.

Carnivores will be in meat-loving heaven, with the festival sizzling all your favourite barbeque meats. The vendors on the day will include Blue Grass, Barbecue Mafia, and Smokin Butts & Racks, and with live music, beer, bourbon, and a bonfire, it's set to be a night of smoky goodness.

Eatons Hill Hotel marketing coordinator Jacinta Cahill said the festival would showcase some of Brisbane's best talent and the hotel expected around 4000 guests for the event.

"We are thrilled to be hosting Eatons Hill Hotel's first ever barbecue festival," Jacinta said. "We are so excited to be adding another great festival to our diverse list of events and look forward to putting on a flamin' fantastic day for all."

Jacinta said guests could expect to have a light-hearted and fun day, eat a lot, and if they were game enough, compete in one of the eating competitions. One of the many eating competitions would include hot wings – but there were many milder meat-eating competitions to

also take part in for the faint of heart.

"Guests can expect to leave the event already counting down the days until the next Meat Up festival," Jacinta said.

"Beer, bourbon and barbecued meats in the one place with live music and eating competitions. Not to mention, it's the perfect winter night – keeping cosy with our giant bonfire. Who wouldn't want to come?"

While the meat is cooking and the fire is crackling outside, the Grand Ballroom will also be set up to host fun and interactive activities and games for guests.

Tickets are on sale now and at just \$15 entry, they will fly out the door. The festival is an over-18 event, so leave the kiddies at home and indulge in a rib or three in peace.

"Loose clothing is encouraged so that attendees can fill their bellies with lots of barbecued meats from the scrumptious food vendors that will be there on the day," Jacinta said.

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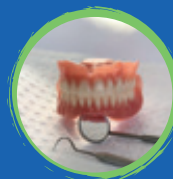
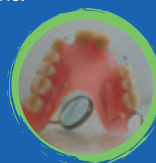
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STAFFORD SKATE CENTRE TO CLOSE

Story *Jodie Woodward*

In sad news for the local community, Stafford Skate Centre will close its doors for good on 12 September this year.

Stafford Skate Centre owner Robert Carter said no one was sadder about the closure than him.

"We've been here for forty-seven years," Robert said. "I've been the owner for forty years next month.

"I started here as a skater, and then worked as a floor supervisor and coach before finally taking over. I was here on the opening night with Clem Jones, too."

Robert said he expected there would be a lot of disappointment when the announcement was made, but he hadn't anticipated such a strong response from the community.

"I've decided to go," he said. "I'm not losing, I'm just sad it's all happened. The whole process has been horrible for me.

"But, I've had a wonderful run; I got to go to many world championships and events over the years, including the Barcelona Olympics.

"It's unfortunate my experience is going to go too," he said.

While it's the end of an era, Robert has no plans for a big farewell.

"I'd like to just go quietly," he said. "We're just going to go with our usual programming. We made sure we can stay until the end of our programs and we'll trade right up to that time."

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ORCHIDS IN FULL BLOOM AT SHOW

Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Impress your mum with a colourful orchid this Mother's Day. The Aspley Orchid Society May Show is on this month and is the perfect place to find beautiful flowering orchids.

Aspley Orchid Society secretary Jan Patterson said there would be flowering orchids, ferns, and foliage on display.

"We will have floral arrangements for sale and another area where you can purchase orchid growing requirements, like pots, labels, and fertilisers," Jan said.

Orchid growers will be able to submit their plants for judging by the North Moreton Queensland Orchid Council. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in a range of classes.

Jan said that experienced growers would also be there offering cultural advice on growing orchids and common problems.

"If you've been given orchids, come along and someone can provide basic information about how to look after them, and if you wish to continue you can join an orchid society for more in-depth information," Jan said.

"We have our fingers crossed for a good turnout. The orchids are beautiful in flower and you can catch up with people from other orchid societies as well, so the social contact is a really good thing."

The show will operate in accordance with social distancing requirements. Entry is \$4 with children under 16 free.

