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A Note FROM THE TEAM



It's that time of the year – clear blue skies and winter sunshine – when we realise how truly blessed we are to be living in this beautiful part of the world.

This month's Chermside Guide is full of good ideas about how to get out and about, and enjoy everything our vibrant community has to offer.

Get your skates and legwarmers on and head to the Grange for a free outdoor movie screening of 80s favourite Xanadu – complete with roller-skating rink, 80s best-dressed competition, and more.

Maybe you'd like to barbecue like a pro? A cooking class from Meat at Billy's could be just the thing, where you'll learn how to cook (and most importantly, eat) the perfect steak over charcoal. Sounds like a nice way to spend an afternoon.

Music lovers of all tastes are catered for. The Pacific Belles, a vintage-style trio inspired by the wartime performers of the 40s and 50s, are bringing their special brand of boogie woogie to the Aspley Hornets Club. Blues guitarist 8 Ball Aitken proves blues is alive and well with an electric performance at Nundah, and the Eatons Hill Hotel will be pumping to the tunes of Sparksmania, a national DJ festival.

Enjoy the winter sunshine.

Happy Reading!

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Billy will show participants how to cook up the perfect steak.

BBQ TO PERFECTION AT COOKING CLASS

Story Jodie Woodward

Photo Bruce Redman

It's barbecue weather all year around in Brisbane, and Meat at Billy's is here to help you get it done right.

Meat at Billy's is a family-run, independent butcher shop that does more than just provide the perfect piece of steak. They also have the knowledge to teach you how to cook it to perfection.

Marketing manager Emma Daley said the upcoming class was aimed at anyone wanting to learn how to cook with charcoal.

"Our barbecue class aims to teach our attendees how easy it is to cook with charcoal on Weber Kettles," Emma said. "We use Webers as they are versatile and really reliable when it comes to charcoal cooking – and we have more than 20 of them in our warehouse."

Attendees of the classes range from complete novices who have never cooked with charcoal before, through to seasoned Kettle owners who are looking for some extra tips and tricks.

"The classes are really hands-on, and one thing we always love to see is the look on people's faces when they finally sit down to eat the reverse seared steak that they cooked themselves," Emma said. "The smiles and comments about flavour, tenderness, and cooked-to-perfection are the ultimate confirmation that cooking on charcoal can be done by anyone."

In this class, you'll go right back to the basics of cooking with charcoal – from firing up for the first time to ensuring your meat is cooked properly every time.

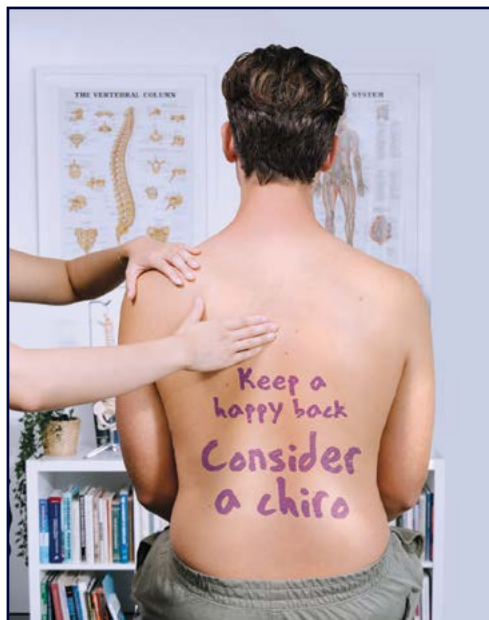
"You've got absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain by coming along," Emma said. "Not only will you learn how to cook the ultimate steak, but Billy's mantra is that no-one ever leaves one of our barbecue classes hungry or thirsty."

"Our new neighbours, the award-winning brewery Happy Valley Brewing Company, are supplying the beers, and there'll also be wine and non-alcoholic options available," Emma said.

"As for the eats, you'll be cooking and eating as you go, finishing off with an epic Meat at Billy's grass-fed steak paired with some of our favourite sides and sauces. A good time is absolutely guaranteed."

For more information, go to www.meatatbillys.com.au/events/

BBQ Class - Cooking on Charcoal
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Friday, 18 June, 9am-12pm
Kedron Wavell Services Club

Rum Night at Hornets

Aspley Hornets presents its first ever Rum Night. Spend the night enjoying a three-course meal deliciously paired with six different rums. Learn about a plethora of rums, their history, and tips and tricks of how to make the perfect rum cocktail. Friday, 4 June from 7pm - 9pm. Tickets cost \$75 and can be purchased by visiting www.sticktickets.com.au and searching Rum Night.

IPA Brew Session

The Grain-to-Glass sessions are the ultimate all-grain brewing experience. Session 1 is brew day on Saturday, 5 June where all ingredients are supplied including use of the equipment and facilities to brew beer. Session 2 is bottling day on Saturday, 26 June. Bottle a share of the beer, with bottles, boxes and caps supplied. To find out more and to purchase a ticket, visit hubbrewing.com.au.

Fab Finds Markets

Style seekers and bargain hunters alike will love to shop and sell at Fab Finds Markets – north Brisbane's original pre-loved fashion markets. Stallholders have a range of women's, men's, and children's clothes in a range of sizes with an array of fashion accessories. There really is something for everyone. Sunday, 27 June, from 8.00am - 11.30am at Geebung Bowls Club. Free entry to shoppers. Tickets go on sale to stallholders Monday 6pm 31st May. www.fabfindsmarkets.com.au.

SWAMP BLUES AND SLIDE GUITAR WITH 8 BALL AITKEN

Story *Aleasha Bliss* Photo *Toby Kroner*

Proving Blues is alive and well in Australia, swamp-blues rocker 8 Ball Aitken is bringing his latest award-winning album launch to the Lounge at the Royal Hotel in Nundah this month.

During lockdown last year, 8 Ball composed and recorded three albums from his home in Nashville, USA. His single Ice Cream Man hit number one on the Australian Metro Radio Charts (AMRAP) and the album – which he is touring – hit number one on the Blues and Roots Charts this year.

8 Ball Aitken

"It was very productive for making music from home," 8 Ball said. "It was just the best time to record, so I basically turned my little house into a recording studio and just made music every day."

He said the Ice Cream Man official album launch at the Royal would be a special show for him after last year's pandemic put a stop to live music.

"I just feel so blessed to have sold-out shows and to be touring and playing with my band, and just doing what I love," he said. "I never take it for granted every day that I get to do what I love and make a living from it."

"There's a lot of blues rock on this album; a whole lot of slide guitar and real big stage blues rock sounds that really get the place rocking."

The red-headed guitarist said he moved back to Australia a few months ago and was living in his van while on tour.

"I'm going somewhere between Cairns and Sydney every week," 8 Ball said. "I'm very busy but have a mobile recording studio I take with me too, so I'm recording people and I'm always up to something."

8 Ball has toured in 20 countries over the past 19 years and just took out second place in the New Orleans Cigar Box Guitar Festival – to add to his list of achievements.

"It's an album of cool licks and sweet cones – Ice Cream Man," he said. "We're going to make sure this is the most entertaining night we can deliver."

