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A Note from the Editor

It's February already and our first edition of the Chermshire Guide for 2024. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. Kids are back at school and hopefully we are all settling back into routine.

There are some great ideas for your next night out with family or friends in this month's edition of the Chermshire Guide.

The upgrades to Mercer Park in Kedron are looking fabulous, plus read about proposed bus routes and see the completed renovations at the Geebung RSL.

There is also great news about the opening of the Medicare extended hours clinic in Kedron, hopefully this will ease some pressure off patient waiting times.

So grab a drink of choice, sit back and relax and take some time to read more about what is happening in your community.

Until next month, happy reading!

Jodie

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WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN



STORY PIPER ZUINO

This month we are blessed with a whole extra day. Here's some of the best ways to make the most out of a 29-day February.

ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY STAND-UP

February is the month of love where we celebrate Valentine's Day with our loved ones. But for those wanting to break it up and have a laugh, why not book into the Anti-Valentine's Day Stand-Up Comedy at Chermside Bowls? Chermside Bowls Club has lined up a group of comedians who are sharing their hatred for V-Day. Make a night out of it and pop into the Bowls Club early for dinner and drinks at The Bistro before heading into hours of endless laughs.

The Anti-Valentine's Day Stand-up Comedy at Chermside Bowls takes place on Saturday, 17 February from 7pm-9pm.

For more information and to book visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/anti-valentines-day-stand-up-comedy-at-chermside-bowls-tickets-772741459507

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For more information visit www.lovemeagainmarket.com.au/stafford

NFL SUPER BOWL 2024

For American sporting fans, February marks the biggest event on the NFL calendar – The Super Bowl.

On Monday, 12 February, you can find two great options to enjoy The Super Bowl.

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The Sporting Globe Bar and Grill at Chermside will also have the Super Bowl on the big screen. Purchase VIP packages, enjoy drinks and buffalo wings and celebrate all things football. With tickets starting for as little as \$10, even if you are not a footy fan, it's a great opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere. The NFL Super Bowl at The Sporting Globe Chermside will take place on Monday, 12 February from 8am-5pm.

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THE DOLLY SHOW TO DAZZLE DOWN UNDER AUDIENCES



Kelly O'Brien performs as country legend Dolly Parton in The Dolly Show

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

Kelly O'Brien, voted the UK's best Dolly Parton impersonator, is set to make her Australian debut with *The Dolly Show*.

The production, which has toured across the UK and the West End, is coming to Kedron-Wavell in March.

Australian-born Kelly, who is currently based in London, said it was amazing to bring her show back home.

"I cannot wait to share this incredible show with Aussie audiences, celebrating the life, the music and the star that is Dolly Parton," she said.

"She is a songwriter, singer, actress, businesswoman, humanitarian, philanthropist, literary advocate and probably the world's best human. Everyone around the globe LOVES Dolly."

Kelly has been performing for more than 25 years, beginning as a country singer at the age of 14. She was crowned South Australian Country Vocalist of the Year and Best New Talent at the Gympie Music Muster.

The Dolly Show sees Kelly backed by a talented band as she performs iconic hits including 9 to 5, Jolene, and I Will Always Love You.

"I love the song I Will Always Love You," she said. "It's so beautiful and has so much meaning behind it, plus some great stories. Not only did

Whitney Houston make it a huge hit, but Elvis wanted to record it back in the 70s too."

Kelly said she spends two hours getting dressed as Dolly before each performance, allowing her time to "morph into" the superstar.

"I have honed my skills as an impersonator for almost two decades, so Dolly's speaking voice is something I am very proud of now," she said. "Even Dolly's family in the US think it's amazing."

She added meeting Dolly Parton herself in London in 2011 was "like magic".

"I was in complete awe, very surreal," she said. "There is so much you want to ask Dolly Parton, but when I stood there next to her, I couldn't think of anything to say. Luckily, she started chatting away about Dolly impersonators and how much she loves and values them. This was incredible to hear. She gave me her blessing and I left. I was just so incredibly humbled by her presence. I will never forget that day as long as I live."

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BMX ENTHUSIASTS GET PUMPED ABOUT PARK UPGRADES

Aerial view of the new pump track at Mercer Park (now open)

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

Residents have a new place to enjoy the outdoors with the opening of a brand-new BMX pump track at Mercer Park in Kedron.

The track is already proving to be popular with local children who tested out the new facility during the summer school holidays.

Northgate Ward Councillor Adam Allan, who announced the project on Facebook in August last year, said Brisbane City Council was encouraging residents to stay active by delivering the brand new pump track and a family hub area.

“The new track in Mercer Park will cater to riders of all abilities with obstacles and challenges to improve their skills while the family hub in Shaw Estate Park will include great new barbecues and sheltered seating,” Councillor Allan said.

The pump track was constructed in response to community requests for a BMX facility and was identified in the Brisbane Off-Road Cycling Strategy, which was developed following community consultation between 2019 and 2021.

“The awesome new track at Mercer Park will join a host of other upgrades including a flying fox, scooter and bike trails, new sheltered barbecue and picnic areas for everyone to enjoy,” Councillor Allan said.

The Shaw Estate Park Family Hub is expected to open this month and will complement the existing playground and outdoor gym.

Along with the picnic shelter, barbecue and seating, the new family hub and park facilities include scooter and bike elements such as side ramps and a squiggle obstacle along the outer footpath, drinking fountains, enclosed bins, upgraded pathways and tree and garden bed plantings.

There are additional works currently underway at Shaw Estate Park to enhance the footpath from Wavell Park to Fourteenth Avenue, Benelong Street, Eleventh Avenue and Boree Street, finishing at the Shaw Estate Park Family Hub and Mercer Park pump track.

These improvements include scooter play and bike elements along the path, upgraded seating, a new shelter and bins in Wavell Skate Park, an upgraded picnic node, new seating and shade trees on Benelong Street, and improvements to the Benelong Bushcare Group entry.