Find out more at: www.aspleyorchidsociety.com

Aspley Orchid Society May Show
Saturday, 8 May, 8am-3:30pm
Community Hall
175 Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

Anywhere Festival Presents The Classroom

Playtime is over. So make sure you've done your homework and pulled your socks up because class is starting. Featuring the rising stars of Brisbane improvisation, The Classroom is an improvised comedy show that explores the lives of various personalities in a school.

Thursday, 13 May, 7.00pm-7.50pm
School Library, Our Lady of the Angels School
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Tickets:

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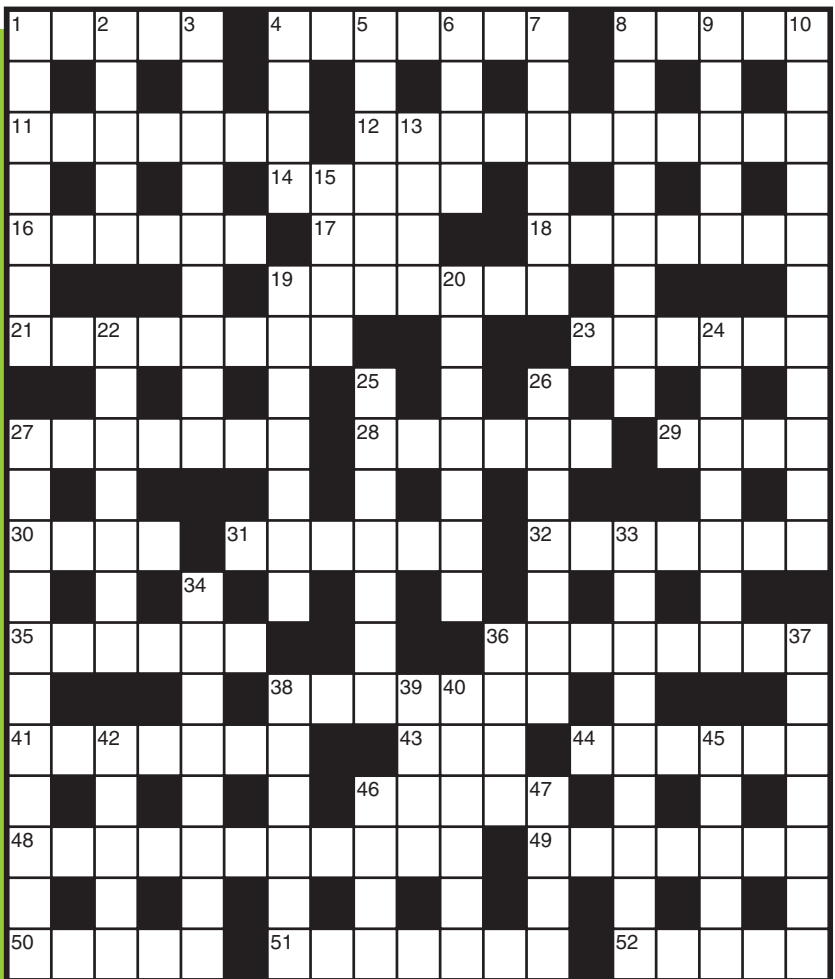
Biodiversity Seminar Little Creatures

The Brisbane Biodiversity Seminars present guest speakers on the city's unique plant and animal species and other environmental topics. Guest speaker Dr Sandra Tuszynska specialises in soil microbiology with an emphasis on the role of fungi in nutrient cycling and plant protection. Helen Schwenke (biologist/ecologist) has been involved in invertebrate conservation since 1986. This is a free event, but bookings are essential. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'biodiversity seminar' under events. Wednesday, 12 May, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Chermide Library.

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Three generations: Anais, Daphne and Janine Schokman

THREE GENERATIONS:

FAMILY DESTINY IN CHILDCARE

Story Robyn Baker

Photo supplied by Janine Schokman

When Daphne Schokman married at 21 and migrated to Australia, she never thought she was setting the scene for generations to come.

