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A note from the Editor

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Christmas is almost here and all of us at the Chermshire Guide are looking forward to celebrating the festive season with family and good friends.

This is also a great time to reflect on the last twelve months, the achievements, the challenges faced and overcome, the highlights and the things we are grateful for.

We hope you've enjoyed the stories and events the Chermshire Guide has shared with you in 2023 and thank you for your support over the last twelve months.

We are very much looking forward to sharing more local stories and bringing you more great local events in 2024.

There is an amazing team that brings the Chermshire Guide to you each month. Our writers, photographers, advertising sales, distributors, and graphic design artists will all be taking a well deserved break and there will be no January edition of the Chermshire Guide. But jump onto our Facebook page and join up to our newsletter for local stories and events over this time!

And the Chermshire Guide will be back in stands from 1 February! Until then, happy reading - and a very Merry Christmas and prosperous 2024 from us all at the Chermshire Guide!

Jodie

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CHRISTMAS EDITION

STORY **PIPER ZUINO**

Merry Christmas everyone! December is my favourite month of the year as the community becomes filled with Christmas cheer. One of the most festive things about Christmas is the many places you can join with other members of the community to sing carols. Here are just a few places this year.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH CHERMSIDE

The All Saints Anglican Church is excited to perform Carols in the Park for the first time. All Saints Anglican Church Administration Assistant, Fay, said they wanted the whole community to come together to celebrate.

"We have sung carols in previous years at Westfield Chermshire and Bunnings Carseldine, and feel we'd like to offer the community the opportunity to come together in a more friendly, open way to enjoy the spirit of Christmas around Christmas carol singing while enjoying a free sausage sizzle," she said.

Fay said some of their favourite carols to perform are O Come All Ye Faithful and Joy to the World.

To experience the joy of Christmas carols with the All Saints Church, you will find them singing in Frederick Annand Park on Sunday, 3 December from 4.30pm-6.30pm and John Patterson Park on Sunday, 10 December from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

ASPLEY HORNETS CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKETS

Aspley Hornets' annual Christmas carolling event is taking place again this year and Santa is so excited he has made time to pop in and say hello.

Aspley Hornets Marketing Admin, Maddy Young, said Christmas was the best time of the year to bring friends, family and the whole community together. Their goal is to create an event that does just that.

"It's a place where the kids can be entertained with rides, food and the carols, while the parents relax, have some food and drink, and shop our amazing array of market stalls for those last-minute Christmas presents," Maddy said.

The Hornets are excited to bring everyone's favourite Christmas carols to the stage, and of course, it would not be Christmas without a visit from Santa.

The event will take place on Saturday, 9 December on the Aspley Hornets AFL Field from 4.30pm.

BRACKEN RIDGE CAROLS SPECTACULAR

The Bracken Ridge Baptist Church is hosting a Carols Spectacular with Christmas carols galore for the whole family to enjoy.

Come along to the festival at Norris Road State School from 4pm to enjoy food trucks, rides and music. Carols by candlelight kicks off at 7pm followed by the most spectacular way to finish, a fireworks display at 8.30pm.

They recommend bringing picnic rugs and camping chairs to enjoy the evening in maximum comfort. What a wonderful way to begin the festive season!

The Bracken Ridge Carols Spectacular will take place on Sunday, 10 December from 4pm-8.30pm. For more information and to purchase pre-booked ride armbands visit brbc.org.au/events/carols

We hope you have a very merry Christmas!

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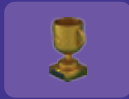
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STORY **PIPER ZUINO**
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The Zillmere PCYC has recently launched their **Get Set for Work program, which provides young people who are no longer at school and not working an opportunity to get into the workforce.**

During the program, young people aged between 15 to 19 are taught skills that will benefit them in their future studies, employment and everyday life.

PCYC Zillmere Get Set for Work Program Coordinator Sophia Walker said participants learn valuable life skills including nutrition, cooking skills, and improving their fitness.

"The program delivers a wide variety of activities including on-the-job experience, accredited courses, and qualifications including a Foundation Skills Training Package Certificate II, and the opportunity to complete things such as a Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Service of Gambling, and First Aid certificate available to all participants," Sophia said.

Participants also have the opportunity to work with Braking the Cycle, a learner driver mentor program, among others, to provide young people with a 'leg up' and give them additional support.

Get Set for Work runs in a number of locations around North Queensland, another being Pine Rivers, where their team are hard at work with their own participants.

A current Pine Rivers participant said, "The Get Set for Work course really helped me move forward after leaving high school. I felt welcomed and supported throughout the whole program and felt like I had a community to rely on."

PCYC Zillmere Youth Club Program Manager Acting Sergeant Megan Dwyer said, "We are so excited to be able to offer this valuable program to the young people of our community. We will provide a variety of support suited to participant's individual needs and we want applicants to know we are here to help them succeed."

The program allows youth in the community to be supported through an increase in their capacity to find work but also provides support through friendship and teamwork.

Get Set for Work is a Skilling Queenslanders for Work program funded by the Queensland Government.

For more information about the Get Set for Work program at Zillmere, contact their team on 0498 565 582 or email GSFWzillmere@pcyc.org.au

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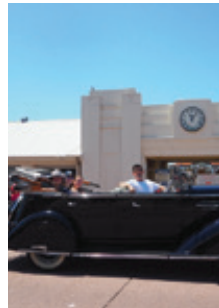
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BUSHCARE PROJECT RESTORING NATIVE HABITATS

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

A new bushcare project is underway at Rainbow Lorikeet Park in Aspley, led by North Brisbane Catchments (NBC) in collaboration with Brisbane City Council.

The project aims to restore and enhance the riparian zone along the creek and create and support biodiversity at the park.

The project's group leader, Robert Jamieson, said he had lived locally for six years and saw the potential for a bushcare project at Rainbow Lorikeet Park.

"Many other locals, including long-time residents, had lamented to me about the loss

of many small birds and varieties of lizards," Robert said. "Also, I envisaged the benefits to the members of the community of a bushcare project.

"Our initial effort is to widen the bush along the creek near the Agnew Street entrance, which includes a 'welcome garden' with flowering natives to provide beauty for the public and attract pollinators."