These works began in October last year and are expected to be completed in March, weather and site conditions permitting.

For more information contact the project team on 1800 884 681 during business hours or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/parks/parks-by-suburb/kedron-parks

Councillor Adam Allan during the construction phase of the new pump track at Mercer Park



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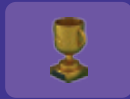
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It's here that you might find esteemed Club member Garry Gatfield and his stunning 'brag book' of gems (that he has personally faceted), as well as other gem collections such as those from fellow member and expert gemstone cutter (one of Australia's best) Vicki Thomsen.

North Brisbane Lapidary Club A Hidden Gem

STORY **PATRICIA HIGGINS**
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

The North Brisbane Lapidary Club is a haven for those who are interested in adding to a treasure trove of cut gems, jewellery designs and similar handicrafts and participating in related activities.

The Club has existed since 1966 as a not-for-profit organisation offering a space to learn new skills, connect with like-minded people, and gain a broader knowledge of minerals and gemstones.

North Brisbane Lapidary Club Chair, Lewis Shotter, said that a membership also affords the opportunity to take part in exciting fossicking trips and enhanced social activities.

"Activities include faceting, capping, silver work, gold work, wire wrapping, enamelling, lost wax casting and fossicking," Mr Shotter said.

Slightly tucked away near the entrance to Albert Bishop Park in Nundah, this 'candy store for jewellery makers' is complete with a display of gemmological and geological materials to rival any museum's collection.

Upon a chat with Mr Gatfield, one is illuminated to the fact that 'lapidary' is, in fact, a very interesting Latin term, "used to refer to the practice of shaping stone, minerals, or gemstones for ornamental purposes, with the ornamental element distinguishing it from related skill sets such as stone masonry."

The club operates from Monday to Saturday and often incorporates new courses for the various activities over the weekend, with joining and annual fees kept to a minimum.

The folks at North Brisbane Lapidary Club are also gearing up for the next annual gem show scheduled for early March, which is set to feature live demonstrations (such as faceting and silversmithing) with displays and sales of gemstones, jewellery, crystals and much more.

To find out more about North Brisbane Lapidary Club, including memberships, visit www.nblc.com.au/.

**North Brisbane Lapidary Club 2024 Gem Show
Saturday, 2 March, 9am-4:30pm
Albert Bishop Park
574 Nudgee Road, Nundah.**



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NEW COMMUNITY HUB SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

Stepping Stone, a membership-based community of individuals with mental illness, is celebrating a significant milestone with the opening of their northside clubhouse.

The new clubhouse in Chermside will aim to foster a sense of community, belonging, and fulfilment for individuals with mental health concerns who are dedicated to rebuilding their lives.

Stepping Stone Program Director – North, Jacqui Gillespie, said many members found it difficult to attend the southside clubhouse in Coorparoo.

“Northside members have informed us that they would like to participate more consistently, however, the distance to travel is the main barrier,” Jacqui said.

“A clubhouse on the northside had been a dream for Stepping Stone for over a decade.”

The new clubhouse on 88 Delaware Street has made this dream a reality, thanks to funding from Queensland Health.

Jacqui said Stepping Stone aimed to positively impact the lives of its members, reducing the need for clinical support and hospitalisation.

“As Stepping Stone focuses on recovery, the individual along with their family and the whole community benefits as our members regain confidence, re-enter the workforce and

actively participate in the local community,” she said.

At the clubhouses, members and staff work together to facilitate the ‘work ordered day’, engage in social recreation, and participate in walking, meditation and swimming as part of the Healthy Active Lifestyle Program.

“I have watched members progress with their health and wellbeing, social, employment and education goals and build strong friendships and bonds to their local community, which is life-changing,” Jacqui said. “Belonging to a community that is non-judgmental, supportive and focuses on people’s strengths absolutely transforms members’ lives in every way as they gain confidence and stamina in work, social, and life skills.”

James Jackson (he/they), a Stepping Stone member since 2018, said the club had helped his mental health journey.

“For anyone out there, just having a sense of community can put downward pressure on anxiety and depression,” James said. “Having a sense of community and belonging – I consider that a natural way of dealing with it, which I’m very big on.”

James encouraged anyone who was thinking about becoming a member to give it a go.

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GREENS DRIVING NEW BUS ROUTES

STORY **PIPER ZUINO**

The Greens have proposed a new bus route that would create an east-west linkage across the northside, connecting The Gap to Northgate.

This would include connections with the Ferny Grove and Shorncliffe train lines, as well as Westfield Chermshire.

Greens candidate for Mayor of Brisbane Jonathan Sriranganathan said the new bus route would significantly decrease travel times.

“This route connects so many key nodes across the northside including schools, train stations, tertiary campuses, bus stations and major shopping precincts,” he said.

“Every day, thousands of people who live in nearby suburbs drive to destinations like Westfield Chermshire and Great Western, because they don’t have a quick and reliable public transport option.”

The proposed pathway would establish a new link spanning from The Gap to Northgate on the northside, incorporating a connection with the Ferny Grove train line. Originating at The Gap Village shopping centre on Waterworks Road, it would proceed northward along Settlement Road to link with the Great Western Super Centre at Keperra.

The route would then connect with Grovely station and the TAFE campus via Dawson Parade, continuing to Arana Hills Plaza. Following this, it turns onto Pimelea Street/South Pine Road, linking the Everton Hills shopping centre and then heading down

Hamilton Road to connect McDowall, Stafford Heights, Prince Charles Hospital, Chermshire Shopping Centre and Wavell Heights.

Afterwards, it turns south to connect Nundah and Nundah Village, passing the train station, before veering north along Sandgate and Northgate Road to link with Northgate, ultimately terminating at Northgate train station.

Jonathan added that public transport options were currently limited for travelling from one side of the northside to the other, with often the quickest route involving travelling into Brisbane city, changing to another service, and then heading out of the city again.

“By providing a direct high-frequency route that cuts east-west across Brisbane’s northern suburbs, we could dramatically reduce travel times and costs,” he said.