For ticket information, check out 8 Ball Aitken's website: www.8ballaitken.com/8ball-aitken-gigs

8 Ball Aitken – Ice Cream Man
Official Album Launch
Saturday, 5 June, 8:00pm
The Lounge at the Royal Hotel
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ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND FOR FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Story **Meredith Anderson**

Down Syndrome Queensland (DSQ) provides a DSQ Kids program for primary school-aged children (five to 11 years) with Down syndrome, to help develop their skills in a new environment, and to have fun and build friendships while doing so.

The program is held once a month at the Kidspace Playground in 7th Brigade Park, and there are two parts to the program: the first part is a time to catch up with new and old friends and to discuss the program, and the second is a chance to participate in a range of therapy-based activities run by DSQ's student occupational therapist.

Senior programs coordinator Teagan Cossor said the chance to interact with others and build friendships and confidence was just one of the program's strengths.

"DSQ Kids is a great way for our members and parents to interact and create lasting connections," Teagan said.

The therapy-based activities can change each month, with the focus always being on helping children work on their coordination, muscle building, team building, visual tracking, and fine motor skills. A few examples of the activities that might be run are jumping on or over obstacles,

bowling, and throwing bean bags to a target. Children can also work on their social skills.

Ellen, a parent, said, "I like the combination of some activities and the groups aspect, together with fun in the park. I like it, my child gets to meet other children with Down syndrome and make friends, and for myself; it's always nice to meet the parents."

Teagan said the DSQ Kids program started as a trial in October 2020, and following its success, the program was permanently implemented from February 2021 "as one of our base activities".

DSQ also hosts monthly programs for teens (12 to 16 years) and adults (16 years and older). While for the moment, the kids program is based solely in the Brisbane region, the teens and adults programs are held in several different regions.

To find out more and to register for the June event, visit www.downsyndrome.org.au/blog/event/dsq-kids-kids-space-playground/ or email Down Syndrome Queensland at seniorcoord@downsyndromeqld.org.au.

DSQ Kids program
Saturday, 12 June, 9am-11am
Kidspace Playground, 7th Brigade Park,
Murphy Road, Geebung

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The Pacific Belles:
Betty, Dot and
Mabel.

BOOGIE WOOGIE WITH THE BELLES

Paul Harris Photography

Story Jodie Woodward

Feel like escaping into the past for a night? The Pacific Belles are a vintage-style vocal trio who take their inspiration from war-time performers The Andrews Sisters, as well as acts like Doris Day and Vera Lynn. They'll be transporting their audience to the 1940s and '50s with a dinner and show at Aspley Hornets.

Queensland manager for The Pacific Belles Susie McCann said the band performed a mix of swing and jazz music.

"This will be The Belles' first time performing in Aspley, and we are very excited to bring this unique show to such a great venue," Susie said.

Aspley Hornets marketing coordinator Matt Teljega said the club planned to give members a night to remember with this event.

"Each person will receive a drink on arrival and a two-course meal to go along with the performance," he said. "There will be a designated area for people to get up and dance the night away, and we hope to recreate the atmosphere to give our attendees that real 1940s vibe."

"The Pacific Belles have years of experience and amazing reviews."

The Pacific Belles – Betty, Dot, and Mabel – have appeared on ABC TV and radio, Royal Caribbean Cruises, and on Channel Ten's The Living Room. They will take the audience at Aspley on a journey back in time to relive all the favourite classics of the 1940s and 1950s. They'll play familiar songs such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree, In The Mood, and many more, while the audience enjoys a meal and a dance.

Matt said the event was a great excuse for guests to get outside their comfort zone.

"The highlight will be seeing all attendees relax and forget their day-to-day schedule just for a couple of hours – the escape from work and that moment where they are completely in the zone of dancing and enjoying their night without anything holding them back," he said.

"If you 'acc-tent-tchu-ate the positive' and want to 'Roll Out The Barrell', then The Pacific Belles show will really get you 'In The Mood'," Susie said.

For information, visit www.thepacificbelles.com or www.aspleyhornets.com.au

Sing & Swing The Pacific Belles
Friday, 25 June, 7pm-9pm
Aspley Hornets
50 Graham Road, Carseldine.

Information and Support for Retirees at Monthly Meetings

Local retirees are invited to attend monthly meetings where they can discuss important issues affecting them in their golden years.

The Brisbane north branch of the Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) is a not-for-profit seniors' volunteer organisation that meets on the third Thursday of each month at Geebung RSL.

Branch president Ron Bennetts said the committee had put in a big effort to make the meetings interesting.

"The guest speakers are informative and entertaining, and discuss matters affecting fully and partly self-funded retirees, such as financial, legal, over 50s resorts, emergency services, funeral directors, health professionals, scam prevention, travel, insurance, and gardening," Ron said.

A Hogarth Law representative will attend the June meeting to discuss advance health directives, enduring power of attorney, and wills.

Ron said the benefits for retirees to attend meetings included being proactive in their retirement, staying abreast of issues that affect their lifestyle, and staying positive, especially during the pandemic.

"Being part of a national organisation enables our advocacy unit to make submissions to all levels of government," Ron said.

"Our committee also organises social functions twice a year with the aim of keeping the group socially engaged."

Membership is \$32 for a single or \$48 for a couple, each financial year. Prospective members may attend one meeting as a visitor before joining.

For more information, email airbnth@gmail.com or call 0431 994 382.

Brisbane North Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Monthly Meeting
Thursday, 17 June, 9:30am-11:30am
Geebung RSL Club - 323 Newman Road, Geebung

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Story Jodie Woodward
Photo Bruce Redman

Sustainable fashion is the theme for the **Hayward Street Style Showcase**. The event will feature donated items from **Salvation Army Family Stores**, which have been revamped and given a new lease on life.

Stafford Family Store manager Mark Andrews said the stylish pieces would come from the next generation of Australian designers – the degree students of the Fashion Precinct at Mount Gravatt TAFE.

"There will also be repurposed items upcycled by the Restitch Upcycling Studio and modelled by our models," he said. "These garments are pieces that in a previous life looked completely different and have been re-shaped, decorated, and added to very imaginatively. This will give the audience an insight into the newest fashion movement in Australia: re-inventing used garments into completely new and different outfits. You have to see it to believe it."

Mark said it would be a fun and exciting event where vintage, boho, and retro fashions would be modelled by a range of diverse people from the local community, embracing the theme of inclusivity and empowerment.

"The Showcase models are all volunteers stepping out boldly with great encouragement, representing all of us," he said. "The models,

male and female, represent all backgrounds and sizes, in a statement of self-empowerment and 'feeling confident in their own skin'."

The idea for the event came from Major Ian Channell, Corps Officer, who wanted to raise funds to assist and support The Salvation Army's Indigenous ministries. Funds raised from the showcase will support the Making It Happen project, which includes The Waterhole – a community day care centre in Alice Springs for the indigenous community, providing clean drinking water, shower and laundry facilities, an art program, and sales opportunities.

The showcase will allow vintage, boho, and retro fashions to come to life again on the catwalk, and hopes to inspire the audience to create their own unique, individual fashion look. All fashion worn during the showcase will be available for sale after the event.

"Come along to this charity event, which will give you a peek at the fabulous fashions available at your local Salvation Army Store," Mark said.

For more information, go to Facebook or Instagram @StaffordSalvos or follow #ourstoreisyourwardrobe

Hayward Street Style Showcase
Thursday, 24 June, 10.30am and 6.30pm
The Salvation Army
32 Hayward Street, Stafford

HORNETS WITH A NEW BUZZ

Story Robyn Baker

Hornets Australian Rules Football Club is buzzing and the atmosphere is electric.