NBC, a volunteer sub-group of Brisbane Catchments Network, will work with Council's Creek Catchment team to identify and replant native plants (trees, shrubs, grasses, groundcover and vines).

"The plan is to improve the ecosystem for native flora and fauna," Robert said.

Rainbow Lorikeet Park has resident eastern water dragons, possums, moorhens, magpies, butcher birds, noisy miners, crested pigeons, native frogs, and native bees.

Many native birds also visit, including rainbow lorikeets, laughing kookaburras, Australian wood ducks, ibises, rails, brown ducks, pale-headed rosellas, willy wagtails, cormorants, egrets and corellas.

Robert said they were hoping to have a couple of working bees each month, one during the week and one on the weekends.

"Each working bee will be one hour and followed by a social gathering for tea/coffee and chats," he said. "Activities will vary but could include spreading mulch, planting, weeding and watering with some discussion, for example, plant identification, comment on the progress of the plantings, etc. We would also like to have local schools involved."

Those interested in participating in the working bees can follow North Brisbane Catchments on Facebook or check the noticeboard at each park entrance for updates.

Ken Anderson is president of NBC, which also has catchment bushcare sites at 7th Brigade Park and Virginia. For more information visit North Brisbane Catchments at northbrisanecatchments.org



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STORY **JO KELSEY**
PHOTO **BRIDGEMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

One of the community's biggest Christmas events, the Christmas Lights Festival, is returning for its tenth year, promising to be bigger and better than ever. Bridgeman Baptist Church will be hosting the festival from December 13-15, offering a magical experience for the whole community.

"We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to celebrate the holiday season," said Senior Pastor Nathan Harris.

With thousands of lights illuminating the church grounds, visitors will be mesmerized by the festive atmosphere. Two unique shows, featuring talented musicians from the region, will entertain the crowds. In addition, there will be a wide array of food stalls, markets, carnival rides, and carollers, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The festival itself is free to attend, with the only costs being for food, market items, and carnival rides. Over the past decade, the Christmas Lights Festival has become a much loved community event, attracting up to 8,000 visitors across the three nights and with over 400 volunteers ensuring everyone has a great time.

"Christmas is a time for coming together, and this festival provides a perfect opportunity to

invite family and friends for a night of joy and fun." Harris said.

Originally known as Carols in the Park, the event underwent a transformation in 2014 due to frequent rainouts. Since then, it has grown into a multifaceted festival which has grown year on year.

In 2022, the festival made global headlines when three camels, used for a nativity scene, escaped and ventured down a nearby road, captivating motorists. Fortunately, the camels named Cyrus, Benjamin, and Morgie were safely returned and will be making a comeback in 2023.

This year's festival theme is 'All is Well. God with us.' It serves as a poignant reminder of hope and unity in a year marked by turmoil both locally and globally. In the spirit of giving, the event will also be raising funds for Hope & Care for Little Souls, a charity that supports at-risk and parentless children in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Christmas Lights Festival will run from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at Bridgeman Baptist Church on 379 Albany Creek Road. The event is free to attend, excluding costs for market items, food, and rides. Auslan interpreters will be available on the second night (December 14), and a special 'low sensory' space will be provided for those with additional needs. For more information, visit www.bridgeman.org.au/christmas.



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RISING STAR GEMMA EARNS SPOT IN QUEENSLAND FIREBIRDS ACADEMY



the AIS across four days, every athlete training and working to be selected into their respective State's academy," Gemma said. "For me, I was fortunate to be 'categorised' at this Australian camp and therefore, a part of the QFFA."

The QFFA aims to provide a clear pathway for young Queensland athletes to join the Firebirds team. The athletes receive dedicated support from Netball Queensland's High Performance function and have regular contact with Queensland Firebirds staff and players.

"I train with the QFFA twice a week where I am exposed to gym, conditioning and agility sessions, as well as

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

Kedron Lions Netball Club player, Gemma Hutchings, has been selected as a member of the inaugural Queensland Firebirds Futures Academy (QFFA).

The academy has been established to support young talent in Queensland in their aspirations of playing Super Netball and ultimately representing the Australian Diamonds.

Sixteen-year-old Gemma, who has been playing for the Kedron Lions Netball Club since she was nine, said she was delighted to be chosen for the program.

"When I found out I was selected into the QFFA I was absolutely honoured to have such an amazing opportunity to be exposed to training alongside, and with such high-level athletes and coaches," Gemma said.

The selection process for the academy involved competing in the U17 National Championship held in Darwin earlier this year.

"From here, athletes from each state are selected into the U17 Australian squad and we participate in a camp held in Canberra at



specialised and court sessions,” Gemma said. “I also participate in education sessions such as nutrition and wellbeing.”

Gemma’s long-time Kedron Lions coach, Adam Disney, said having Gemma as a visible bastion for their young players was invaluable.

“For Gemma to be a one-club player from eight years old to now is priceless,” Adam said.

“From about the time she reduced her mid-game cartwheels and stayed somewhat upright at training, Gemma’s physical attributes have progressed exponentially alongside her steely competitiveness.



“Added to her already long list of netball achievements, her wonderfully supportive parents and sensational coaches, this Firebirds Futures selection seems very, very fitting. We are very proud and delighted for Gemma.”

Looking ahead, Gemma said her ultimate goal was to be selected into a Suncorp Super Netball Franchise, with her first preference being the Queensland Firebirds team.

“I also hope to someday play for the Australian Diamonds,” she said.

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STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

The number one male revue in the world, Manpower Australia, is getting ready to heat up Kedron-Wavell with their latest sizzling performance.

Australia's Thunder From Down Under will be taking over the Blue Pacific Showroom on Friday, 2 February.

Manpower Australia performer James Till said

the audience could expect to have a fun night out with lots of laughs.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously, we're all just normal Aussie guys," James said. "We're all about creating an unforgettable experience, so don't be surprised if you find yourself on stage or caught up in the middle of the action."

Manpower Australia began more than 30 years ago in a Surfers Paradise nightclub, primarily catering to locals and visitors on the Gold Coast.

In 1993, the show made its debut on the Las Vegas strip as the Thunder from Down Under, quickly establishing itself as a prominent part of the city's entertainment scene. Last year, they were awarded the keys to Las Vegas, cementing their status as a major act.