Born in Ceylon in 1937, Daphne's dream growing up was to work with the poor in a medical career. After marrying, she and her husband applied under the white European heritage policy to migrate to Australia. As full-fare passengers, they embarked on the

boat trip to Australia, which Daphne said was the most horrific time of her life. "Arriving in Melbourne we had no idea of Australia's culture or climate, and encountered racism and a cold climate for the first time," she said.

After teaching herself shorthand on the boat, she very soon started work as a stenographer, even though she found the Australian accent very hard to understand.

Daphne's first child was born in 1959 and she loved being a mother, but found it lonely as she was used to a house full of children.

They purchased a corner shop – it was a steep learning curve and times were tough living at the back of the shop and working 5am to 10pm, seven days a week.

In the 60s, and for the first time ever, jobs were easy to find and they had money to buy what they wanted. After sponsoring Daphne's family to migrate, they sold the shop and moved to Queensland.

They loved Queensland with its warm weather. For a time they owned shops, but later settled on farming as Daphne wanted to spend as much time as possible with her second child, who was born in 1969.

In the 1990s, Daphne and her daughter, Janine, a qualified kindergarten teacher, decided to build and run a quality early childhood centre. Times were still difficult, especially for women to obtain a bank loan with no experience. Luckily, they found a bank with a female manager who believed in them.

Today, Daphne and her daughter Janine, and granddaughter Anais proudly run two child education centres – Bright Beginnings at Chermide West and Taigum Child Educare.

The Taigum centre is Daphne's second home, and she loves hearing the children and watching them grow, instilling her family values and her cultural values of respect for children and the importance of education.

"For all those starting their journey, I encourage you to work hard and achieve your goals," Daphne said. "In Australia, you have every opportunity at your fingertips, and I truly hope your life adventure is as wonderful as mine."



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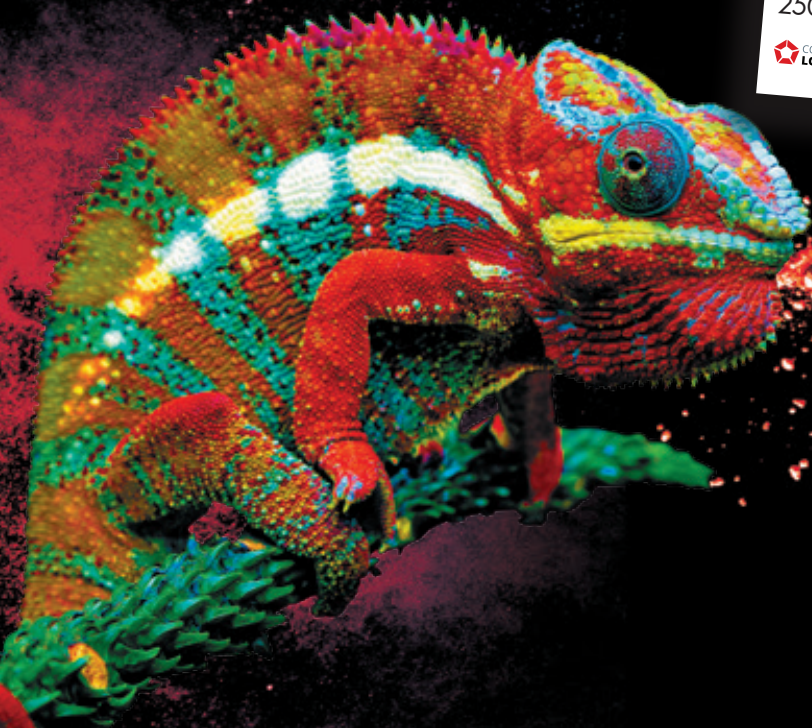
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A LITTLE TASTE OF ITALY IN CHERMSIDE





Frankie Bonomo and Josie Bonomo

Story **Jodie Woodward**

Photo **Bruce Redman**

With a real community-based clientele, Amici Deli appears to be Chermshire's best kept secret. Situated back from the busy Gympie Road traffic, and with plenty of convenient car parking, it's the ideal location for a quiet lunch or coffee. And, for lovers of traditional Italian foods, it's the perfect place to stock up the fridge and pantry.