With the club now recognised within the highest level of state football in Australia by being included in the Victorian Football League (VFL), this year heralds a new beginning for the Hornets. The prestigious VFL competition includes other well-recognised clubs like the Brisbane Lions and the Gold Coast Suns.

What this means for northsiders is that you can pop along to the newly upgraded facilities in Graham Road, Carseldine, grab a coffee or meal from the new café or bistro, and sit on the undercover deck area and watch some of the highest level Australian Rules football teams outside of the AFL play – for free.

Established in 1964, the Hornets now has over 600 junior players, making it the largest

junior club in Queensland. There are teams from under 6s through to masters in the men's teams including Colts, and under 9s to seniors in the Queensland Australian Football League Women's (QAFLW) teams – the highest level in the state for women, with 20 per cent of the club's players being female.

Last year, the State Government announced funding of \$100,000 towards the bid to be in the national second tier competition.

State member for Aspley Bart Mellish said, "As a huge fan of the Aspley Hornets, I know they will make a fantastic addition to this competition. That's why I'm proud to have secured this money to help out with logistics costs as they join the VFL/East Coast competition in 2021."

The club is open to the whole of the greater Brisbane area and prides itself as providing an opportunity for players to play at the highest possible level.

The Hornets club is a community-based, not-for-profit club with a volunteer board that believes in helping out within its community and giving back. As well as offering assistance and food parcels during the height of COVID last year, the club also provided Christmas parcels to veterans, family support for junior families in need, and a local community grants program.



It's a big thumbs up for Aspley Hornets VFL – Member for Aspley, Bart Mellish MP and President of Aspley Hornet, Keith Hill.

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The show focuses on nurturing the mental and emotional health of the audience through laughter, music, and strategies that can be applied once the show is over.

"There will be some brand-new stories, some of the old favourites, some inspiring and uplifting music, and a reminder of the strategies and power we all have to stand up on top of our

worries and challenges, be happy, and admire the view," Julie said.

"I am particularly excited about this show because I think during this pandemic we have been challenged mentally and emotionally. Everybody is ready to reconnect and be reminded we have what it takes to still find the fun, the joy, and the good times through what has been a tough time for many." Info at www.juliecross.com.au

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2020 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS CELEBRATE

Story Jodie Woodward

Recipients of the 2020 Kedron-Wavell Services Club Community Grants program could finally celebrate with a ceremony held recently. The grant program was in the final stages of review in 2020 when the COVID-19 lockdown occurred and, much like everything else, had to be put on hold.

Kedron-Wavell marketing manager Brendan Wilson said the community grants program was introduced in 2010 as a way to increase the club's community support footprint.

"Kedron-Wavell operates as a 'profit for purpose', so every dollar we make we put back into our community, either through improvements to member facilities or through sponsorships or financial support like our grants program," Brendan said

"A lot of the local community groups are smaller in size and often lack the awareness of available government grants or difficulty obtaining government grant funding, and that is where Kedron-Wavell comes in as that extra local community support network."

Through the program, local community organisations can apply for a grant to purchase equipment or help run their programs. The 2020 grant recipients include the Sudanese and South Sudanese Assembly Support, which is using its funds to help provide community and sport activities for the young Sudanese community at Zillmere PCYC and with support from QPS. The Nest Community in Stafford will use its funds for its program development and coordination, including liaising with local schools. Chatters Coffee Shop at Chermiside Kedron Community Church will purchase and install a toddler-sized playground. The Dawn Patrol will purchase a high-quality gazebo complete with sandbags to use for events and for wider community use.

With the delays of last year finally over, the 2021 program is now open. Applications close on Saturday, 31 July. Brendan said the club was always looking at growing its portfolio of local community groups and organisations.

"One hundred per cent go for it," he said. "The more connections we make, the more stories we hear, the more outreach we can achieve, the better our sense of community will be. At the end of the day, we want to support the community that supports us."

You can find out more information or complete your application at www.kedron-wavell.com.au/community

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A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Fiona Hammond



I cannot believe that we are half way through the year already.

I was disappointed that the Movie in the Park had to be postponed due to weather last month, however, it will go ahead bigger and better on the 19 June at Lanham

Park, Grange.

As a wonderful lead-up to the movie Xanadu, there will be 80s themed music by Sunnysbank Brass Band, and more exciting still, a roller skating display by Skateaway Balance, followed by the roller skating rink being opened up to public.

Residents will notice that work has commenced on stage two of the Bradbury Park upgrade. I look forward to keeping you up-to-date with progress reports on this massive project, which will transform Bradbury Park in to a signature park on the Northside.

June, of course, is budget month. Look out for my budget report in the July issue.

Bart Mellish MP



Our Easter colouring competition was a huge success with almost 600 entries across the Aspley electorate. After having to delay judging due to the COVID-19 outbreak before Easter, it was very exciting to finally be able

to see some of the fantastic art done by local northside kids.

With so many entries, judging was a mammoth task, and one we took very seriously. While it was quite difficult to pick just five winners, in the end Aara, Johanna, Sidney, Talulah, and Jean came out on top. Congratulations to these amazing winners, to the 20 students who were awarded runner up honours, and to everyone who entered.

It's been a pleasure to meet so many of our local kids and parents as they've dropped by the office to collect their well-deserved prizes. Once again, a huge thank you to all the students who entered, and to the parents, teachers and school staff who made the competition possible.

Anika Wells MP



The Powering Communities Program is now open to expressions of interest from not-for-profit community organisations across the federal electorate of Lilley.

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The Powering Communities Program will provide grant funding up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.

Please note that educational facilities and related entities such as P&C Associations are not eligible to apply for this grants program.

The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday, 18 June, at 5pm.

After all expressions of interest have been finalised, the Lilley community consultation panel will nominate a priority list of eligible organisations.

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Cr Tracy Davis



McDowall Ward is a great place to live and we are getting on with the job of delivering for our local area by creating more to see and do in our suburbs.

In Everton Park, works were recently completed on upgraded lighting in the dog off-leash area in Teralba Park, and new lights are currently being installed in the Grey Gum Park dog off-leash area in Stafford Heights. These upgrades will allow for more hours in the day for residents to ensure their four-legged family members can exercise and socialise.

Upgrades to the Milne Hill Reserve Lookout have now also been completed, and include a new viewing deck, seating, and stairs. This iconic local landmark provides breathtaking views of the Chermide Hills Reserve and beyond – this network of reserves has walking trails that residents of all ages can enjoy. With the school holidays fast approaching, make sure you take a look at the What's On in Brisbane section of the Council website if you're looking for ideas for activities and events being held across Brisbane during the winter break.

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President Neil Thomas with an Agate slice. Find similar specimens available to purchase at the show.

DISCOVER ALL THAT GLITTERS AT GEM SHOW

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

With colourful displays of precious gems, opals, crystals, and polished stone, there is a lot to take a shine to at this month's Gem Show.

The annual Gunyah Lapidary Club Gem Show returns to Wavell Heights after being cancelled last year due to COVID restrictions.