“If people can rely on a high-frequency seven-day/week bus service to get to local shops, schools and workplaces, they won’t have to drive as much, which reduces traffic congestion and parking issues.”

The proposed new route is part of the Greens’ plan for a Brissie Bus Boost, which includes 15 new high-frequency services. The initiative also aims to upgrade 10 existing, high-frequency bus routes including 380 and 390.

To view a copy of all new proposed bus routes go to www.jonathansri.com/busboost and scroll down to click on “and also shown on this map”.

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Now in their 54th year, Belinda's team recognised they needed to "change things up a bit."

"We recognise that Rotary has to change its dynamic to better serve the community, so beginning February, every fourth Thursday of the month, we're welcoming high-quality speakers with important messages," Belinda said.

RCA's first speaker, Lindsay Adams OAM is known as the 'Relationship Guy.'

Lindsay Adams is CEO of 24x7 Assessments and his business is all about communicating and relationship building. In 2020, Lindsay received the honourable Medal in the Order of Australia

(OAM) for his long-time commitment and contributions to the professional public speaking industry.

Lindsay has over 20 years of experience engaging with audiences to help them understand the importance of effective communication while connecting with people in a way that brings out the best in them.

It's indicative of a sound foundation when an organisation implements constructive change. It's this that motivates public interest and encourages participation from new members to pursue their interests across many projects.

"There's a gazillion-and-one things to do," Belinda said. "You can join any group you like."

Lindsay Adams' talk is a free event. For enquiries about membership or future events visit www.aspleyrota.org.au

CHANGING IT UP IN 2024!

STORY **PANAYIOTA**

Regardless of whether you're an individual or a business, establishing authentic and effective relationships is important in all areas of life.

The Rotary Club of Aspley (RCA) is all about creating relationships as they collaborate with community organisations to accomplish their charitable works.

"We do wonderful work in the local and global communities," Belinda Shaw, RCA's current president said. "Our weekly sausage sizzles alone bring much-needed funds that we distribute to many groups in our area."

Examples of these groups include students at Aspley State School, Craigslea State High School and St John Fisher College. The RCA also created the Glen Kinross Rotary Scholarship Fund, which supports a student to attend tertiary education at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Petrie campus.

Money raised from last year's Carols in the Park allowed RCA to donate \$5,000 to Hummingbird House, Queensland's only children's hospice, in Chermshire.

**Rotary Club of Aspley Special Guest Speaker:
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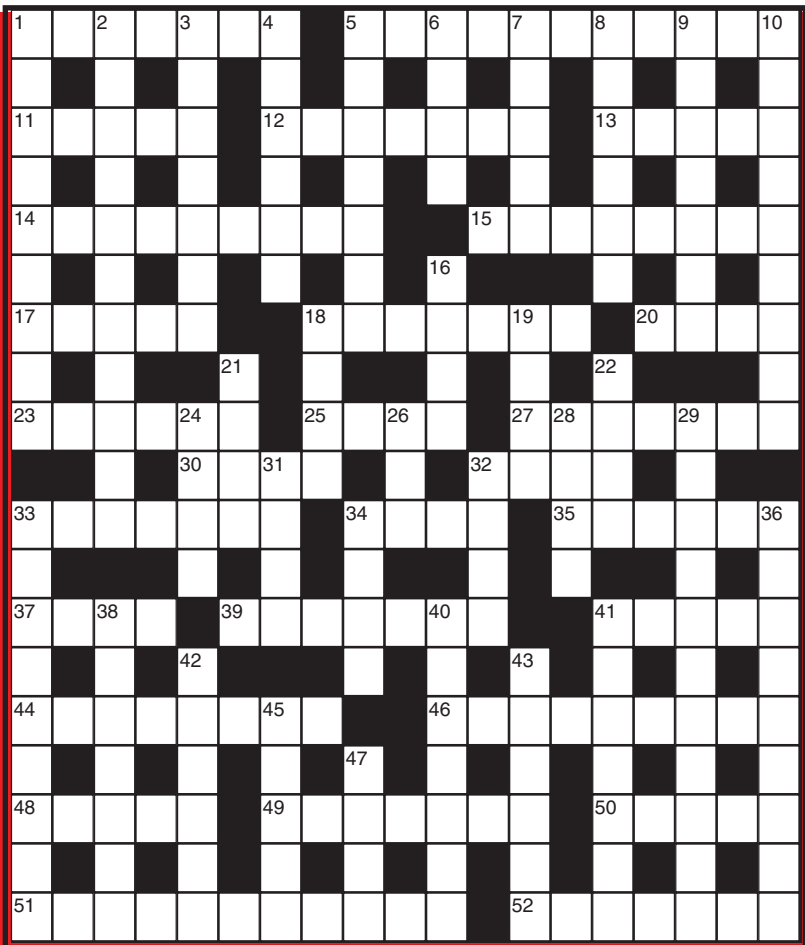
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Berner's farm
in the 1950s

HISTORY CHERMSIDE

ASPLEY: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

STORY **JULIA LEWIS**
PHOTO **CHERMSIDE &
DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Aspley, nestled just 10 kilometres from the heart of Brisbane, holds a rich history that dates back to the mid-1800s. Originally named Little Cabbage Tree Creek, the suburb witnessed the footsteps of the Turrbal people, the Indigenous Australians who navigated its lands, finding abundant food in its creeks and surrounding areas. Before the arrival of farmers, wildlife flourished, and the landscape provided shelter for its inhabitants.

FROM FARMS TO SUBURBS

In the mid-1800s, pioneers like William John Ward and Judge Lutwyche seized the opportunity, purchasing large blocks of land for investment. The Morris family, with John Morris at the forefront, established Aspley Grove in 1865, initiating a connection that would shape the district's farming landscape. The Morris legacy extended to vineyards, with John Jr. and Alfred Morris cultivating grapes for their winery, Aspley Vineyard, which thrived from the 1870s to the 1890s.