Proprietor Frankie Bonomo said their ethos was to delight customers.

"We pride ourselves on service," Frankie said. "Our motto, a little taste of Italy, is what we try to get across.

"Italian culture is all about food and drinks, and creating an environment that's relaxed and where people can come to relax."

This open plan, contemporary Italian delicatessen and coffee bar certainly fits the bill. Open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday to Sunday, Amici Deli offers a comfortable place to sit and have a chat, or to get some advice on cooking traditional Italian recipes at home. Coffee lovers can choose from exclusive coffee blends, Amici or Sicilian, and stay a while.

"We train our baristas to make coffee the same way to keep our customers happy, no matter

who is making their coffee," Frankie said. "We give them refresher training every six months because things change," he said.

Frankie credits his wife and co-owner Josie as being the backbone of the business. She also brings a wealth of expertise to the deli, which is stocked full of quality imported and Australian gourmet products, including cheese, oils, balsamic vinegars, biscuits, sweets, small goods, and olives. Customers can buy items in store or take advantage of the catering options for events and celebrations.

"My wife has 40-odd years of experience, so we decided it was time to open our own deli rather than working for someone else. And we saw there was a need in the area for an Italian deli," he said.

"A lot of people come here due to word of mouth and to experience a little slice of Italy in Chermshire. Customers come from further afield too, because there's nothing similar where they live."

To find out more, search for Amici Deli on Facebook.

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DINNER AND NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Get your ears and bellies ready for a night at Geebung RSL and revisit the musical genius of Neil Diamond alongside a decadent two-course meal.

Multi-award-winning entertainer Steve Cummins brings his Neil Diamond Super Hits Show to the RSL, with all the big hits in two, one-hour sets. The first half of the show tells the story of Neil and is the “romantic” set. The second half is the big party tunes to end the night on a high.

“The beautiful thing about Neil Diamond’s music is, it’s in a box of its own,” Steve said. “It first dawned on me the power of what Neil had created with his music when we were doing twilight concerts at the Melbourne Zoo.

To see four generations of Australians – great grandparents down to toddlers, dancing in the park to Neil Diamond was just overwhelming.”

Steve has been performing his Neil Diamond tribute show for 27 years, all around the world. He has been personally endorsed by Neil’s team as a fabulous performer.

“I think that the reason why I’ve been endorsed by Neil is the fact that I don’t try to be Neil, I don’t try to be the impersonator,” Steve said. “I talk in the third person, I’m an artist myself interpreting his music and it’s just been embraced. I have a little tongue in cheek catch phrase, because I don’t look anything like Neil, or try to. I just say, ‘shut your eyes and I look just like him’.”

Steve said he loved performing at Geebung RSL and guests on the evening could expect a night of good food, good company and great music as he showcases his renditions of Sweet Caroline, I’m a Believer, and Crunchy Granola Sweet – to name a few.

For members of Geebung RSL, tickets are \$45, and non-members are \$55. This is an intimate dinner and show being held in the Newman Room and pre-booking is essential.

“It’s a wonderful experience to be able to make people happy and create a beautiful energy,” Steve said. “We like to engage the audience. We’ve made sure that the show is about them as much as it is about the songs as well.”