Club secretary Philip Rowland said many types of specimens would be on display at this year's show, including cut and polished slabs of stone

and rock specimens, petrified wood pieces, fossils, thunder-eggs, agates, and gemstones.

"Some of the most impressive specimens are a rare specimen of Painted Lady opal, beautifully polished pieces of petrified wood, slices of colourful agate, and faceted gems," Philip said.

"The best part about attending the show is seeing interesting objects and learning that some of the rocks and pieces on display can be found on a day's outing in and around Brisbane."

Gem lovers will be dazzled by the specimens available for purchase. Philip said there would be a huge range for sale at reasonable prices.

"There will be slabs of rock and wood for further shaping and polishing, jewellery in the form of polished stone pendants, earrings and necklaces, silver work, faceted gems, and mineral species," he said.

A lucky dip stall has been planned especially for the kids to enjoy, as well as a sausage sizzle and refreshments.

Philip said up to 200 people were expected to attend the show.

"These shows are an important source of revenue for clubs who have stalls at these shows and for club members who may run their own stall," he said.

The Gunyah Lapidary Club was formed in 1960 and is now one of five lapidary clubs operating in the Brisbane area.

"Club members work with pieces either collected on field trips to gem fields or local fossicking areas, or purchased at gem shows held at the many clubs in and around south-east Queensland," Philip said.

The club is open Wednesdays, Friday nights, and the first and third Saturdays of the month. All are welcome to become a member.

Entry to the Gem Show is by gold coin donation.

Find out more at: www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Gunyah Lapidary Club Gem Show

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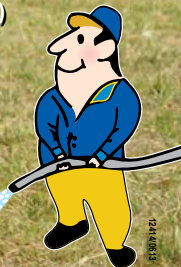
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*Rebel's new Chermside concept store launch.
Pictured: Allan Langer and Libby Trickett.*

NEW REBEL CONCEPT STORE OPENS

Story Jodie Woodward

Chermside is home to the first rebel experience concept store in Queensland. The launch of the new-look store was celebrated in May with sporting celebrities in attendance, such as Libby Trickett and a range of NRLW and NRL Broncos players. The Chermside store is the fourth rebel concept store to be rolled out nationally.

Rebel Sports Managing Director Gary Williams said the opening was a tremendous success and created a lot of excitement.

"The Chermside store paves the way for an unmatched Australian customer experience and sporting retail journey," Gary said. "The store showcases an elevated in-store experience to inspire customers, offering the latest in global sporting looks and state-of-the-art technology, as well as incorporating interactive zones."

While the store remains inclusive of all sporting activities, there is a heavy focus on basketball

and football. New features of the Chermside store include 'The Home of Basketball' where customers can shoot hoops against the backdrop of street art murals painted by local street artist James Small. There's also a Running Zone for testing out shoes on a treadmill to ensure they are the right fit and style, and an Energy Zone to showcase the latest product each month.

"I think it will draw more visitors to the area due to its unique offerings, and its unmatched customer experience is of benefit to locals who visit the store," Gary said.

The new store layout is easy to navigate, with clearly marked sporting zones throughout. There are also interactive screens, animated displays, and features which make the store feel much more like an experience than a regular shop.

It's not all about technology, though. There's a strong focus on customer service too. The front-of-house team is made up of experts from across a range of sports who can expertly advise customers on products and brands. Many of them play for and coach local sporting teams in the area.

"Definitely drop by, chat with the experts, have some fun on the court, and experience an entirely new retail experience that's driven by inclusivity and innovation."

For information, go to www.rebelsport.com.au

MOVIE IN THE PARK READY TO ROLL AGAIN

Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Put your skates back on because this month's outdoor cinema event has been re-scheduled and will be even bigger than before.

The Lord Mayor's Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs' free screening of Xanadu has a new date after being postponed in May due to bad weather, and this time there are some surprises in store.

Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona Hammond said she was excited the movie could go ahead on the re-scheduled date of 19 June, weather permitting.

"I am also excited that as part of the warm-up entertainment, we will have the Sunnybank Brass band, who will be playing some of our favourite tunes from the 80s," Fiona said.

Roll up to the Grange Bowls Club at 4:50pm to check out Sunnybank Brass, then get ready to skate like Olivia Newton-John's iconic Xanadu character.

"For the first time in Movie in the Park history, we will be installing a wooden roller skating floor and the fantastic performers from Skateaway will give a roller skating performance," Fiona said.

"Afterwards, the public will be invited to get hands-on, or should it be 'roller-on', and jump onto the floor and show off their roller skating skills."

There will be plenty of food options at the event, with tasty cuisine from Tender Calamari, Alba Catering Japanese, Micasa Burger Truck, Ruby the Little Red Ice Cream Van, and Popcorn Man.

Xanadu will commence at 6:30pm, delighting movie-goers with the magical tale of a fallen Muse (Newton-John) who begins a romance with an artist (Michael Beck).

Don't forget to don your leg-warmers, shoulder pads and other colourful 80s clothing, because a prize will be awarded on the night for best dressed.

Fiona said she had been overwhelmed by the attendance at the last two movie events put on by Brisbane City Council.

"I am hoping that we will create a new attendance record on the night. With good food on offer, music by Sunnybank Brass, and a skating rink, what more could you want? So bring the family and a blanket and enjoy a wonderful night at Grange Bowls."

Patrons will need to bring their own roller skates to the event.

The Lord Mayor's Outdoor Cinema in the Suburbs
Saturday, 19 June, 4:00pm-8:30pm
Lanham Park,
75 Sellheim Street, Grange





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CRIME NEWS



Senior Constable
Victoria Christensen

In the Chermside area last month, there were a total of 98 other street offences including thefts.

It is important to acknowledge that we all have the right to be safe. However, Senior Constable Victoria Christensen said, "Having this right doesn't mean people will automatically respect it". Parents need to be supervising their children whilst outdoors or in large venues, and especially around other adults, to make sure they are not being groomed or taken advantage of.

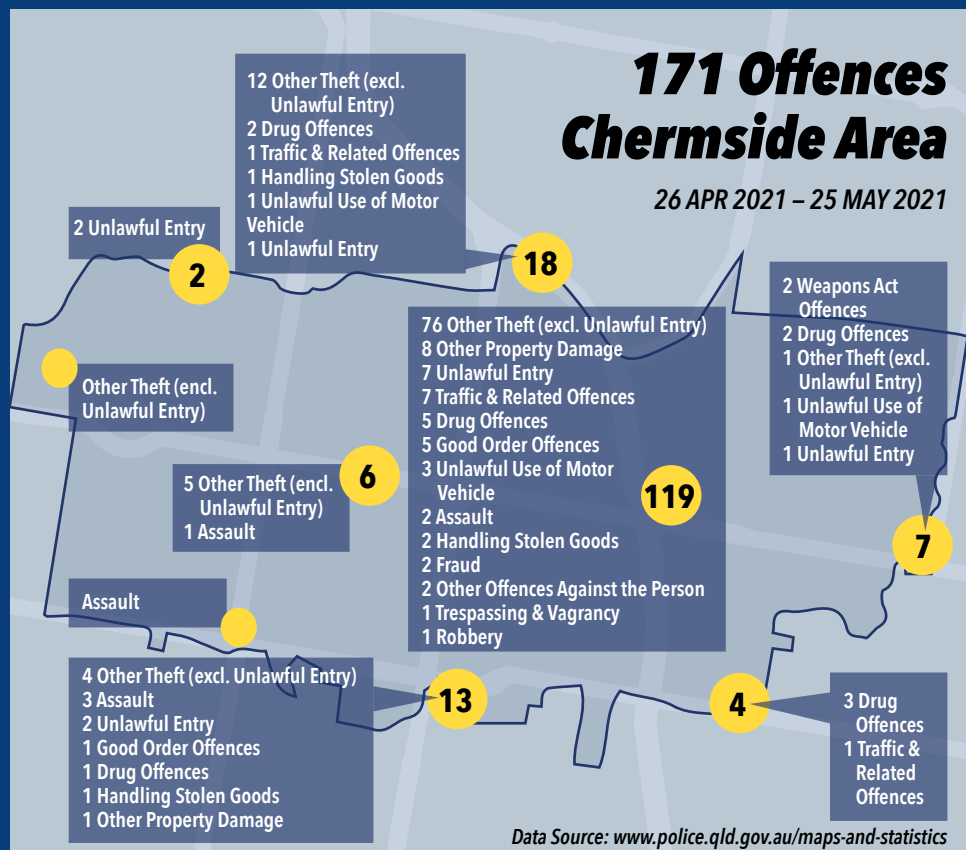
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By implementing preventative and safety strategies, you can gain awareness for yourself and the children in your care, so you can keep the fear of violence in perspective:

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SPARKSMANIA: NATIONAL DJ FESTIVAL

Story *Aleasha Bliss*

Will Sparks, one of Australia's most popular DJs, has created a festival – Sparksmania – which showcases all the best Aussie DJs, and he's bringing it to Eatons Hill Outdoors this month.

This will be a day of DJ beats to get the adrenaline pumping as you dance and enjoy the magic of Will Sparks' hand-selected artists.

The festival will headline Will Sparks and feature Masked Wolf, HP Boyz, Joel Fletcher, and Yanzo, to name a few. But there is still a special guest to be announced closer to the date.

Eatons Hill Hotel marketing coordinator Jacinta Cahill said the hotel was excited to host Sparksmania as it was a national tour that had not yet been to Brisbane.

"This is going to be one of the biggest DJ events we've been able to host since COVID," Jacinta said. "It's got massive DJs that people want to see in the one place. It's just going to be huge; lots of sparks, fire, lots happening.

"People are going to love it. And obviously people love Will Sparks; it is a really exciting event."

Sparksmania starts at noon and will run until 10pm, and will be on one stage outside with endless beats. Jacinta said the best thing about it was you couldn't miss anything because it was all in the one place.

"Tickets are already selling really, really fast," she said. "We've had so much interest. Will Sparks is such a big DJ across Australia, and we've got Masked Wolf and Joel Fletcher, who are huge at the moment.

"Masked Wolf has a song that is in the top three in the world right now called Astronaut in the Ocean, which has been all over the radio, so that'll be awesome to have him here as well."

Once the DJs have wrapped up the festival, the dancing continues at the after party in the Grand Ballroom until 2am.

Tickets to this 18+ event are all priced under \$90 – unless you upgrade to the VIP tickets, which entitles you to benefits, including express entry, private toilets, and cash bar.

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2. Employers want to give themselves an advantage over their competitors being 'employers of choice', attracting the best and brightest, by converting non-deductible private vehicles to tax deductible company cars for their employees.

Granting employees access to company cars is treated by the ATO as a non-cash benefit, more commonly referred to as a fringe benefit. Fringe benefits provided to employees and/or their associates are subject to Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT), which is currently set at a flat 47 per cent of a benefit's taxable value.

With the tax rate for fringe benefits set at 47 per cent, the obvious question is: why would small business owners grant an employee access to a company car? Considering that the great majority of Australian taxpayers are currently paying marginal tax rates of between 34.5 per cent and 39 per cent (for the 2021 financial year and including the Medicare levy),

it seems counter-intuitive to allow this. After all, this does translate to an additional 8 per cent to 12.5 per cent tax liability that could be avoided if the employee was simply given a pay rise.

The answer to this question lies in how the taxable value of the fringe benefit (i.e. the car) is calculated. The taxable value of a car fringe benefit is meant to reflect an employee's private use of the vehicle, as only the private use of the car is subject to FBT. Additionally, the FBT law allows employee contributions to reduce the taxable value of the car fringe benefit.

If the taxable value of a car can be reduced to nil, then no FBT will be payable. As such, employers are inadvertently provided an avenue to provide employees with extra value without incurring additional expenses.

So, the question now is, how does the ATO calculate the taxable value of a car fringe benefit? Through one of two calculation methods: operating cost or statutory formula.

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NORTHSIDE BOWLERS TAKE OUT WIN

Story Jodie Woodward

Four northside women have taken out the 2021 State Fours Champions for lawn bowls. Marie Webber, Sue O'Toole, Chris Russell, and Pat Hobson won their title playing against New Zealand international Katelyn Inch, Australian Jackaroos Kelsey Cottrell and Lynsey Clarke, and state representative Pamela Rowe.

Pat Hobson said she started playing lawn bowls in 2005 at Chermside and hadn't looked back since.

"I never really wanted to play bowls, but my friend did, and I went with her and got hooked," she said.

For Pat, the title win was unexpected. She said she thought the heavy green contributed to levelling the playing field, but for her, the pressure was definitely off by the time the team made it to the semi and finals – which were both won on an extra end.

"No one was more shocked than us to be in the final – and to play the players we played and win," she said.

"There was no pressure on us as we didn't expect to win; I didn't, anyway. For me, in other games, I'd been nervous when we started, but for the semi and final I didn't expect we could win so I didn't feel any pressure. I felt the pressure was on them really, being the players they are. We hung in there and it shows that anything can happen."

The women will go on to represent Queensland against the winners from the other states at the nationals, being played at Broadbeach in October this year.

"Who knows? We'll give it a shot. There'll be no pressure on us again," Pat said.

Thinking about giving lawn bowls a try? Pat said it was a great activity for people of all ages.

"I would highly recommend it. It's a good social outlet," she said. "You don't have to be competitive, and you don't have to play in the competitions. It was something I never really wanted to do, but once I did it, I loved it. I think it's a great social activity where you can meet new people and get around to new clubs. And you can play anywhere."

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Photo: Women's Fours State Champions: Sue O'Toole, Pat Hobson, Christine Russell & Marie Webber



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06 SUNDAY

🎵 **ELLA JONES**
ASPLEY HORNETS 2:30PM

🎵 **RYAN HURRICANE**
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🎵 **DAVE CLAYTON**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

11 FRIDAY

🎵 **DAVE VEASEY**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ROBBY FRY**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **MICHELLE RAU**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM



🎵 **ACROSS THE AGES**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM



12 SATURDAY

🎵 **SARAH ALICE**
ASPLEY HORNETS 4:30PM

🎵 **RAY FOAI**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **NICK WATERS**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **KARAOKE**
KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

13 SUNDAY

🎵 **BRAD POOLE**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **ALLAN CAMERON**
GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

17 THURSDAY

🎵 **GALA VARIETY SHOW**
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Hosted by Deana Peher and with special guest artist, Tom Jones impersonator Joe Ace and others. For the \$5 entry, guests receive raffle tickets, free entertainment, and cash and prizes to be won. Entertainment begins at 11.30am with tickets on sale from 10.00am. Visit www.geebungrsl.com.au for more info.