FIELDS, FAMILIES, & THE LITTLE CABBAGE TREE CREEK SCHOOL

Farmers in Aspley focused on cultivating small crops, fruits, and vegetables to meet the demands of the burgeoning Brisbane market.

The Berner family's farm on Trouts Road, specialising in lettuce and other vegetables, passed through hands, creating a lineage that eventually led to the Cappello family.

Amidst controversy, William Brown's offer to construct a school on Maundrell Terrace was accepted by the government. Thus, the Little Cabbage Tree Creek School was born in 1890, with forty eager children enrolled. Under the guidance of the first head teacher, Archibald Robert Wing, the school flourished. In 1897, in tandem with the suburb's renaming to Aspley, the school adopted the name Aspley, a shift that mirrored the evolving identity of the community.

Today, Aspley stands at the brink of transformation, with a modest population of 12,871 in 2021. While the suburb's demographic exhibits a remarkably flat age curve, over 18% of residents are aged over 70. Aspley's story, woven through history, farming, and education, continues to unfold, promising a vibrant future for generations to come. Aspley's journey through time encapsulates resilience, growth, and a community spirit that defines its character.

Thank you to ChermSIDE & Districts Historical Society for this information. More can be found on <https://www.chermSidedistrict.org.au/>

Aspley State School in 1932.



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INGREDIENTS

½ cup Plain Flour
125 grams Butter
2 cups Milk
1 cup Castor Sugar
2 teaspoons Vanilla
1 cup Coconut
4 Eggs

METHOD

Place all the ingredients into a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until well combined.

Pour into a greased flan dish and bake in a 175 degree oven for approximately 1 hour until set and lightly golden.

Serve with your choice of cream, ice cream and berries.

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WELCOME TO THE Darkness



MOVIE REVIEW

'WELCOME TO THE DARKNESS' MOVIE REVIEW

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Wanna be a rockstar?

Although I can't promise you groupies and TVs propelled out of windows, the documentary 'Welcome to the Darkness' is probably as close as most of us will ever come to being Rock Gods.

Hop on the tour bus with legendary Brit rockers The Darkness, who shot to fame in the early 2000s – selling millions of albums, packing out stadiums across the world and lining their shelves with awards. Now, we join them as they start their comeback tour.

You may know them from anthems such as I Believe in a Thing Called Love and Love Is Only a Feeling, to name but a few. Not ringing a bell? No worries, an insightful backstory is

provided for the uninitiated. You don't need to be a fan to enjoy the ups and downs of their successes and tumultuous relationships. Although not as violent as the Gallaghers, the Hawkins brothers (frontman Justin and guitarist Dan) have a tumultuous relationship that is touched on but never fully explored. As they seem to be healing, why would you pick at that scab? Possibly unrelated, but they also manage to churn through more drummers than Elton John has wardrobe changes.

The humour from their music carries over into their day-to-day lives. Whether it's picking an outrageous outfit for the next gig or interacting with adoring fans, they never take themselves too seriously. Which would be hard to do when you have a lead singer who looks like he should be lowering a basket of lotion into a well – but man, he can hit high notes that would make the Gibb brothers proud.

This will undoubtedly be my favourite doco of 2024. With so much riding on this tour, the tension is palpable. Succeed and live the life of a rockstar or fail and get a proper job. It could go either way as disaster seems to be a fifth member of the band. However, their resilience, determination and self-belief keep them rocking. Which is justifiable when you consider how much they have achieved. Find out if they can do it again in 'Welcome to the Darkness.'

Available to rent or buy on most Aussie streaming platforms from 24 January.



ARGYLLE

From the twisted mind of Matthew Vaughn comes Argylle, a razor-witted, reality-bending, globe-encircling spy thriller. Bryce Dallas Howard is Elly Conway, the reclusive author of a series of best-selling

espionage novels, whose idea of bliss is a night at home with her computer and her cat, Alfie.

Main Cast: Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston, Henry Cavill, Sam Rockwell, John Cena, Catherine O'Hara, Samuel L. Jackson, Ariana DeBose, Dua Lipa

Genre: Action, thriller

Release Date: 01 February 2024

Rating: CTC



MADAME WEB

"Meanwhile, in another universe..." In a switch from the typical genre, Madame Web tells the standalone origin story of one of Marvel publishing's most enigmatic heroines. The suspense-driven thriller stars Dakota Johnson as Cassandra

Webb, a paramedic in Manhattan who may have clairvoyant abilities.

Main Cast: Adam Scott, Tahar Rahim, Dakota Johnson, Emma Roberts, Mike Epps, Sydney Sweeney, Isabela Merced, Celeste O'Connor

Genre: Action, Sci-Fi

Release Date: 14 February 2024

Rating: CTC



DUNE: PART TWO

Duke Paul Atreides joins the Fremen and begins a spiritual and martial journey to become Muad'dib, while trying to prevent the horrible but inevitable future he's witnessed: a Holy War in his name, spreading throughout

the known universe.

Main Cast: Christopher Walken, Stellan Skarsgard, Javier Bardem, Rebecca Ferguson, Timothée Chalamet, Florence Pugh, Zendaya, Souheila Yacoub, Austin Butler

Genre: Action, Adventure, Drama

Release Date: 29 February 2024

Rating: CTC

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH IN

HOYTS D-BOX
MOTION RECLINERS

Our DBOX release titles for February will include

*Argylle,
Madame Web, Soul,
Dune: Part Two
and Turning Red.*

Argylle	..... 1st	Bob Marley: One Love	..... 14th	Dune: Part Two	..... 29th
The Canterville Ghost		Madame Web		Turning Red	
The Chosen Season 4: Episodes 1 & 2		Inspector Sun & The Curse of the Black Widow	..... 15th		
Cliff Richards: The Blue Sapphire Tour 2023	..... 7th	Winnie The Pooh: Blood & Honey 2			
Dune (Re-release)	..... 8th	Soul	..... 22nd		
The Force of Nature: The Dry 2		Drive-Away Dolls			
Peppa's Cinema Party		Baghead			
		Kinky Boots The Musical			



*February
Releases*

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

The Miles Government is focused on helping our family and friends throughout Queensland who have been impacted by the recent severe storms get back on their feet.