Alongside this global success, Manpower Australia has become a popular choice for hen's parties, birthdays and a girl's night out.

James, who has been performing with the group for 12 months, described his on-stage persona as "part adrenaline junkie, part freaking out."

"I really feed off the audience," he said. "I definitely take on a different persona when I hit the stage. I play the Warrior in the show, so I let the music and the costumes tell the story.

"One of the things I love most about being in the show is the incredible energy and connection we have with the audience. There's nothing quite like the roar of the crowd and the excitement in the air when we hit the stage. It's like a party every night. I also love touring – we get to be in a different city or country every week. This year we've had shows in Singapore, Macau, Korea, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium."

He said being part of the show had brought him numerous highlights, but one that stood out was when a participant was invited on stage.

"The look on their faces is priceless, and the whole crowd goes wild," he said. "I love it!"

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STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**
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Fiona Hammond, the long-standing councillor for Marchant Ward, has officially stepped down from her position.

Ms Hammond, who was first elected in 2008, has decided to embark on a new political journey as the LNP candidate for Stafford.

She said it was time for a new challenge. “I

first walked into the Marchant Ward office 15 and a half years ago as a young naïve mother of two young children full of ideas on how to make Marchant a better place,” she said. “I quickly learnt it was not my ideas that mattered, it was the ideas of our residents and bringing their ideas to life.”

Reflecting on her time in the position, Ms Hammond said one of her fondest memories was working with local young people at the Stafford Skate Bowl.

"I empowered them by giving them ownership of the park and it was amazing to see that the crime rate dropped by 80 per cent," she said.

She said other highlights during her tenure included infrastructure upgrades like the Geebung overpass, library improvements and flood restoration works.

"I have delivered many local park upgrades over the years, and of course this year I was so proud to stand beside the Lord Mayor and Chair Tracy Davis at the opening of the fantastic new play space at Bradbury Park, which transformed a dusty dry space which no one could use into one of the most visited parks in the city," she said.

She added she was proud to be a patron of many clubs and organisations over the years and would continue to support them.

Ms Hammond said she had observed firsthand how the community came together to support each other, recalling the response to the fire at the Brothers Football Clubhouse in 2012, which resulted in significant fundraising efforts to rebuild the clubhouse.

"This is real community, of which I am so proud," she said. "This proves that community is not defined by electoral boundaries.

"When the floods happened, I witnessed the community stand up together and support each other, as they still do now. Without the help of volunteers and passionate community members, we couldn't achieve the positive change in such short timeframes as we have."

Ms Hammond added she was proud of community events like the cricket charity match supporting Hearts of Purple, and Mayfair at Lanham Park, thanking Inner North Rotary for their support and expressing her hope the event would continue for many years.

"It really is our community that makes the Marchant Ward so special," she said.

"I have loved my time as the Marchant Ward Councillor, representing my residents as best as I can and forming strong relationships within the local community. I am looking forward to still doing this on a daily basis from a state level of government."



NEW MARCHANT WARD COUNCILLOR APPOINTED

Danita Parry has been appointed as the new Marchant Ward councillor following the resignation of Fiona Hammond.

Danita Parry, a mother of two with a background in corporate affairs, was formally sworn in last month.

Ms Parry said she was ready to get to work for the residents of Marchant Ward.

"Marchant Ward is my home and where my husband and I have chosen to live and raise our family; because of the great schools, world-class parks and close-knit community," she said.

"I'll be working every day to make sure our suburbs continue to be vibrant community hubs where people live, work, and have fun.

"I can't wait to get out and about in our neighbourhoods alongside Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and his experienced team to make the northside even better for residents now and into the future."

Cr Schrinner expressed his satisfaction with the team's ongoing renewal and their ability to recruit high-calibre women candidates like Ms Parry.

"Danita will be a fantastic local councillor for Marchant Ward and she's already been talking to me about the issues that really matter to local residents," he said.

"I am confident our team has the right mix of energy and experience to continue delivering the road, transport, parks, and playgrounds that our suburbs need."

With Christmas just around the corner, what better time to enjoy a fruit cake - with a twist! Our recipe today is with thanks to Leigh Walsh.

From the Ladies Auxiliary, we wish you a very merry Christmas and safe and prosperous 2024

GINGER BEER FRUIT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

1kg of mixed dried fruit
375ml (1.5 cups) ginger beer
1 cup of caster sugar
250gr of butter
4 eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups of self-raising flour

METHOD

Place dried fruit, ginger beer, sugar and butter in a saucepan. Bring to the boil and stir until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved. Set aside to cool.

Preheat the oven to 140C. Grease a 200mm cake tin and line the base and sides with 2 layers of baking paper.

Stir through the eggs and fold through the flour. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 2.5 hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Cover with foil if the top is browning too quickly. Enjoy on its own or with warm custard, cream or icecream!



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End of Year Reflections



WITH **TRICIA BOLTON**

The end of the year is fast approaching and many of us are focused on things we need to get done before the holidays begin.

There's a magical period between Christmas and New Year's when many of us get to enjoy some R&R. Even when we're working,

it feels different because the old year is ending and the new one hasn't begun.

It can be a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect. Often though, when we consider what's happened over the year we focus on what we haven't done - what we haven't achieved, and we feel disheartened.

Dan Sullivan and Dr Benjamin Hardy wrote a book about this phenomenon called The Gap and the Gain. We consider what we've achieved during the year and measure it in comparison to where we think we should be and feel discouraged. That's when we're in the gap.

Being in the gain means remembering how far we've come, what we've learnt and the effort we've invested.

Why spend more time in the gain? It's easier to keep taking action towards our goals when we feel better about ourselves and our efforts.

Imagine trying to feel motivated about 2024, when you're so busy criticising yourself for all the things you didn't accomplish in 2023.

So, pour yourself a cup of your favourite beverage and reflect on what has changed. How have you grown? What have you learned? How can you use your 2023 experience to help you in the future? Stay in the gain.