18 FRIDAY

🎵 **DARREN SCOTT**
BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM



🎵 **FAB TOLLI**
ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **LISA STEWART**
GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **ETERNAL SUNSHINE**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM



19 SATURDAY

🎵 **HAYDEN JOHN**

ASPLEY HORNETS 4:30PM

🎵 **SARAH ALICE**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **PAUL DESMOND**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **KARAOKE**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

20 SUNDAY

🎵 **CRAIG SHAW**

GEEBUNG RSL 12:30PM

🎵 **G-BASS**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **CHRIS DOYLE**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

25 FRIDAY

🌕 **FULL MOON**

RISE TIME 5.26PM



🎵 **R.S HENRY**

ASPLEY CENTRAL TAVERN 6PM

🎵 **CASS FORD**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM

🎵 **ROB ROSENLUND**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **FLOOR BURNERS**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

26 SATURDAY

🎵 **SHANI**

ASPLEY HORNETS 4:30PM

🎵 **TRACY VAUGHAN**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 6PM



🎵 **RUSSELL SPROUT**

GEEBUNG RSL 7PM

🎵 **KARAOKE**

KEDRON-WAVELL 9PM

27 SUNDAY

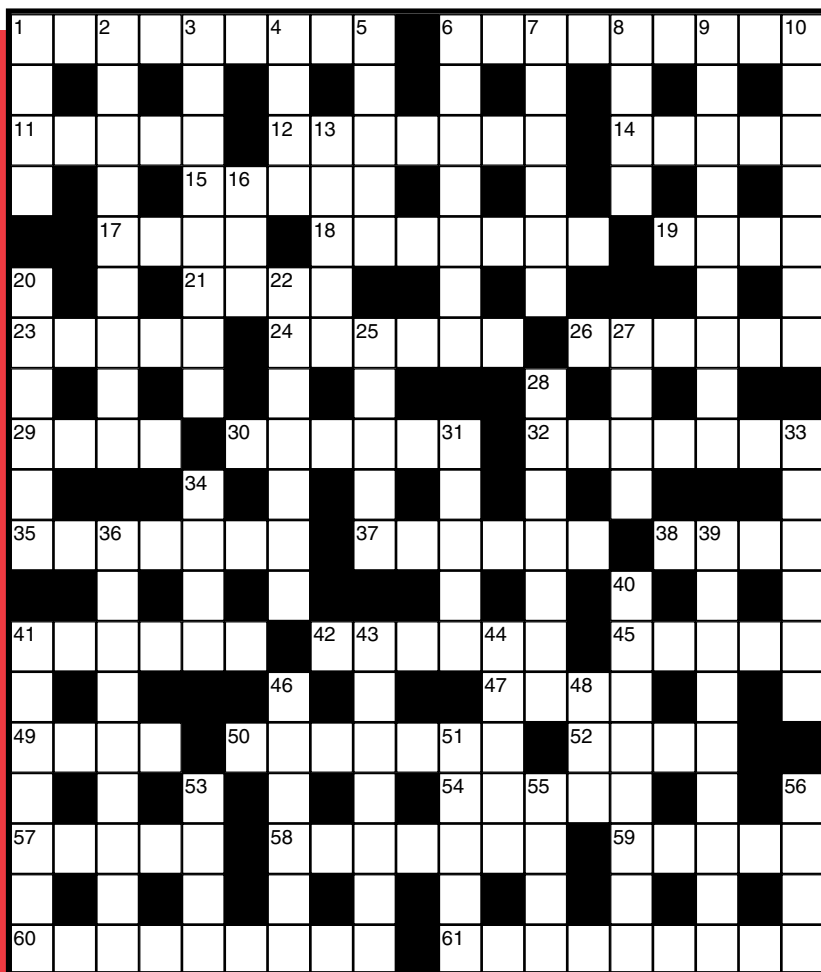
🎵 **LANN LEVIGNE**

BRAVO BREWHOUSE 3PM

🎵 **ROSE POWELL**

GEEBUNG RSL 5PM

THE BIG ONE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Crude, of oil
- 6 Listless
- 11 Happen
- 12 Word play maker
- 14 Fashion city in Italy
- 15 Misuse
- 17 Mend
- 18 Overwhelm
- 19 Hindu woman's garment
- 21 Climb
- 23 Healed
- 24 Correct, accurate
- 26 Men's formal wear (3,3)
- 29 Brews
- 30 Repaired
- 32 Drunk (coll) (3-4)
- 35 Dr Freud's first name
- 37 Property
- 38 Comply
- 41 Mould, mildew, eg
- 42 Of the backbone
- 45 Remote in manner
- 47 Bygone
- 49 Midday
- 50 Skilled fighter
- 52 Hit a winning serve
- 54 Circumference
- 57 Affair
- 58 Popular Toyota
- 59 Speak
- 60 At present
- 61 Onlooker

DOWN

- 1 On top of
- 2 Phar Lap, for example
- 3 To the front
- 4 Short sleeps
- 5 Restaurant
- 6 Cos, iceberg, eg
- 7 Three times
- 8 Purposes
- 9 Heroism
- 10 Entrust
- 13 Speak
- 16 Great boxer
- 20 Fragments of food
- 22 Bed covers
- 25 Elder
- 27 Plough beasts
- 28 Utensil
- 31 Watercourse
- 33 Break from work (3,3)
- 34 Authority
- 36 Venetian boatman
- 39 Put on the air
- 40 Be alert (5,3)
- 41 Enthusiast
- 43 Represent
- 44 Month
- 46 Tap (US)
- 48 Modelled
- 51 Makes eyes at
- 53 Malarial fever
- 55 Garden tool
- 56 Fruit of the Pyrus



A QUIET PLACE PART II

Story *Nick Allford*

Are sequels as good as the originals? More often than not the answer is 'NO!' but in this case it's a big 'YES!'

After a brief flashback we pick up immediately where Part I left off, which you'll need to watch before watching Part II (and also before reading this review). Centred around a family trying to survive in a world where if you make a noise, a giant creature will jump out and bite your head off, or whatever limb is nearest. As said family includes a son, a daughter who is severely hard of hearing and a newborn baby, you'd think this would be an impossible task, but somehow, they're among the few remaining people left

alive. Now, they're looking for a new home and maybe even a way to save the world – or at least America.

The cast give an amazing performance, which is due in part to John Krasinski who is back again in front of the camera and in the director's chair. For a relatively new director, he's crafted a film with care and precision, not afraid to try new techniques and take a couple of risks along the way. A case in point being when you're watching three separate scenes running in parallel, each building to their own tense moments, you'll end up running out of things to clench.

The key to any good movie, in particular horror movies, are the characters; if you don't care about them, why would you care if they get squished by a monster? Luckily the characters have been created so that every step they take is almost as agonising for us as it is for them. There are a few plot holes but they're easily overlooked as the next heart pumping beat is just around the corner. Purists may be upset by the use of jump scares but I thought they were great.

Overall, it felt like a true extension of the first film and developed on the world further without throwing in unnecessary extras to spice it up.





FAST & FURIOUS 9

Dominic Toretto and his crew join forces to battle the most skilled assassin and high-performance driver they've ever encountered -- his forsaken brother.