WITH **JIMMY SULLIVAN MP**

In partnership with the federal government, we've activated more financial support for local councils, affected farmers, small business owners and non-profit organisations. I thank the staff at the Kedron Park Emergency Services Complex for their enormous efforts over the Christmas period.

Before Christmas, I had the honour of being sworn in as the Assistant Minister for Justice and Veteran Affairs. They are both areas of great passion for me, and I have enjoyed working with stakeholders and senior officials in both portfolios. It is obviously a privilege to have been appointed to the role, but I am determined it won't be a distraction from the important work we are doing here in Stafford. In fact, I think it is a good fit for the local institutions we have here in our community from the new Veteran and Family Wellbeing Centre to the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub Branch.

- I will continue to work hard for this wonderful community.
- I'll continue to work with local community organisations, sporting clubs and charities.
- And of course, I'll continue to work hard for local constituents.

From my family to yours, have a prosperous 2024.

hope that everyone had a restful break and is ready to start the New Year energised.



WITH **BART MELLISH MP**

As announced in our last budget update, to help ease the cost of living, the State Government has frozen public transport fares, frozen the registration and traffic improvement fees of motor vehicle registration costs, and doubled the First Home Owner Grant to \$30,000.

This year also marks the beginning of the State Government's Free Kindy program and the expansion of the Fee-Free TAFE program.

I'm also keen to see the finalisation of the Gympie Road Bypass Tunnel investment proposal. This congestion-busting project would be a game-changer for the northside. Thank you to all who participated in the community consultation late last year.

I would like to end by saying how honoured I am to be appointed as the new Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and Minister for Digital Services. Recently, I visited Far North Queensland with the Deputy Premier to see the devastation first-hand caused by cyclone Jasper, and to congratulate crews for their phenomenal and swift clean-up efforts. My heart goes out to the families who were affected by the tropical cyclone.

I will continue to fight for Aspley, as well as oversee major State transport and road projects.

With 2024 now well underway, Council is continuing to deliver cost-saving initiatives for residents to help combat the rising cost of living, especially in the wake of the Christmas and back-to-school periods. To help families have fun and cool off comfortably, our \$2 Dips promotion will continue through to the end of February, with general entry fees reduced to \$2 for all patrons.



WITH **CR DANITA PARRY**

Our libraries are also more popular than ever. They continue to offer free, wide-ranging fun for all ages. In

2023, almost five million visitors came through

the doors of our 33 libraries to enjoy programs and special events, utilise free resources or borrow from a spectacular catalogue of items that extends far beyond books!

Composting, recycling and food waste reduction have also been hot topics at my mobile offices in recent months, with residents continuing to take advantage of rebates on eligible compost systems and worm farms. Additionally, there has been a lot of interest from residents about upgrading their recycling bins from a 240L to a 340L size at no charge. Property owners can make the request at any time by calling our 24/7 contact centre on 3403 8888. You will just need to confirm your property's Council rates information.

Welcoming the Babies is back in 2024 for another year of free family fun at Albert Bishop Park in Nundah. Every year I look forward to welcoming our littlest citizens to the electorate of Lilley with a ceremony and certificate of welcome presented at the Hamilton Wheelers Clubhouse.



WITH **ANIKA WELLS MP**

When: Sunday 3 March 2024

Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm

Where: Hamilton Wheelers Clubhouse, Albert Bishop Park, Hedley Ave, Nundah 4012

There will be community fundraiser BBQ's, food and drink trucks, a free petting zoo, puppy cuddles, music and entertainment, face painting, a jumping castle, a visit from the Easter Bunny and kids' activities run by local childcare centres and community groups.

Don't forget to sign up to run in our third instalment of the Running of the Babies - Pram Pro-Am Race! There are prizes up for grabs for the Pram Pro-Am Race place holders, so it pays to put those prams to the pavement.

Register your baby, newborn to 18 months, at www.anikawells.com.au/community/welcoming-the-babies-2024/ to be formally welcomed to our Northside community. Registrations will close on Friday the 1st of March at 9.00am.



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WITH **BRAD FLYNN**

Starting a question with 'why' or 'how' can kill potential solutions thus defeating the purpose of the question. Unless you get the sequence of questions and level of trust right.

Asking a 'why' question (e.g. why did you do that?) immediately challenges

someone's values and requires a high level of rapport so they feel safe to answer honestly. Otherwise they are likely to defend themselves with excuses and justifications, thus no solution.

Asking a 'how' question (e.g. how will you fix this?) too soon in a conversation before a person has thought things through, can leave a person lost and confused and unable to propose a solution.

Solving problems with the right sequence of questions is a lot like those charity funnels you put a coin into at shopping centres. The coin rolls around the funnel and speeds up as the funnel narrows until eventually dropping into the bottom.

At the top of the question funnel, use mostly what, where and when questions. Then as you get closer to the bottom of the funnel (the solution) ask future based why and how questions to lead to the best possible solution.

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FEBRUARY What's On.