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- Cooking demonstrations
- Meeting groups
- Support groups
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- Barefoot bowling
- Short courses
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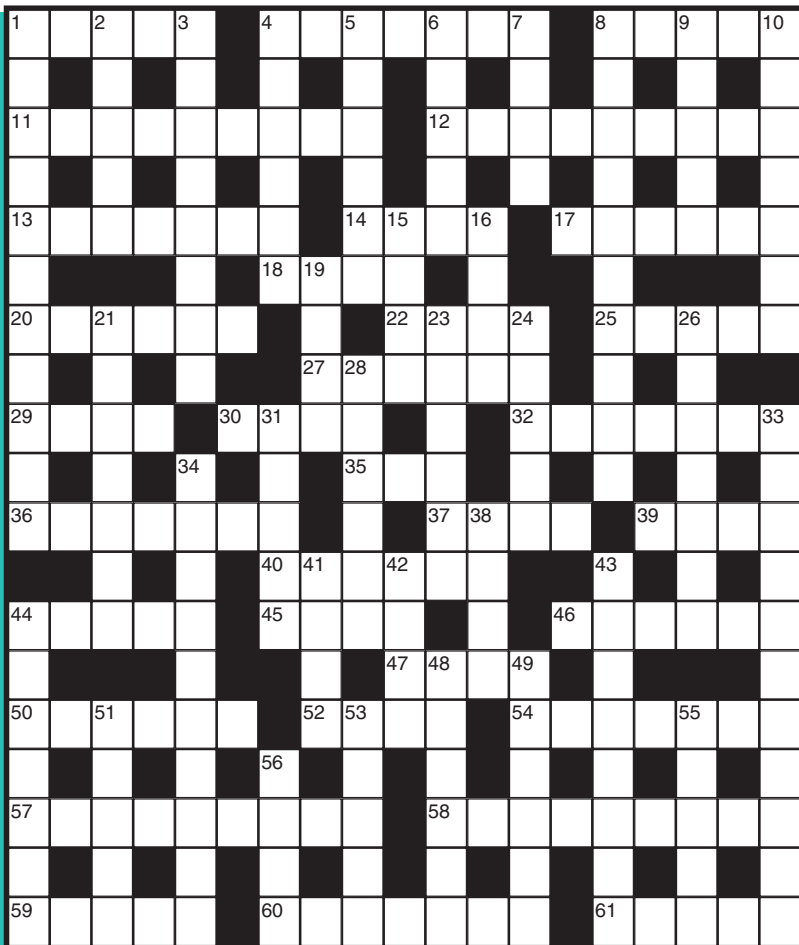
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ACROSS

- 1 Indian string instrument
- 4 Cubism painter
- 8 Norwegian
- 11 Digger
- 12 Freed
- 13 Stencil
- 14 Fitted with shoes
- 17 Castrated sheep
- 18 Small measurement (coll)
- 20 Metal; US coin
- 22 Poet
- 25 Harnessed together
- 27 Sign
- 29 Flock of larks
- 30 Useless plant
- 32 Simple wind instrument

- 35 University teacher
- 36 Mouth abscess
- 37 Dutch navigator, ____ Tasman
- 39 Carbonise
- 40 Spacecraft series
- 44 Painter of Water Lilies
- 45 Trend
- 46 Eats heartily (coll) (4,2)
- 47 Congeals
- 50 Opt for
- 52 Covering of certain seeds
- 54 Sugar in milk
- 57 Poor dive (coll) (5,4)
- 58 Children's home
- 59 Fault
- 60 Prejudice
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- 1 Bed-roll (8,3)
- 2 Unspoken
- 3 Critic
- 4 Virile
- 5 Italian operatic tenor
- 6 Volley of gunfire
- 7 Globes
- 8 Gardener
- 9 Disgorge
- 10 Lasted
- 15 Centres
- 16 Desperate
- 19 Expect
- 21 Palaeolithic human
- 23 Unkeyed (music)
- 24 Male honey-bee

- 26 Chess pieces
- 28 Eccentric person (3,3)
- 31 Acclaim
- 33 Deal
- 34 Seer or prophet
- 38 Footwear
- 41 White part of oranges
- 42 Inferior
- 43 Aeroplane
- 44 Ghastly
- 48 Supplement (3,3)
- 49 Wet or muddy
- 51 Starer
- 53 Unfasten
- 55 Japanese part
- 56 Disclose secrets

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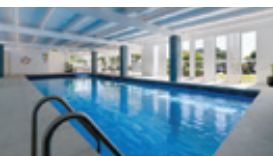
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LOCAL AUTHOR FINDS SUCCESS IN SELF-PUBLISHING ENDEAVOUR



STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

Northside resident and author Travis James has achieved his dreams of becoming a published novelist by taking matters into his own hands.

After 30 years of “getting nowhere” with traditional publishers, Travis self-published two of his fiction novels this year, with more on the way.

He said his head was full of stories.

“I’ve always been a dreamer, an observer,” Travis said. “Most of my eight novels started with a simple idea, often not knowing where it would end. Some are loosely themed: death, love, hope, mystery – although they all have a little bit of everything. I guess my writing is very honest, exposing everyday themes and emotions.”

Travis’ most recent release, *Escape to Patonga*, was inspired by an experience he had while working as a real estate photographer. He visited the seaside village of Patonga in New South Wales to photograph a shack along the creek.

Twelve years later, the memory of that shack sparked his imagination, leading him to write about a mysterious stranger staying there during the off-season.

As he works full-time, Travis writes mostly at night. He said he worked best with headphones on, playing loud music to drown out his thoughts.

“When I sit in silence, my thoughts go in all directions and I can’t concentrate,” he said. “Music gives my wayward thoughts something to focus on, which allows my creative thoughts the freedom to generate.”

He encouraged aspiring writers to take the leap and self-publish.

“Self-publishing is easy,” he said. “You pay to have your work edited and proofread professionally. Then load it to Kindle Direct Publishing for printing in Sydney.

“There are plenty of websites, forums and Facebook groups that offer all the help and guidance you need. The best thing for me was joining a writer’s group to surround myself with other self-publishers.

“The hardest part is marketing, which can be extremely daunting and expensive.”

Looking ahead, Travis intends to release novels three and four in February and April 2024 and aims to publish two additional works in 2025.

“There are still plenty of stories in my head,” he said. “I’m not done yet!”

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Club Chermside's Pink Day Breaks Fundraising Goal

STORY **PANAYIOTA**

What do you get when you gather 120 participants over lawn bowls, a worthwhile charity and the colour pink?