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02 SUNDAY

🎵 **RYAN HURRICANE**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **ROB ROSENLUND**

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07 FRIDAY

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ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **GREG MCINNES**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **TOM ROBERTS**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **MARCO**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ZOO KEEPERS**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

08 SATURDAY

🎵 **KAHLIA**

HUB BREWING 4:30PM

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09 SUNDAY

🎵 **RAFF DE**

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🎵 **G-BASS**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **ROSE POWELL**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

14 FRIDAY

🎵 **GREG BERRIMAN**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **FAB TOLLI**

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM



🎵 **BRETT WHITMORE**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

🎵 **MICHAEL GANT**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **JUNCTION ROAD**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

15 SATURDAY

🎵 **AL GIBSON**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **PEKO**

ASPLEY HORNETS 6:30PM

15 SATURDAY

🎵 **TERRINA**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM



16 SUNDAY

🎵 **FORTUNATO**
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🎵 **LANN LEVIGNE**
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18 TUESDAY

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22 SATURDAY

🎵 **SARAH ALICE**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **SIMONE CUTTING**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

23 SUNDAY

🎵 **JAMES DEAN**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **TRACY VAUGHAN**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM



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28 FRIDAY

🎵 **GREG ALSTON**
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🎵 **R.S HENRY**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM



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

🎵 **JARED ALEXANDER**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **WILD CARD**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

29 SATURDAY

🎵 **CHRIS MCLAREN**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

30 SUNDAY

🎵 **RAY FOAI**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **ROB STEVENSON**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM



Story *Jodie Woodward*

NO MAY FAIR IN 2021

It's long been a favourite day for locals, but ongoing COVID-19 measures mean May Fair has been cancelled for this year. Councillor Fiona Hammond said the decision was made in consultation with Rotary Club of Brisbane Inner North Inc QLD because of the difficulty in adhering to ticketing requirements, capping of numbers, and the usual transient nature of visitors to the festival. They felt the event would not have been available to the general public with these measures in place and have decided to cancel the event. We all hope May Fair will be back in 2022.

LOCAL ROCK-CLIMBER DIES AFTER FALLING ON SUNSHINE COAST

In sad news, 18-year-old rock climber from Chermshire West, Peter Garlick, has died. He fell forty metres from Mount Ngungun in the Glass House Mountains on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, where paramedics were called to the scene. Peter was studying teaching at the Queensland University of Technology and had previously attended Northside Christian College. He has been remembered as a joyful and kind young man. Our condolences go out to Peter's family and friends at this time.



NEW MEDICAL CENTRE PROPOSED FOR STAFFORD

A development application has been lodged to for a new medical centre in Stafford. The location for the proposed site is directly across the road from Stafford State School at 317 Stafford Road. The application proposes a two-storey building, which includes medical facilities, amenities, and basement and ground level parking spaces. Proposed vehicle and pedestrian access would be from both Webster and Stafford Roads, as the site sits on the corner of both busy roads. If approved, the building would replace the existing car yard currently located at the site.

FREE HOME BUYERS' WORKSHOP

If you're in the market to buy your first home, you'll want as much information as you can get. EZ Financing are hosting a free workshop where you can find out about credit ratings, fees, how the bank assesses how much you can borrow, the first home buyer's grant, and more about the finance process. From there, you can choose to get a pre-approval or just walk away armed with some useful knowledge. The session will be held on Thursday, 6 May, from 6.30pm at WOTSO Chermshire. You can book your ticket at www.ezfinancing.com.au

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Looking for ways to celebrate Mother's Day? Soul Pantry in Stafford are hosting a Mother's Day High Tea event, perfect for honouring a special Mum. Tickets include a Sparkling High Tea for two people and a fresh flower posy for Mum. There's only a limited number of tables so make sure you book early to avoid missing out. Or, if you've got children in tow, you can head to Chermshire Library for a themed Maker Space where kids can make something special for Mum. Ideal for children aged four to 12, bookings are essential, so contact the library to secure your place.

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHEESE

If you have ever wanted to learn how to make your own cheese, now you can find out how with a free workshop at Chermshire Library on Saturday, 1 May. Presented by Valerie Person, author of *Home Cheese Making in Australia*, the workshop will teach you simple ways to make great tasting cheese in your own home using common kitchen equipment. Contact the library to book your place.