02 FRIDAY

JASON TOWERS IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm



DAVE CLAYTON

Geebung RSL 7pm

GUITAR SAL

Aspley Hornets 7pm

KLUSTERFUNK LIVE @ THE LOUNGE

Kedron-Wavell 8pm

03 SATURDAY

SARAH ALICE IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm

DAVE VEASEY

Geebung RSL 7pm

DANNY DOON

Aspley Hornets 7pm

CHILLI PADI DUO @ THE LOUNGE

Kedron-Wavell 8pm

04 SUNDAY

MARCO

Geebung RSL 5pm

06 TUESDAY

SIMONE CUTTING

Geebung RSL 7pm

07 WEDNESDAY

MORNING MELODIES W/ ROB ROSENLUND

Aspley Hornets 10:30am

CHRIS BENT AT SOUNDBITES

Kedron-Wavell 11am

09 FRIDAY

CASSI MARIE IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm



ISSI DYE

Geebung RSL 7pm

ROMIO & JULIETTE

Aspley Hornets 7pm

BLACK N RED LIVE @ THE LOUNGE

Kedron-Wavell 8pm

10 SATURDAY

ROB STEVENSON

Geebung RSL 10:30am

CHANDLER JAY AT BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm

BAWDO & THE BEAR

Aspley Hornets 7pm

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

Windsor School of Arts hall,
381 Lutwyche Road 7:30pm

SYNOPSIS: Margot Mason, iconoclast, visionary and monstrous egotist, is a famous feminist writer, struggling to finish her next book. So when her comfortable home is invaded by an obsessed, gun-toting fan, her indignity knows no bounds. How could this confused and angry young woman be her nemesis? And so, from the very first moment, audiences are plunged into a smart and witty comedy of ideas, crackling with brilliant one-liners.-----The Female of the Species by Joanna Murray-Smith

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12 MONDAY

WATCH SUPERBOWL LVIII @ THE HORNETS

Aspley Hornets 8am

WATCH SUPERBOWL @ SPORTING GLOBE

Sporting Globe Bar and Grill 8am

11 SUNDAY

JAMES SCOTT AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm

JARED ALEXANDER

Geebung RSL 5pm



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14 WEDNESDAY

DAVE GRAY AT SOUNDBITES

Kedron-Wavell 11am



15 THURSDAY

VARIETY GALA SHOW WITH DEANA PEHER

Geebung RSL 10:30am

16 FRIDAY

CHRIS FRANCO AT BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm



BRETT WHITMORE

Aspley Hornets 7pm

GORAN SEDLAR

Geebung RSL 7pm

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17 SATURDAY

ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY STAND-UP

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MIKE WHITMORE

Geebung RSL 7pm

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CHAMPAGNE JAM DUO AT THE LOUNGE

Kedron-Wavell 8pm

18 SUNDAY

FORTUNATO

Geebung RSL 12:30pm

VIC KENA AT THE SHACK

Kedron-Wavell 2pm



CATHY DRUMMOND

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20 TUESDAY

CELTIC WOMEN

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21 WEDNESDAY

BILLY GUY AT SOUNDBITES

Kedron-Wavell 11am

23 FRIDAY

HAYDEN JOHN IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

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JAMBLING DUO AT THE LOUNGE

Kedron-Wavell 8pm

24 SATURDAY

CANDICE LONG IN BRAVO BREWHOUSE

Kedron-Wavell 5pm



FREE AGENTS

Aspley Hornets 7pm

TRACEY HOPEWELL

Geebung RSL 7pm

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

Windsor School of Arts hall,
381 Lutwyche Road 7:30pm
SYNOPSIS Margot Mason, iconoclast, visionary
and monstrous egotist, is a famous feminist writer,
struggling to finish her next book. So when her
comfortable home is invaded by an obsessed,
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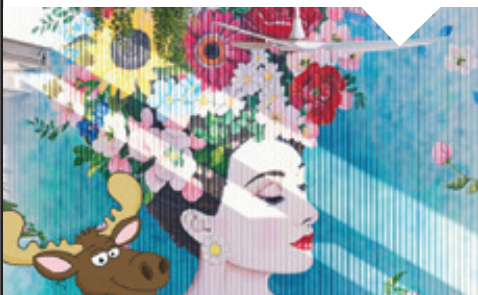
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STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

TEA AND TRIVIA: LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

Come along to Zillmere Library on Thursday, 15 February from 11am-12pm to celebrate Library Lovers' Day. Challenge your literary knowledge with themed trivia questions and make new friends along the way. Both individuals and groups are welcome.

Reserve your spot now for this free event by calling Zillmere Library at 3403 1455.

QUEENSLAND RADIOLOGY SPECIALISTS CLINIC OPENS

Queensland Radiology Specialists have opened a new clinic at the Chermisde Heath Hub on the corner of Rode Road and Gympie Road. The clinic is located on Level 2 and provides a wide range of services such as MRI, CT, XRAY, ultrasound, interventional procedures and more. Echocardiogram and holter monitors are also available.

For bookings phone 3472 2722 or email info@q-rad.com.au

DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR SCHOOL JUMBLE STALL

Our Lady of the Angels' School at Wavell Heights is calling on donations for this year's school fete. The school is requesting books, homewares, small furniture items, new clothes with tags attached, complete games and puzzles, soft toys in clean condition and any toys, hats, scarves, bags, shoes, bikes and scooters in reasonable condition. No used clothes, linen or DVDs.

Donations can be made on Sunday, 11 February between 9am-11am at Presentation House (car park off Ferguson Road).

NEW COFFEE SHOP IN CARSELDINE

Brand new coffee shop Betty's Brew recently opened next to Woolworths at Carseldine

Central Shopping Centre on Beams Road. The café provides a variety of fresh pastries including sour cherry custard Danish and almond croissants, as well as wraps, and acai flow on tap.

WANT TO PLAY HOCKEY IN 2024? JOIN THE KEDRON-WAVELL WOLVES!

The Kedron-Wavell Hockey Club is hosting a four-week hockey program for children between the ages of 5 and 14. This clinic will take place on Tuesdays from 13 February to 5 March, between 5pm and 6pm, at Burringbar Park in Chermisde. The cost of the program is \$60, which covers a hockey stick, shinpads, ball, and bag. Participants must provide their own mouthguards.

Email learnhockey@gmail.com to sign up.

JUMP INTO FITNESS WITH BOOGIE BOUNCE BRISBANE NORTH

Get ready to get fit and have a blast with Boogie Bounce Brisbane North at their 30-minute exercise class on mini-trampolines, held at the Zillmere Community Centre. The classes are held on Mondays at 5pm, 6pm, and 6.45pm, as well as Thursdays at 5.15pm and 6pm.