You get Pink Day, of course – Club Chermside's annual fundraiser supporting the McGrath Foundation and St Vincent's Private Hospital Oncology Department.

Chairman of the Board, Tony Bolf said they had remarkable success at the fifth annual Pink Day

carnival fundraiser, which was hosted on Sunday, 29 October.

"Last year we raised \$4,000, an achievement in itself, however, we are excited to announce, this year, we raised a staggering \$16,265 – all funds being donated towards nursing staff and cancer care department," Tony said.

Cancer has touched our lives in many ways and what would life be like for us all if it wasn't for the dedicated humans who provide their expertise, along with comfort and assurance, to patients and families alike, to bring hope in our darkest of hours?

And where would we be without our volunteers and other members of our community who unite with purpose towards this cause?

"This year marks the 75th year of our club's dedication to supporting our community and Pink Day is one of the many ways we come together to make a meaningful impact," Tony said. "Planning has already begun and we look forward to even greater achievements in 2024."



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Sunday 3rd December – 4.30pm till 6.30pm

Christmas Carol Singing with FREE Sausage Sizzle in Frederick Annand Park,
632 Webster Rd, Chermside West. Bring your own folding chair.

Sunday 10th December – 4.30pm till 6.30pm

Christmas Carol Singing with FREE Sausage Sizzle in John Patterson Park,
57 Norman Dr, Chermside. Bring your own folding chair.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 6pm

Christmas Family Service – All Saints Anglican Church,
501 Hamilton Road, Chermside

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 11.00pm

Midnight Christmas Service - All Saints Anglican Church,
501 Hamilton Road, Chermside

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) – 8.00am

Christmas Day Service - All Saints Anglican Church,
501 Hamilton Road, Chermside

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SINGLES

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) – 11.30am

FREE Christmas Lunch for singles in the Parish Hall
(those who are alone with no one to share Christmas with)

**Please RSVP to office@allsaintschermside.org.au
or ph: 3359 2062 by 20th December**



A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

After a busy 2023, we enter the holiday period and start to wind down before doing it all again in 2024.



WITH **JIMMY SULLIVAN MP**

2023 has been difficult for many, with cost-of-living pressures taking a hold and that is why I am proud of a number of initiatives implemented by the Palaszczuk Government to assist Queenslanders from free kindy, kids fair play vouchers to energy concessions, including –

- \$550 for every Queensland Household
- \$1072 for eligible seniors and concession card holders
- \$650 for eligible small businesses

Locally, a number of projects that I have advocated for are completed, under construction or in the final planning stages including social and affordable home projects in Chermside, Alderley and Lutwyche and of course the \$360 million expansion program of the Prince Charles Hospital which includes a new acute services building, an expanded emergency department and 1500 new car parks with end of trip facilities.

We have more to do and I will have some exciting announcements in the new year. Best wishes to readers of the Chermside Guide across this period and I'd like to personally thank the team for providing such a great resource to our community.

Keep an eye on my socials across December and January for what is happening throughout Stafford.

Happy Holidays.

Household budgets have been under the pump this year. I know Northsiders are doing it tough.



WITH **ANIKA WELLS MP**

That's why the Albanese government is doing everything we can to help with the cost of living, without adding pressure to inflation.

We have a targeted and comprehensive \$23 billion ten-point plan to help ease the burden on Northsiders, including:

- Electricity bill relief
- Cheaper child care
- Increased rent assistance
- More Medicare bulk billing

First and foremost, I would like to thank our fantastic community clubs, groups, and organisations for all their great work throughout 2023. I am always inspired when I witness their tireless dedication and community service while I am out in the electorate.



WITH **BART MELLISH MP**

Last month I had the privilege to attend the opening of Aspley Special School's state-of-the-art, \$18 million learning facility. This brilliant facility complements the additional \$3.4 million invested throughout Aspley schools during 2023.

Reflecting on some of the many Palaszczuk Government 2023 initiatives, this year's

State Budget delivered a variety of cost-of-living initiatives to assist all Queenslanders. These initiatives included the \$550 and \$1,072 energy rebates and the current \$300-\$1,000 Climate Smart Savers rebate. The announcement of free kindy – 15 hours per week for all four-year-olds – from 2024 was also fantastic news for families.

Additionally, one of the announcements I was most pleased with this year was the potential Gympie Road bypass. Reducing peak-hour congestion by up to 30 minutes while also skipping 19 sets of traffic lights, this game-changing proposed tunnel would connect the main road arterials of the Northside. With community consultation concluding on 3 December, I encourage you all to have your say if you have not yet.

Take care Aspley and enjoy the end of year break.

- Cheaper medicines
- Boosting income support payments
- Fee-free TAFE training
- Building more affordable homes
- Expanding paid parental leave and
- Creating jobs and getting wages moving again

We've done all this at the same time as we've delivered the first budget surplus in 15 years, seen wages grow around the fastest rate in a decade and seen over 550,000 jobs created since we came to office - a record for a new government.

I know there's still more to do, and I am focused on delivering for Northsiders.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season. Please keep an eye on your letterbox for my Christmas card and 2024 fridge calendar.

Tis the season to be jolly and the countdown to Christmas has begun! The best time of the year!



WITH **CR DANITA PARRY**

As we enter the month of celebrations, I look forward to getting out and about in the Marchant Ward and meeting many of you. I am so proud to be your representative in City Hall and can't wait to continue the great work of my predecessor. My family and I have lived locally for the best part of a decade and have strong ties to this community.

We regularly frequent parks, cafes, libraries and other much-loved community facilities.

Speaking of which, works in our local parks and footpaths are progressing well. The establishment of turf around the bench seats has begun at the Bernie Brae Dog Off Leash Area in Cherside, with further works to continue until the end of this year.

Please let me know if you have any concerns in your street and don't forget to report potholes in your area for our service team to attend to on 3403 8888 (24-hour Council Contact Centre).

Over the Christmas period, my office will be closed from Friday, 22 December 2023 and will re-open from Monday, 8 January 2024.

If you have any concerns or urgent issues over the break, please call the 24-hour Council Contact Centre on 3403 8888.

