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Our cover photo this month is all about the Pine Rivers Show which you can read about on page 30 of this month's edition of the North Lakes Guide.

There are loads more events and stories inside this month's edition, so grab a cuppa and settle in!

Hear our exclusive interview with CEO Rachel Acres, founder of the Freedom Room in Strathpine, on this month's GuideCast. Simply scan the QR code below.

We also have inside a handy trades and services section so don't forget to help support our local small businesses!

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Jodie

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WHAT'S HOT



STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

FROM MY HAPPINESS TO TOMORROW: POWDERFINGER AND SILVERCHAIR TRIBUTE

Don't miss the ultimate tribute double header for fans of Powderfinger and Silverchair.

On Saturday, 6 July, Powderstreet and Frogstompers will be rocking out at Thirsty Chiefs Brewing Company in North Lakes.

Powderstreet bass player, Kyle said they would be playing Powderfinger hits like Sunsets, My Happiness and (Baby I've Got You) On My Mind across a full live production set-up.

"We love performing throughout the country, but even more in front of a Brisbane home crowd," Kyle said.

He said the audience could expect two hours of Australia's greatest rock music from two of Australia's greatest rock bands.

"Unfortunately, both Powderfinger and Silverchair no longer perform live," he said. "So, come and re-live their live experience with us on 6 July at Thirsty Chiefs."

Tickets are \$22.49. Book at www.eventbrite.com.au and search for 'Powderstreet the Powderfinger tribute show'.



KRIS KRINGLE AND MRS CLAUS HOST MAGICAL BOOK READING

The Festive Emporium in North Lakes is hosting a special event on Saturday, 6 July with none other than Kristifor Kringle, better known as Santa Claus, doing a reading of his books.

The jolly man in red will be joined by Mrs Claus as they entertain children with stories from books titled A Night Before Christmas, Santa and the Christmas Gnomes and The Elphabet Book.

"These books have only just been released, although many years in the writing by the Elves, Christmas Gnomes, Reindeer (I translate) and also myself," Mr Kringle said. "As you will see, they are printed by ELF Print and only in short runs as they have much to do throughout the year."

Parents are welcome to take photos of their families with Kristifor Kringle and Mrs Claus. Books will also be available for purchase and can be signed by this very festive duo.

The event starts at 12pm. To secure a spot, interested guests must register as 'going' on the Festive Emporium's Facebook event 'Kristifor Kringle Book Reading'.

A FEAST FIT FOR SANTA

Get ready to celebrate Christmas in July at Barracks by Striker from 25 July to 28 July.

This new restaurant on Dayboro Road in Petrie is offering a feast with all the trimmings, including roast meats, vegetables and crispy potatoes.

Michelle Bowker from Barracks by Striker welcomed guests to their magical Christmas in July weekend.

"Indulge in our exquisite three-course dinner, crafted to bring the festive spirit to life," Michelle said. "Celebrate with us and make unforgettable memories in the heart of our community."

Guests can order from the bar or participate in a Christmas drinks package. Bookings are available from Thursday to Saturday from 5pm and Sunday from 12pm.

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n a bid to make school commutes safer and more accessible for children, City of Moreton Bay has launched the Active School Travel program at Mango Hill State School.

The program aims to encourage children to be healthier by walking to school along upgraded footpaths, crossings, bus stops, cycleways and roads.

Mayor Peter Flannery expressed his excitement about the program and its potential impact on the community.

"As a parent, I understand just how difficult school drop-off and pickup times can be; the delays due to increased traffic congestion and the concerns around our children's safety when travelling to and from school," he said.

Council has recently upgraded and delivered several infrastructure projects around Mango Hill to support the program. These upgrades include connected footpaths, safer road crossings, bus stop locations and designated meeting points for active transport.

"Walking, scootering, and cycling to school also has numerous health benefits for students and families, including improved overall concentration and independence, opportunities for socialising and a better sense of wellbeing," Mayor Flannery said.