Would you like to contribute to Chermshire Bites?

Is there something happening in the Chermshire 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@chermshireguide.com.au to be included in the next Chermshire Bites.

FINDING YOUR EXERCISE 'WHY'

Luke Rabone

Story **Eve Vickerson**

Photo **John Pires**

Do you often tell yourself, 'That's it! Starting next week, I'm going to be the fittest person on Earth', yet by the time next week rolls around you still haven't moved a muscle?

Regular exercise can do wonders for our health, but finding the motivation to stick with it can be challenging.

Accredited exercise physiologist Luke Rabone said that finding your emotional driver or the 'why' behind your exercise goals was key.

"Some people come in and say that they want to lose weight," Luke said. "I ask them, 'Why? Is it to be able to engage with your children or grandchildren more easily? Do you want to be able to fit into your clothes more easily? Feel more confident within yourself?' It's trying to get that emotional driver early because that can really help with motivation as we go."

While a large part of Luke's job involves giving advice on lifestyle modifications and the amount of physical activity they should be looking to do, he also assists people in managing chronic diseases and complex medical conditions.

"I help a lot of people with things like diabetes, cardiac complications, and cancer," he said. "If someone has been diagnosed with cancer and they might be going through chemo or even after treatment, I help them with reconditioning to get them back on their feet so that they are stronger and have confidence back in their body again."

Another aspect of his job is helping people who have injuries or are experiencing joint pain.

"For joint pain, it might be chronic or it might be something that has come about recently," he said. "It's working through those challenges, trying to find out why the pain is occurring. Hopefully, people leave the appointment in less pain or in no pain, which is always really satisfying."

Luke said that seeing an exercise physiologist can also reduce pain in your hip-pocket.

"There was a study from a few years ago where they found every dollar spent on exercise physiology equals about \$10 in savings on things like medication, other appointments, and hospital visits," he said.

Luke's Chermshire practice operates from the Goodlife Health Club, Westfield Chermshire.
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Centre owner David Vernon
with students Viola and David.

MAKING MARTIAL ARTS FUN FOR KIDS

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

While there are plenty of martial arts centres around Brisbane, not all of them are created equal.

Aspley Martial Arts Centre owner David Vernon has been practising martial arts for over 30 years. He grew up in a “rough” neighbourhood in South Africa, and said he had been drawn to combat sports because he didn’t want to feel afraid anymore.

“The kids at our club, thankfully, will probably never have to experience what I did growing

up,” David said. “I feel I can make a difference to their lives, offer them some guidance, give them a positive path to follow, and instill confidence in them, which is so important.”

Aspley Martial Arts Centre offers a range of classes including taekwondo for adults and children, weapons classes, and Spartan Kids training. While some use very strict discipline and a lot of technical teaching, the Little Martial Arts program was designed by David and his wife Erin to be play-based and fun.

“My overriding principle was, and still is, that we should operate to serve our customers and



not our own egos," David said. "There's a bit of that in martial arts, unfortunately. It needed to be all about the students' positive experiences and progression. We should be there to serve others and not the other way around. This philosophy remains with me today, so much so that I had it embroidered on my black belt: 'to serve'."

David said the centre's main point of difference was the way students were split into their specialist classes all the way to black belt.

"We also run a comprehensive stripes system, which means we have a 100 per cent pass rate

at gradings," he said. "That's a much better system than putting people up for grading who aren't ready and then failing them on the day, in front of all their friends and family. That doesn't build confidence."

"The centre employs 12 staff, mostly adult black belts who started with me as beginner kids. We currently have around 400 members and continue to develop an awesome family culture."

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TALKING PROPERTY *With Robyn*

Financing For Real Estate

Story *Robyn Baker*

One of the most forgotten things when considering buying a property or adding to your portfolio is: where will you get finance? What's your borrowing capacity? Who should you go with? What current spending should you change? Most will look at what properties are available first before giving these and other important questions careful consideration.