And if you have any Council issues you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to call my office on 3407 0707 or email marchant.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au

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Local DINING GUIDE



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Small Batch Coffee Roasters

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Cafe

Ph 0406 200 019

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DECEMBER What's On.

01 FRIDAY

JASON TOWERS IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



RUSSELL HUNG

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

GORAN SEDLAR

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ JOHNNY B IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

02 SATURDAY

CANDICE LONG IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



FAT CHANCE

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

RAFF DE

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ BRAD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

03 SUNDAY

CASEY FOGG AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm



MICHAEL GANT

Geebung RSL 5pm

04 MONDAY

BACK TO THE TIVOLI CHRISTMAS SHOW

Kedron-Wavell 11am

05 TUESDAY

KWED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Kedron-Wavell 10:30am

SIMONE CUTTING

Geebung RSL 10:30am

06 WEDNESDAY

BILLY GUY AT SOUNDBITES

Kedron-Wavell 11am

08 FRIDAY

CASSI MARIE IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



LACHLAN FLANAGAN

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

DARREN J RAY

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ JOHNNY B IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

09 SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Aspley Hornets 4:30pm

Save the date! In collaboration with Aspley Rotary, you are invited to our FREE Annual Christmas Carols & Market event! Our AFL field will transform into a Christmas Wonderland, with markets, rides, food trucks, a live band, carols, plus a visit from Santa! Christmas is around the corner, so don't miss out!



SARAH ALICE IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm

BAWDO & THE BEAR

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

BRENDEN SCHICK

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ BRAD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

10 SUNDAY

TONY BOYD AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm



FLEETWOOD MAX AT KEDRON WAVELL

Kedron-Wavell 3pm

TOBY TYLER

Geebung RSL 5pm

13 WEDNESDAY

TRACY VAUGHAN AT SOUNDBITES

Kedron-Wavell 11am



14 THURSDAY

VARIETY GALA SHOW WITH DEANA PEHER

Geebung RSL 11am

15 FRIDAY

HOLLY TERRENS IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm

BRETT WHITMORE

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

MIKE WHITMORE

Geebung RSL 7pm



DJ OLUROOTS AT BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

16 SATURDAY

CHANDLER JAY AT BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm

SIMPLICITY

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

ALLAN CAMERON

Geebung RSL 7pm



DJ BRAD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

17 SUNDAY

TRACY VAUGHAN AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm

JARED ALEXANDER

Geebung RSL 5pm

MUSIC BINGO

Aspley Hornets 7pm
Join at the Hornets Premier's Bar every 3rd Sunday of the month for a night of Music Bingo fun!

22 FRIDAY

MURRAY LLOYD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



BRUNO IRACI

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

LINDA STREET

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ PETER IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm



23 SATURDAY

JESS IRVINE IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm

ECHOECHO

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

DAVE CLAYTON

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ BRAD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm



24 SUNDAY

VIC KENA AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm



DAVO

Geebung RSL 5pm

25 MONDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY SEAFOOD BUFFET

Kedron-Wavell 11:30am

29 FRIDAY

HAYDEN JOHN IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



SIMPLICITY

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

SIMONE CUTTING

Geebung RSL 7pm



DJ PETER IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

30 SATURDAY

DARCY IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm



TOM ROBERTS

Aspley Hornets 6:30pm

SCOTT SULLIVAN

Geebung RSL 7pm

DJ BRAD IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 9pm

31 SUNDAY

NEW YEARS EVE OUTDOOR EVENT

Aspley Hornets 4:30pm - 8:30pm

Ring it 2024 with a family-friendly outdoor New Year's Eve event at the Hornets! We'll have food trucks, rides, jumping castle, face painters & balloon twisting! PLUS fireworks at 8pm!!! This is a FREE community event, so mark it in your calendars, and we'll see you there!



AMBER WORTHINGTON - BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 6pm

FREE AGENTS

Aspley Hornets 7pm

CANDY'S NEW YEARS EVE CIRCUS SHOW

Kedron-Wavell 8:30pm



MOVIE REVIEW

UPROAR

STORY @WATCHITWOMBAT

Can Rugby cause an uproar?

'Uproar' is set during South Africa's tumultuous rugby tour of New Zealand in 1981. Why should a rugby tour be a problem? Well, with thirteen years left to go before apartheid ends, protests were still underway across the world against racial segregation in South Africa - most prominently in New Zealand.

In this semi-autobiographical story of co-writer and director Paul Middleditch's life, a young Māori named Josh discovers his passion for acting. With a white English Mum and Māori father, Josh, played by Julian Dennison is torn between these two worlds, never feeling like he belongs in either.

Not only feeling out of place as the only non-white boy in school, but also longing to perform on stage when his family wants him to perform on the rugby pitch.

This is a political film, but not in a preachy way. Similarities are clearly made between apartheid and the Māori struggle with racism

and their loss of land. The divide is showcased by the way the characters are treated and the restrictions imposed on them, rather than a lecture about how racism is obviously a bad thing.

Despite the sensitive topics on display there's plenty of laughs to lighten the mood, with Minnie Driver's dry, yet witty performance as Josh's single parent mother and Rhys Darby playing his loveable teacher - who owns every scene he's in.

Like any period piece, authenticity is key, and Uproar feels like a time capsule.

From the authentic (and awesome) 80's clothing to the toe tapping soundtrack, it will transport us older moviegoers to our youth. The story however is timeless, as unfortunately, similar problems that are still evident today.

It's an insightful and thought provoking film that offers an interesting perspective on our recent history, through the eyes of Josh. Making you wonder what he's willing to risk to help his family, his community and start his own journey.

If you're a sucker for a true story with political undertones, a dash of humour and a lot of heart, then Uproar is for you.

Released in Aussie cinemas November 30

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Kedron Catholic Church, 1923.

HISTORY CHERMSIDE

Surviving Nature's Fury:

The 1924 Australia Day Cyclone and Kedron's Catholic Community's Triumph

STORY **JULIA LEWIS**

PHOTO WWW.KEDRONCATHOLICPARISH.ORG.AU/

The tapestry of Kedron's Catholic history is woven with threads of tenacity and unwavering devotion. Prior to 1923, Kedron was under the canopy of Woolloowin's parish. However, a pivotal moment occurred on 27 May 1923, when Archbishop James Duhig blessed the foundation stone for the Kedron Church, a beacon of faith for the local Catholics.