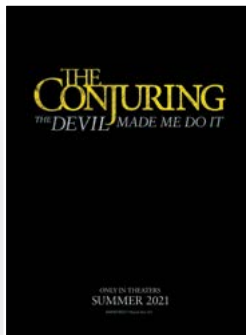
Release Date: 17 June 2021

Director: Justin Lin

Main Cast: Vin Diesel, John Cena, Michelle Rodriguez

Genre: Action/Adventure

THE CONJURING 3: THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT



Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren try to uncover the truth behind a murderer's claim of demonic possession.

Release Date: 3 June 2021

Director: Michael Chaves

Main Cast: Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Sterling Jerins

Genre: Horror/Thriller



DREAM HORSE

The true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by small-town bartender Jan Vokes. With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites.

Release Date: 10 June 2021

Director: Euros Lyn

Main Cast: Damian Lewis, Toni Collette, Joanna Page, Katherine Jenkins

Genre: Drama/Sport

Coming in June

<i>The Conjuring 3: The Devil Made Me Do It</i>	3 rd
<i>Spirit Untamed</i>	5 th
<i>One Ocean Film Tour</i>	8 th
<i>Dream Horse</i>	10 th
<i>Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies</i>	10 th
<i>In The Heights</i>	11 th
<i>Fast & Furious 9</i>	17 th
<i>Warren Miller's Future Retro</i>	21 st

Subject to change, check website for more details.



PROPERTY DEMAND IN CHERMSIDE OUTSTRIPS NEW LISTINGS

Story *Alyssa Mackay*

Local house prices are soaring but buyers are not deterred, forming a line down the street to attend inspections.

The current demand for houses in the Chermide area is extremely high, RE/MAX Chermide real estate principal Shirley Mapp revealed.

Shirley said new listings were not keeping up with the demand, resulting in a shortage of listings.

"Listings are generating thousands of enquiries each," she said. "Most are receiving several offers and buyers are insisting on back-up contracts in an attempt to be ready in case the first buyer is unsuccessful."

Shirley said there were several reasons for the increased demand and rising property prices.

"We all had to stay home in 2020 and have saved money," she said. "Those buying their first homes have increased their deposits, and since money is so cheap to borrow, they have been able to step back into the property market."

According to realestate.com.au, the suburbs of Chermide, Chermide West, Aspley, Kedron,

Wavell Heights, and Stafford Heights have seen noticeable increases in median house prices in the last year.

Kedron, in particular, has seen a huge jump in the median price from \$740,000 in April 2020 to \$830,000 in March 2021. Shirley said sales of bigger properties were responsible for these figures.

"Kedron has had good sales over \$1M, usually around the avenues, which have beautiful Queenslanders or new builds," she said. "These sales bring up the averages really quickly, hence the \$100K rise in median."

Shirley said the statistics always lagged behind the market by several months, meaning we would not see the big shift in figures yet. "However, the REIQ property clock says we are in a rising market for houses and in a recovering market for units," she said.

When it came to securing a property at the best price, Shirley recommended buyers be ready, have their finance pre-approved, and go with their gut instinct.

"Know exactly how much you can afford to pay and put your best foot forward," she said. "Do not hesitate."

"I don't think fear of paying too much is an issue at the moment. I know I'm a career real estate agent, but I do remind buyers that property is not a short-term investment. Over time, all properties improve in value. The issue is no one knows how long that can take. Choose with your heart and your head."



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MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT DIABETES

Story **Eve Vickerson**

Imagine you had to make an extra 180 decisions a day on top of all the ones you already make. That's the estimated number of diabetes-related decisions that people with the condition face every day.

Diabetes Queensland Accredited Practising Dietitian Dale Cooke said knowledge was power for people living with diabetes. "When you know more about your health conditions, how they affect you, and how to manage them, then you can make sure your quality of life is as good as possible – and there's less likely to be nasty surprises down the track," Dale said.

This is where Diabetes Education and Self-Management for Ongoing and Newly Diagnosed (DESMOND) can help.

"It's a free educational program for people living with type 2 diabetes that's a full day of learning, which draws out the beliefs, feelings, and knowledge of the participants," Dale said. "They learn how to manage their diabetes, and the program guides them to write their own management plan."

For those who have been managing diabetes longer, the program offers the latest information and strategies on healthy food choices, physical activity, and medication management.

DESMOND can help those who are newly diagnosed to understand and manage the changes type 2 diabetes can bring to their lives.

Dale said some people could feel overwhelmed after a diabetes diagnosis, but help was available. "Being diagnosed with any type of diabetes can be quite a shock," he said. "Asking your GP for a referral to a psychologist or debriefing with family and friends can be a help towards managing feeling overwhelmed."

Learning how to manage your health can also help. DESMOND provides practical diabetes management skills, as well as information that people may not be aware of.

"Many people don't realise type 2 diabetes is progressive," Dale said. "Everyone progresses at a different rate, but they can slow the rate of progression by following a healthy lifestyle – eating healthily and moving more – and taking medication, as prescribed."

Book your place at DESMOND by searching 'Chermside' at www.diabetesqld.org.au/events-and-education/

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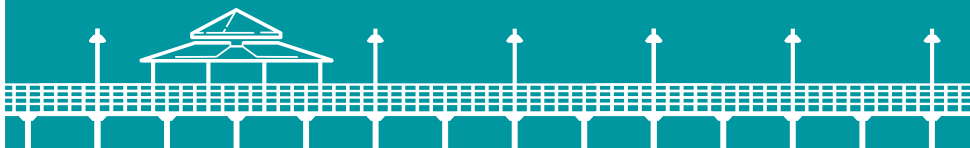
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Story **Jodie Woodward**

NBL1 SEASON UNDERWAY

The NBL season might be drawing to a close but the NBL1 season is just getting started. North Brisbane is represented by the Northside Wizards men's and women's teams who have made their re-entry into premier league basketball this year. The men's team roster will include Melbourne United player Mitch McCarron, while the women's roster includes Australian Opals point guard, Tiana Mangakahia. Home games will be played at South Pine Sports Complex and tickets are \$7 per child and \$12 per adult.

TEA AND TRIVIA AT CHERMSIDE LIBRARY

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, make new friends, drink some tea, and test your knowledge with trivia at Chermshire Library. The event takes place from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Tuesday, 15 June, and bookings are essential. Contact Chermshire Library for more information.

KEEP STINGLESS BEES IN THE CITY

Ever wanted to keep stingless bees at your place? Learn how easy it can be to have your own

native beehive in the city in this free workshop. Ingrid Dimock from City Chicks will explain how to maintain and split a hive, and how to keep your bees safe from predators. You'll get to see a locked hive full of activity too. Bookings are essential via Chermshire Library.

NEW RESIDENTIAL TOWERS FOR KITTYHAWK DRIVE

A development application for three new residential buildings on Kittyhawk Drive in Chermshire has been lodged with Brisbane City Council. The proposal suggests the buildings will reach a maximum of twelve stories, which fits in with existing residential buildings in the area. If approved, the development will create a total of one hundred and seventeen medium-density units across the three towers.

UNDERSTANDING THE NDIS

Confused about the NDIS? Carers Queensland is delivering a local workshop to help people understand the NDIS and apply for access to the scheme. The workshop will cover NDIS eligibility criteria, the application process, what information you need to provide, and where to go for more information. The workshop will take place at Chermshire Library on Monday, 21 June, from 10am to 12pm. Bookings are essential.