Did you know a mortgage broker can be of assistance with all of this and more? Did you know their services are paid for by the lender once you get your home loan? On 1 January, 2021, Best Interest Duty (BID) came into law, which means mortgage brokers are now required by law to act in their clients' best interest. It's a win-win situation.

Local mortgage broker business owners Terry and Kathryn Harrison of Smartline said that part of their service was to break down all the bank jargon, paperwork, and understand what was required by the lender to make the process as easy as possible for their clients.

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Chermside	636,000	10%	11.38%
Chermside West	631,000	1.3%	11.88%
Aspley	620,000	4%	10.91%
Kedron	795,000	8.2%	24.22%
Stafford	670,000	5.5%	15.72%
Stafford Hts	658,000	7.2%	14.43%
Geebung	603,000	4%	17.77%
Carseldine	605,000	0.3%	9.80%
Wavell Heights	786,000	8.1%	21.11%



"With BID nothing really changed for us," Kathryn said. "Our main aim is, and always has been, to get the best possible deal for our clients."

They start the process with a discussion with their client about what they are looking at, and from there they can research which financier is best, as well as anything extra that needs to be considered as part of the process. With RP Data (CoreLogic) desktop valuations, brokers can search to see how your property is placed in today's fast-moving market, and whether there is sufficient equity so that you could consider investing or upgrading.

Considering the growth in the market and the current low interest rates, it is also important to know that you're not paying too much. Having your current loan reviewed by a mortgage broker could save you money.

"We do annual home loan health check-ups for our clients and negotiate on their current interest rates," Kathryn said. "We can also let them know when lenders are offering rebates to refinance."

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THE LEE FAMILY – GENERATIONS OF SOLDIERS

Story Hellen White

Although four generations of the Lee family have seen military service, only one is buried at Lutwyche Cemetery.

Sergeant-Major Henry Robert Lee, A.S.C., served with distinction in the Crimean War (1853-1856) and the Abyssinian Campaign of 1868. Regimental Sergeant Major Lee enlisted in the Medical Services Corps and joined the British Army in 1855, leaving it in 1876. With

his wife Emily and younger son, he arrived in Queensland in 1885.

Henry lived at Farrington House in Alderley, which was noted to be a superior private board and residence. Henry died at the age of 85 and was buried at Lutwyche Cemetery. However, there is no marker on his grave.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry William was born in London in 1868 and arrived in Australia with his parents in 1885. He commenced training with the Queensland Volunteers that same year. He was then 17. He was adjutant to the Wide Bay regiment and served in the Australian Military Forces when WW1 broke out.

Married in 1891, he and wife Susan had six children. Harry was made commander of the Queensland AIF 9th battalion. Harry Junior was captain of the same unit. Col. Lee landed in Gallipoli in April 1915. Unfortunately, he sustained fractures and was hospitalised, then contracted diarrhoea and was hospitalised again, this time in Malta. His military appointment was cancelled in April of 1918 and he returned home.

He was a dedicated teacher in Chermshire, where he was head teacher until 1926, when he was transferred to Toowoomba. Harry would have trained cadets as part of his scholastic duties. It was only his service in the Great War that took him away from his true calling. He died in 1932 and is buried at Toowoomba.

Major HW Lee Jr., Harry's son, was killed in action on 21 March, 1917, in France. He served under his father in Gallipoli and Egypt before heading to France. In civilian life, he had been an articled clerk and was an excellent sportsman.

He left Brisbane in September, 1914, with his father's regiment. Henry, too, served with distinction.

Further generations have also served in the Australian Armed Forces. Harry's grandson Captain W. Lee was a transport officer, and his great-grandson, Corporal Clive Lee, was a cadet.

A wonderful history, and a truly loyal family.

Research and photos with thanks to the Chermshire and Districts Historical Society Inc.



ALISON VAN ZIJL

LOCALFACES

Interview by Linda Read Photo John Pires

"I'm the teacher-librarian at Northgate State School, but I'm on leave at the moment, looking after my aged mum and my aged mother-in-law.