The emergence of the Kedron Parish signalled a new chapter, extending its embrace to the communities as far-reaching as Bald Hills and Petrie. The weighty task of erecting the church and presbytery rested on the shoulders of Fr Keating and Fr Stanaway, who, alongside the support from Woolloowin locals, orchestrated fundraising dances across Chermiside, Aspley, Bald Hills, Geebung and Zillmere.

Within three months of the church's inauguration on Australia Day in 1924, a fierce cyclone

ravaged Kedron and Nundah, causing the swift and complete destruction of the modest Kedron church. However, the calamity birthed unity and support from across Australia, as funds poured in for the church's reconstruction. Local efforts supplemented this, ensuring the church would stand debt-free upon its resurrection.

Noteworthy figures in the fundraising efforts included the Hennessys, Maguires, Wrens, Heffernans, Stantons, O'Briens, Scanlans, Eccles, and Kennedys, raising approximately four thousand pounds. Archbishop Duhig returned on 27 April 1924 to lay the foundation stone for the reconstructed church, a cornerstone of the present-day worship space.

Despite initial setbacks, the parish flourished. Initially, a modest congregation of 50 swelled due to an influx of residents, prompting additional masses to accommodate the growing numbers.

The dedication and contributions of families like the Wolfes, Wrens, Flanagans, Gallaghers, Tynans, McMullans, and Lacey's were instrumental in adorning the church with altars, statues, and furnishings, fostering a haven for worship and spiritual connection.

The present-day place of worship, constructed in the late 1960s, incorporates a treasured stained-glass window salvaged from the 1924 church.

This living testament to resilience, faith, and community proudly graces the present-day church, embodying the enduring spirit of Kedron's Catholic community and serving as a testament to their unwavering faith and unity.

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STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

SUMMER DIPS

Escape the summer heat with Brisbane City Council's \$2 Summer Dips program. Residents can enjoy discounted general admission rates at their local Council pool from 1 December 2023 to 29 February 2024, including public holidays. Take advantage of this offer at Chermiside Pool, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermiside.

GYMPIE ROAD BYPASS

The proposed Gympie Road Bypass is currently undergoing community consultation. The option of constructing a bypass tunnel between Kedron and Carseldine is being explored as an option to relieve congestion and minimise traffic on Gympie Road. Submit your feedback online by Sunday, 3 December at www.northbrisbaneinfrastructure.com.au/have-your-say

A BUSH CHRISTMAS

The holiday season will come to life at the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre for an evening of live music, Christmas crafts, an exhibition of Australian wildlife and an excursion through the bush illuminated by LED lights. Attendees can also enjoy a sausage sizzle provided by a local school. Bring a packed picnic and insect repellent, and wear enclosed walking shoes. Limited parking.

FREE | Friday, 8 December | 6-8.30pm | Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, 815 Rode Road, Chermiside West

ASPLEY DEVILS WANT FEMALE PLAYERS

Are you a female rugby league player aged 18 or older? The Aspley Devils Rugby League Football Club is preparing to compete in the 2024 SEQ Open Women's Holcim Cup. In addition to its existing SEQ Reserves Squad, the club is actively looking for female players to join its Holcim Cup/Premier Women's team. To express your interest or to get more information email info@aspleyrugbyleague.com.

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CHERMSIDE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Come and join the Chermiside Christmas Festival, hosted by Centrepoint Church Brisbane at Wavell Heights. An outdoor festival will take place in the car park from 4-7pm, with food trucks, market stalls, live music, a petting zoo and kid's entertainment. Carol shows will be performed by local churches, schools and vocal groups in the auditorium at 3pm and 7pm. FREE | Sunday, 10 December | 3-8pm | Centrepoint Church, 240 Hamilton Road, Wavell Heights

FAB FINDS CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Fab Finds Christmas Markets is set to transform the Geebung RSL into a festive wonderland this Christmas season. The markets will feature an array of second-hand treasures alongside new, handmade and vintage items from local businesses, artists, creators, makers and fashion enthusiasts. On-site parking is available. FREE | Sunday, 10 December | 8am-12pm | Geebung Bowls Club, 21 Thompson St, Zillmere

NEW \$18 MILLION FACILITY AT ASPLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

Last month, Education Minister Grace Grace MP and Bart Mellish MP visited Aspley Special School for the official opening of their new learning centre. The \$18 million facility has been operational for some time now and has been enhancing the educational experiences for both students and staff.

LAVISH AT NORTH BRISBANE SALVOS

North Brisbane Salvos at Taigum are holding a Lavish event on Saturday, 16 December. Eligible clients can receive help with the cost of groceries and can choose some toys and gifts for their children (up to 17 years old). If you have a Centrelink Health Care Card or a pension card, or if you are a refugee, asylum seeker or migrant with an Immi Card or Visa,

you may be eligible. For further details and to register, contact the Lavish hotline at 0448 875 799.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND GAMES

Experience the joy of the holiday season at the Christmas Crafts and Games workshop, hosted by Basil Grumble. Children over the age of four will enjoy music, storytelling and hands-on crafts, all centred around festive themes. Cost \$6pp | Thursday, 21 December | 1.30-3.30pm | Downfall Creek Bushland Centre, 815 Rode Road, Chermide West | Book www.basilgrumble.com | For more information phone 0411 246 487

NYE EVENT FOR FAMILIES


Join Aspley Hornets as they invite families to come together and ring in the arrival of 2024 at a New Year's Eve Outdoor Event. The festivities will include food trucks, a jumping castle, face painting, balloon twisting and fireworks to ensure everyone gets into the party spirit. FREE | Sunday, 31 December | 4.30pm with fireworks at 8pm | Aspley Hornets

STREET ART FUN

Sign up for a street art workshop where you can unleash your creativity and produce a stunning painting that will look like a professional. With the help of stencils and expert guidance, you will finish the day with a truly remarkable piece of art. This Brisbane City Council event welcomes both seniors and children aged between six and 12 years. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Burnie Brae on 3624 2110. Cost \$6pp | Saturday, 13 January | 9.30am-12.30pm | Burnie Brae Centre, 60 Kuran Street, Chermide

Would you like to contribute to Chermide Bites?