Don't forget to book your spot in advance through gymcatch.com/app/provider/5541/events or by messaging Boogie Bounce Brisbane North on Facebook.

LEARN HOW TO WATCH TV ON THE INTERNET

Ensure you never miss another episode of your favourite TV show at the TV Streaming on the Internet workshop hosted by Brisbane City Council. Held at Chermisde Library on Thursday, 15 February from 1pm to 2.30pm, the workshop will expand your knowledge of online streaming as you learn how to watch television using the internet on your laptop, mobile device or smart TV. Basic computer and internet skills are necessary.

Make a booking by contacting Chermisde Library on 3403 7200.

RENOVATIONS TO THE BISTRO DECK AT ASPLEY HORNETS

The Bistro Deck at Aspley Hornets is currently undergoing renovations that include expanding the roof to provide additional covered space. The expansion will offer more shade during hot weather and protect customers on rainy days. The deck will remain closed until late March. The Premier's Bar smoking area and deck will remain open as usual. However, there will be no access to the club through the field or football car park.

JOIN STAFFORD GARDEN CLUB!

The Stafford Garden Club will hold their first meeting for 2024 on Thursday 15 February at the OES Hall, Cnr Kitchener Road and Bohland Street, Kedron. Join them at 9.30am for morning tea, plant and raffle sales and Guest Speaker, Colin Purnell from Earth Life Products. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from February through til November.

WELCOMING THE BABIES

Welcoming the Babies is an annual event held to welcome the littlest Northsiders to our community. This year's event will take place on 3 March from 9am to 12pm at Albert Bishop Park, 111 Hedley Avenue Nundah. This family friendly event will include a petting zoo, face painting, jumping castle, pram pro-am and craft activities. For more information and to register go to www.anikawells.com.au/community/welcoming-the-babies-2024/

Would you like to contribute to Cherside Bites?

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



STORY PATRICIA HIGGINS

New members can now join a book club with the theme of delving into the juicy details of contemporary crime and mystery novels.

The Zillmere Library is hosting monthly book clubs where members will have the opportunity to discuss an assigned book as well as any other novels they have read that month in the same genre.

According to a Brisbane City Council spokesperson, the Murder and Crime Book Club has been running since 2021, with each meeting well attended and attracting an average of five to 10 participants.

"We would recommend members have a library membership so that they can borrow each month's prescribed read, but all are welcome to come and join in the discussions," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said that the Murder and Crime Book Club meet-ups are scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month, except December.

Just a taste of what might be on the murder and crime novel menu are the popular titles *A Dance With Murder* by Elizabeth Coleman and *Dark Arena: A Frenchman Thriller* by Jack Beaumont.

The Murder and Crime Book Club is currently open and accepting new members.

To reserve your place, call the Zillmere Library on 07 3403 1455.

**Murder and Crime Book Club
Tuesday, 26 March, 4pm-5pm
Zillmere Library
Cnr Jennings Street & Zillmere Road, Zillmere.**



to the community, as almost 50 per cent of presentations to the Prince Charles Hospital in Chermside were for non-urgent or semi-urgent care.

"I know many families who have had to wait long hours at the Prince Charles Hospital emergency department for non-life-threatening issues," Ms Wells said.

"The Northside Medicare UCC will ease pressure on the local emergency department and be much more convenient for our communities – closer to home, at short notice, and bulk-billed under Medicare."

The UCC is equipped with a team of doctors and nurses who offer timely care and treatment in a general practice setting for patients requiring medical attention for an illness or injury that cannot wait for a regular appointment with a GP but doesn't necessitate a hospital visit. No referral is needed.

Common illnesses and injuries that receive priority care at the UCC include lacerations and cuts requiring stitches, basic fractures and sprains, minor burns, rashes, urinary tract infections,

insect and animal bites, respiratory conditions, ENT infections, gastroenteritis and Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT). A nurse will triage and admit patients to the service if deemed suitable.

Residents must still call Triple Zero (000) or visit the nearest emergency department if they or someone is experiencing chest pain or tightness, breathing difficulties, uncontrollable bleeding, severe burns, poisoning, unconsciousness or seizures, numbness or paralysis, a life-threatening injury, ongoing fever in infants or unresponsiveness.

The Northside Medicare Urgent Care Clinic operates from 8am-8pm, seven days a week, providing walk-in care that is fully bulk-billed. Patients are required to present their Medicare card upon arrival.

The UCC is located 3.7 kilometres from the Prince Charles Hospital and close to I-Med Radiology Network in Chermside and Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology on Gympie Road in Kedron.

Walk-in appointments are available. Those wishing to make a booking can visit the clinic's website at northsidemedicareurgentcareclinic.com.au or call 07 2809 8950.

NEW MEDICARE URGENT CARE CLINIC OPENS IN KEDRON

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

PHOTO **OFFICE OF ANIKA WELLS MP**

A brand new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) has opened in Kedron, providing free, priority-based treatment for residents with urgent, but non-life-threatening health conditions.

The new clinic, located on 11 Brookfield Road, has been in operation since December and aims to reduce long waits for patients at emergency departments.

Federal Minister for Lillie and Minister for Aged Care and Sport Anika Wells said the Northside Medicare UCC would make a major difference

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MEET YOU AT THE COVE

STORY **PIPER ZUINO**
PHOTO **JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY**

Following six months of renovations, the Geebung RSL is open for business and ready to welcome back its members and the public.

The newly renovated RSL now includes the HUB Sports Lounge, The Cove Kitchen & Bar, a new commercial kitchen, a new veterans welfare office and new entry stairs and gardens.

Geebung RSL president Harry Boxsell said the club was pleased to deliver new amenities to over 17,500 members, 250 service members and the public.

"The board and management of Geebung RSL are looking forward to attracting new members to the club, including families and young people," he said.

"I am particularly excited about The Cove and the benefits it will provide the local Geebung residents and business community."