I started teaching when I was 19 in Cairns; I was a preschool teacher in charge in a little pre-school. I've been teaching now for over 30 years.

My lovely then-boyfriend [now-husband, Wim], and I decided to travel, and we went to his home country, Holland. We ran out of money straight away and we had to work, so I got a job at an American international school as a kindy teacher, and worked there for three years. Then we travelled and cycled all over the place. We had mad cycling adventures all through Europe.

[I've always been] on Brisbane's northside. My husband's family, when they emigrated from Holland, lived on the southside, and I said 'I can't go there; no way'. He just had no choice. We're big on the outdoors, and there's fabulous cycle

paths and the connection into the city is just so great and safe now. It's beautiful.

[After 30 years' as an early childhood teacher and teacher-librarian in various positions in Queensland], now, I have got into childcare, at Habitat at Nundah. I have never worked so hard in my life. It's really great, because it's back to my philosophy of teaching, which is play-based and child-centred.

I believe that critical thinking and problem solving are two of the core things children should be exposed to. We need them to read; we need them to love reading, and we don't need them behind a screen.

I don't have a car – I do all my errands on a bike. Your health is everything; I have an extraordinarily fit husband, so I have to either sink or swim with him. You've got to move it or lose it.

I think you've just got to take action sometimes in your life, and take a risk. It often might not be the safest, or the surest, steadiest path, but sometimes you have to ruffle a few feathers and move on and do what's right for you and your principles. I want my daughters [Nina, 22, and Ava, 21] in particular to do that; to live a life that they have made by choice."



THE TOWN OF YESTER

Story Jenn Carrington
Photos courtesy of Dayboro
Historical Society

Considered one of Brisbane's top day trip destinations, the quaint country town of Dayboro is real living history.

With all 17 of the town's historical buildings in operation, this picturesque community is alive with local business, hospitality, and traditional country style.

Dayboro Historical Society president Carmel Bond said the town of yesteryear got its name from the buildings along the main street, which are still occupied by local businesses.

"Unlike other small rural towns, none of our businesses are empty, and we get a lot of people who will stand at the end of the street and just say what a lovely feel the town has," Carmel said.

Dayboro offers a little something for everyone, and attracts car and motorcycle club enthusiasts, caravanners, school trips, tourists, and city folk heading for some country R & R.

Carmel said she encouraged visitors to take time when they visit and really have a look around, where you can visit the butter factory, Dayboro Café, and Crown Hotel.

Visitors can book into a farm stay or bed and breakfast, and enjoy baked goods from the bakery which opens at 5am every day.

"I would recommend the historical town walk and heritage trails to really learn about Dayboro and its rich pioneering history," Carmel said.

Start at Dayboro Cottage, the oldest residence still on its original block for the town walk, visiting all 17 buildings that date back as far as 1867. Or explore the heritage trail, a self-guided walk that shares stories of this Moreton Bay region, following 19 markers that each have a photograph and descriptive text.

Dayboro turned 150 years old in 2017, after being discovered by John McKenzie in 1866. Referred to as Upper North Pine District, it was renamed Hamilton in 1875, when the first mail service began. It got its third name of Terrors Creek in 1892, after an arab stallion called Terah.



YESTERYEAR

The name Dayboro was given to the town in 1917, after William Henry Day who leased the town land for a sugar plantation in 1867. Other names the area was known for include Fishery Pocket, and Hellhole, thanks to the scary river crossings.

With development going on in the surrounding area, the town of yesteryear remains home to many descendants of these early settlers and is also becoming more popular with younger generations and families, who like the semi-rural lifestyle.

Less than an hour's drive from Chermide, Dayboro is a growing region that has retained its rural charm. Experience Dayboro for yourself on 3-4 July at the annual Dayboro Show.

For more info, the Dayboro Visitor Information Centre is open daily from 10am-3pm.

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