GOODLIFE CHERMSIDE CAREER EVENT

If you're considering a career in the fitness industry, you can find out how at Goodlife Chermiside's Career Event on Tuesday, 15 June. Designed to provide an insight into the world of a Personal Trainer, the event will provide details on what a day in the life of a PT looks like, how to brand yourself, exercise and programming, nutrition, career pathways, and study and gym options. Places are limited and bookings are required.

SUNDAY SESSIONS AT HAPPY VALLEY

If you're at a loose end on the third Sunday of the month, Happy Valley Brewing Company in Stafford is hosting Sunday sessions with meat tray prizes. Head on down for a beer or two while listening to some local music. And, if you're feeling lucky, enter the raffle to win a meat tray from Meat at Billy's while you're there.

MUSIC BINGO AT THE COFFEE CLUB

Know a thing or two about music? Head along to music bingo at The Coffee Club Aspley on Saturday, 26 June, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. There'll be hidden dance-offs, cat calls and cash prizes – and, of course, a whole lot of fun. The category is 80s music, and there will be five rounds of all your favourite hits from the era. Registration is free and bingo books are \$5 each. Book via phone or head to The Coffee Club Aspley's FB page.

Would you like to contribute to Chermiside Bites?

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

PODCAST OF THE MONTH



Conversations

Story Nick Allford

“We'd kick the back door in and there was only two or three bouncers, so they could only catch a few of us,” said Jimmy Barnes on attending a Tina Turner concert.

Have you ever wanted an in-depth conversation with a celebrity from an angle you may not have heard before? Well, Richard Fidler and Sarah Kanowski give you the chance to listen in as they chat with some of the biggest Aussie stars.

However, this podcast isn't reserved for the lives of the rich and famous. Some of the most fascinating stories are shared by everyday people with extraordinary achievements and experiences.

It doesn't aim to sensationalise or expose the interviewee, and true to its title, it's purely a conversation. It may sound less exciting, but actually makes for a more comfortable, natural, and ultimately more interesting listen. That's not to say that hard topics aren't tackled and dissected. Richard and Sarah make their guests feel at ease, in turn making them share more than you might expect.

It won't take long for you to realise why this is one of Australia's most popular podcasts. Why not find out for yourself?

GRANTS: THE FREE MONEY YOU NEED

Grants – what are they and why would I need one?

Well, if you're in business, have a not-for-profit or a community group, then this is money that you can access and is available to those who meet the criteria. Grants aren't loans, and as long as you spend them on what you document in the application and acquit them by the deadline, the money is all yours. Sometimes matching the funding is required and the percentage is different depending on the funding.

According to marketing and communications expert Robyn Baker, there are "billions of dollars" in grants in Australia. "We are seeing a huge injection of funding to assist everyone right from the smallest of charities to the largest of corporation," Robyn said.

Funding grants are available for things such as energy needs, equipment upgrades, manufacturing, tourism, events, innovation, mental health, websites, marketing, and even employment. Small community and sporting groups access funding for field improvements, facilities, and equipment such as lighting and kitchen fit-outs.

Savvy business owners have known about this and accessed grants for a very long time.

Many in business would have heard about and possibly received funding from the State Government's Adaption Grant last year to assist them to stay open and operating. As part of the recovery bounce-back there have been further grants of this type, such as the \$50,000 business growth grant that opened in May. There is more to come here from State Government in the form of \$5,000 for basic needs for small businesses that opens 31 May, and \$15,000 for boosting businesses that opens in July. These are to assist the smaller businesses who might have missed out or just need a small amount to change up their way of business and re-engage customers through things such as websites and marketing.

All levels of government, along with philanthropic organisations offer funding. One such exciting grant, backed by SpaceX, Cisco and NetVault, is the Project Halo grant that will award one lucky Australian regional school a \$100,000 Information Technology internet package.

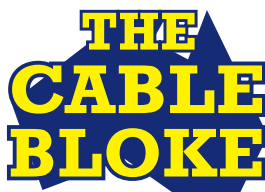
"The funding is there you just have to apply," Robyn said.

To find out more about the State Government's small business grants, visit www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/schedule.

You can contact Robyn at www.busyconnecting.com



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BEST OF THE BUSH



Ray Vincent making damper

Story Jenn Carrington

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Owner Ray Vincent said one of the most unique things about the resort was actually the horses. "We are one of the last working farms that has horses," he said. "When I was growing up there was a riding school on every corner, but now they are very rare."

Horses feature in the jam-packed daily program at the farm, including pony rides and lessons for the kids, and one to two-hour trail rides for the older riders. Two of Ray's daughters compete in polo events and can often be seen practising with their horses out in the paddocks.



Bestbrook resort

Just 90 minutes from Brisbane, Bestbrook Farmstay is nestled in the picturesque Great Dividing Range and has been offering up traditional country hospitality since 2004. Ray said he came to the 500-acre farm to retire, but for the last 18 years he has never worked so hard in his life.

"It is no longer a working farm for profit, but indeed a working farm in that we do have cattle that we milk daily, and animals that we feed and care for," he said.

A father of seven, the self-proclaimed primary producer said the whole family was involved in running the farm, which has 142-beds, plus a restaurant and function centre in addition to the sprawling accommodation.

Ray said the most rewarding aspect of working the farm was when school children came for camps and trips. "When we ask the kids where milk comes from and they reply 'Coles aisle 5', we get great enjoyment physically showing them that milk comes from a cow," he said.

"Guests start their day with animal feeding, then pony rides and trails, followed by billy tea and damper in the stables, then we pop them onto the wagon for a ride, and stop to learn whip

cracking and boomerang throwing. Then we end the day with drinks on the verandah."

Being open seven days a week, there's no rest for the wicked," Ray said.

Bestbrook Farmstay suits holiday makers, campers, and families, and aside from the village bunkhouse, there are also facilities to accommodate weddings, special events, and school camps. You can dine in at the on-site restaurant and have a beer at Ray's Bar, and if you're lucky, get a tour of Ray's Secret Treasures, an eclectic mix of farm relics and memorabilia.

With the cooler months approaching, the idea of sitting around the camp fire and listening to stories are memories to be made that will last a lifetime. Ray said that he and wife Elise really wanted to provide guests with memories that will last long after they have gone home. "We want everyone who comes here to have fun and feel part of the family," he said.

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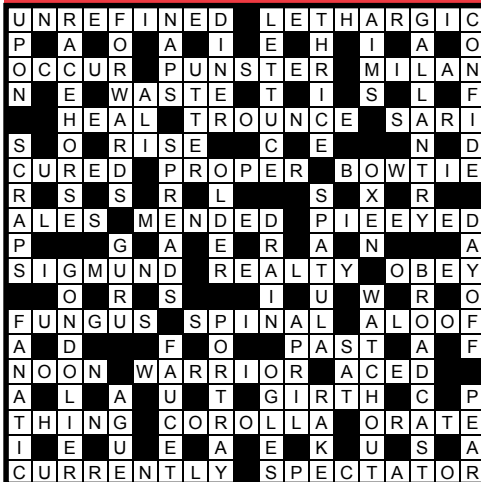
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