Geebung RSL Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Greg Hurley said one of the areas he was most excited about was also "the development of The Cove – Kitchen & Bar, which is very exciting for our members and the greater local community."

The development has seen the transformation of the corner of Newman Road and Collings Street into a contemporary and fresh offering

comprising a 170-seater café, kitchen and bar – all in one.

The new alfresco area is designed to be a great location to kick back with friends while enjoying tapas, share plates and cocktails.

"The addition of The Cove and the HUB Sport Lounge will ensure that Geebung RSL can continue to grow its levels of patronage and revenues into the future, by appealing to a 'new club member'," Greg said.

"An individual, a group of friends or family who normally would not visit an RSL or community club will ideally now see Geebung RSL as a genuine option for them to dine and socialise at due to the increased modern and appealing options on offer."

Veteran support and advocacy have also been prioritised, with a new dedicated veterans welfare office with veterans and their families now having a private environment to meet at the Geebung RSL with a qualified volunteer veterans advocacy officer.

For \$5 you can become a social member of the Geebung RSL for life and receive benefits including a minimum of 10% off all food and beverage products.

For more information visit www.geebungrsl.com.au/

HOW TO CONTROL GARDEN PESTS WITHOUT NASTY POISONS



STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT**
PHOTO **LUNA CLARA FROM PIXABAY**

While many plants have flourished in all the heat and rain, many garden pests have too.

From snails and caterpillars to fungal plant diseases, these can be controlled without resorting to toxic chemicals. Pesticides can damage the entire ecosystem of your garden by killing beneficial species such as ladybugs, butterflies and bees. Cherish your garden a favour and keep family and pets safe via –

Prevention – a healthy plant is less likely to be attacked than a weaker one. Add organic compost to boost your plants. Add coffee grounds to soil as a barrier against many plant diseases.

Companion planting – some plants deter pests from the plants near them. Nasturtiums, marigolds and petunias attract pollinators and repel pests.

Home-made remedies - make your own inexpensive and natural sprays to protect plants. Repel insects with a combination of garlic, eucalyptus oil, salt, chilli or citric oil. Strong coffee kills slugs and snails. Fungal diseases can be deterred by spraying plants with milk.

Chickens – hens love to eat all types of beetles and grubs. In their search for yummy treats, they scratch around your garden, thereby turning your soil, and provide natural compost.

We will explore these options further in the next months' columns.

Happy gardening!



BEYOND CHERMSIDE



FAIRY TALES EXHIBITION CASTS SPELL ON BRISBANE

STORY **ALYSSA MACKAY**

A major exhibition has arrived in Brisbane, offering audiences an opportunity to explore the timeless world of fairy tales through contemporary art, design and film.

The Fairy Tales exhibition is currently open to the public at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and will run until Sunday, 28 April.

QAGOMA Director Chris Saines said Fairy Tales featured more than 100 works of art encompassing sculpture, installation, painting, photography, printmaking, papercuts, animation, video art, augmented reality, film, props and costumes.

"While fairy tales have changed form through different eras and societies, their themes have remained universally resonant," Mr Saines said. "This exhibition transports visitors into the faraway land of magical stories that cast an enduring spell on adults and children alike."

The exhibition is divided into three chapters, starting with Into the Woods, which explores metamorphosis, unpredictability and danger. The second chapter, Through the Looking Glass, taps into childhood imagination with puppets,

toys, clocks, twirling mushrooms and flying houses. Ever After, the final chapter examines love and relationships in fairy tales.

Exhibition highlights include Brazilian artist Henrique Oliveira's *Corupira*, where visitors can become immersed in a twisted forest made from tree branches and salvaged timber, and Timothy Horn's *Mother-Load*, a stagecoach crafted from crystallised rock sugar.

To make the experience even more special, a Valentine's Day event called *Ever After* will take place within the exhibition this month. Couples and friends are invited to take part in creative workshops, photo booths, bars and a three-course dinner on Wednesday, 14 February.

For those who appreciate the magic of classic cinema, the Fairy Tales Cinema will screen the black and white silent film, *Claire*, on Sunday, 3 March accompanied by a live performance from organist David Bailey. Jim Henson's television series *The Storyteller* also screens daily as part of the exhibition.

On Friday, 15 March and Saturday, 16 March, the Fairy Tales Up Late all-ages event will feature a lineup of live music that includes Methyl Ethel, Tjaka, ZZADE, Elizabeth and more.

A spokesperson for Meanjin/Brisbane-based band Tjaka said supporting Methyl Ethel had been a dream of band member Felix for a long while.

"Plus the Up Late stuff is always gorgeous in QAGOMA," the spokesperson added.

Tickets to Fairy Tales range from \$10-\$28 and \$71 for a family. For more information and tickets to the exhibition, Valentine's Day: Ever After, the Fairy Tales Cinema, and Fairy Tales Up Late visit www.qagoma.qld.gov.au

Fairy Tales
Open until Sunday, 28 April, 10am-5pm
Gallery of Modern Art
Stanley Place, South Brisbane.

Burnie Brae Turns 40

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information sessions and performances by the Burnie Brae community from 10am

Learn something new and useful from our speakers and partners, then stay for morning tea and performances from our community. From music to dance, our talented community members will dazzle you.

- **6 March** – Understanding aged care, home and support services
- **13 March** – How to build healthy habits
- **27 March** – Plan your next holiday with Norwegian Cruise Line, Wendy Wu Tours and Collette

Join us for **our main celebratory event from 8.30am on 20 March** with special guests, Bruce Paige and Roly Sussex. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and mingle with these renowned personalities, as well as other members and staff of Burnie Brae. There will be a morning tea, and stalls from our valued partners in the community. We welcome you to bring along your family members, friends or carers.

FREE EVENTS

Come and try activities from 1pm to 3pm

Try a free class, you might discover a new passion or talent! From Zumba, Bollywood dancing, fitness to painting, tai chi and more!

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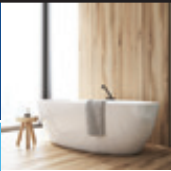
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