Special community event coming up? Or is there something you're talking about on social media, at the school gate or the local café? Email Alyssa to be included in the next edition of Chermide Connect: admin@3bmedia.com.au



PODCAST OF THE MONTH

CHAMELEON: HOLLYWOOD CON QUEEN

STORY **NICK ALLFORD**

If someone offered you the chance to be a Hollywood movie star...would you take it?

There's a lot of people out there (including myself) who would jump at the opportunity.

Although, when someone has a dream, there's often someone else who's willing to take advantage of them, and that's the premise of *Chameleon: Hollywood Con Queen*.

The hosts talk directly with the aspiring actors and anyone else you usually see in the end credits of a movie, those on the lowest rungs of the Hollywood ladder, who were told they'd been hired on the next blockbuster movie, only to find out that there is no movie and the money they'd paid in advance was gone. The podcast expertly hunts down as many of the 1,000 people who've been duped by the scammer as possible, spanning several years and multiple countries.

What kept me listening was the motivation. Yes, hundreds of people were defrauded of money totalling around \$1,500,000 but there's a strange, unsettling aspect to the story. The lengths that the fraudster went to manipulate people and tear apart their lives are excessive and bizarre.

Add this to your playlist if you're a lover of mysteries and true crime.

Available wherever you find your podcasts.

CRIME TOURS EXPOSE BRISBANE'S HIDDEN PAST



STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

Jack Sim offers regular crime and ghost tours in Brisbane

Discover Brisbane's criminal past with an entertaining and informative historical storytelling experience through the CBD.

Crime Tours Australia offers regular walking tours of the city centre, making them a popular choice for Christmas get-togethers and a unique experience for family and friends visiting over the holiday season.

Director of Crime Tours Australia and Historic Australia, Jack Sim, said the Bloody Brisbane CBD Crime Tour focused on some of the most dreadful crimes in the River City.

"Myself and my guides tell you the facts surrounding these infamous crimes and complement our stories with historic photos and images," Jack said.

"My aim is to reveal forgotten or lost information you will not find in a Google search. My research is largely from documents, newspaper articles, archives and real people connected to the cases.

"On the Bloody Brisbane CBD Tour, we explain Brisbane's convict origins – 200 years ago next year, which is a surprise to most people. Brisbane is older than Melbourne. People are fascinated by the disappearance of Marjorie Norval in 1938 and become quite willing to offer up their theories. Customers are horrified that an execution was carried out on Queen

Street."

Jack, who was born and grew up in Brisbane, said he had always been fascinated with tragedies, crime and storytelling.

"The Whiskey Au Go Go nightclub bombing in Fortitude Valley was an event which changed Brisbane and I grew up in the era of that crime and those involved in it making daily headlines," he said. "I decided that I wanted to share Brisbane's criminal history with locals and visitors and Brisbane Crime Tours/Crime Tours Australia was the result."

Crime Tours Australia also offers the Bloody Brisbane Coach Crime Tour, which takes visitors to suburban crime scenes, and Brisbane Ghost Tours, which lets them explore the city's haunted locations.

There is also the Moonlight State Fortitude Valley Crime tour, which runs on Saturdays at 4.30pm, and visits the site of the Whiskey Au Go Go.

"It is very popular as it reveals the sordid underbelly of this part of Brisbane in the 1970s and 1980s," Jack said.

The Bloody Brisbane CBD Crime Tour runs Tuesday to Saturday nights at 7.30pm. Private tours are also available.

For more information or to book: crimetoursaustralia.com.au



ANDRÉ RIEU'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

For many, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. This year it will come early with André Rieu's cinema special White Christmas—a celebration you will never forget. From the first jingled bell, you will be immersed in the incomparable Christmas atmosphere of André's winter wonderland.

Main Cast: André Rieu, The Johann Strauss Orchestra
Genre: Music
Release Date: 01 December 2023
Rating: CTC



WONKA

Based on the extraordinary character at the center of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, "Wonka" tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.

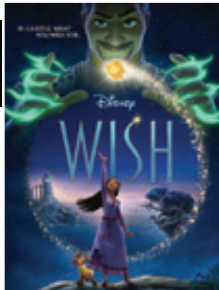
Main Cast: Sally Hawkins, Olivia Colman, Rowan Atkinson, Keegan-Michael Key, Timothée Chalamet, Jim Carter
Genre: Adventure, Comedy, Family
Release Date: 14 December 2023
Rating: CTC



AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM

Having failed to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta, still driven by the need to avenge his father's death, will stop at nothing to take Aquaman down once and for all. This time Black Manta is more formidable than ever before, wielding the power of the mythic Black Trident, which unleashes an ancient and malevolent force.

Main Cast: Jason Momoa, Amber Heard, Patrick Wilson, Pilou Asbæk, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II
Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Sci-Fi
Release Date: 26 December 2023
Rating: CTC



WISH

Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Wish" is an all-new musical-comedy welcoming audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force—a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe—the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico—to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars

Main Cast: Alan Tudyk, Ariana DeBose
Genre: Adventure, Animation, Family, Fantasy, Musical
Release Date: 26 December 2023
Rating: PG

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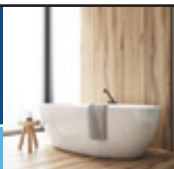
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FISH OF THE MONTH



Australian Lungfish *Neoceratodus forsteri*

While this amazing fish is listed as a protected and vulnerable species, I see them quite often while fishing North Pine Dam and the upper reaches of the Brisbane River. They are called lungfish due to their ability to breathe air using a single lung when the water is very low or devoid of oxygen.

Brown to green and an orange belly, with large scales, a flat head, flipper-like fins and a broad eel-like tail they are quite an unusual looking Aussie native. Found only in south east and central Queensland lungfish can grow to more than 1.5 metres and weigh up to 40 kilograms.

Fossil records indicate that the Queensland lungfish has existed in Australia for at least 100 million years, making it a living fossil and one of the oldest living vertebrate genera on the planet.

Around this time of year if you sit quietly when it's calm in the morning at Bullockys Rest on North Pine Dam, you can see them breaking the surface and when they come to the surface for a breath, you can hear the intake and exhalation of air.

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