Families and community members are encouraged to utilise meeting points along active transport routes, discuss active travel with their children, and incorporate more active school travel into their routines. Completing travel surveys provided by the school and Council can also help monitor results and suggest improvements.

For more information on the Active School Travel initiative, visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Roads/School-Based-Road-Safety-Programs

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A MUSICAL STEP **BACK IN TIME**

STORY SHEREE HODDINETT

If you're a child of the 80s or 90s, chances are you have fond memories of the music scene.

Now you can relive some of your favourite tunes at the Kallangur Tavern when they play host to the ultimate musical showdown as the Never Ending 80s presents: 80s vs 90s - The Battle of the Decades.

The biggest decision you have to make is which side you choose. The 80s were a time of neon fashion and unforgettable anthems. It was the decade that saw the rise of many legendary artists. The music from this era was characterised by its experimental use of electronic instruments and catchy melodies, along with a sense of flamboyant style and fun.

On the other hand, the 90s brought a diverse and dynamic range of musical styles to the forefront. This was the decade of grunge, hip-hop, pop music and boy bands. The 90s were a time of both angst and exuberance, reflected in the eclectic mix of genres that defined the era.

Get ready to hit the dance floor with a live performance show that sees the best pop hits of two iconic decades vying it out in the ultimate song-to-song battle.

Which song will be named the victor? Will No Doubt's 'Just A Girl' beat out Cyndi Lauper's timeless tune 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun'? Will everyone's 'Material Girl' Madonna reign supreme, or will the Spice Girls steal the crown with 'Wannabe' – one of the biggest songs from the mid-90s? And when it comes to music royalty, will 80s Prince outshine the groovy sounds of 90s Jamiroquai?

And who can forget the boy bands? Will you be dancing to the crooning tunes of the Backstreet Boys who want it that way or are you still loving Bon Jovi and his luscious locks as he's still Livin' on a Prayer? This is the ultimate test of which musical decade truly reigns supreme and you can help decide!

With the Never Ending 80s belting out the songs, you can be sure that this will be an unforgettable night filled with non-stop entertainment and exhilarating music. And don't forget to dress up for the experience. Tease your hair, grab your shoulder pads or best neon tights and shake the dust out of those flannel shirts and ripped jeans — it's time for a battle to relive the music that defined a generation.

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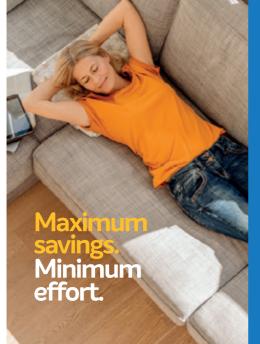
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his year has been full of many memorable community visits and events, and I have had the privilege to meet so

many new faces in our electorate.



WITH LUKE **HOWARTH MP**

Just over a month ago, the Albanese Labor Government handed down their third budget. We needed a budget focused on a back-to-basics economic agenda that; restores our standard of living and tames

inflation; restores prosperity and creates opportunity for all Australians; and restores budget discipline and honesty. Unfortunately, Labor's Budget did not achieve this.

Regarding our electorate, there is nothing in it for Petrie. Several of our infrastructure projects have been left out. I have secured funding for many projects within our electorate and have advocated in parliament on several occasions on the urgency. These projects need to commence as soon as possible.

I will continue to keep pushing for several projects to be funded. These include funding for the Dolphins NRL High Performance Centre, AJ Kelly Park upgrades, a new clubhouse for Redcliffe Leagues Club, Women's change rooms at the Redcliffe Tigers and many more projects.

I will continue to advocate for you and bring your matters to Parliament.

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Cost of living action is my number one priority, that's why we're delivering direct cost of living relief to Queensland households by making multinational mining companies pay their fair share.







SPREADING TH WINGS OF CARE

STORY SHEREE HODDINETT

or Jenny Kingdom, dedicating her time to helping wildlife was always a path she was going

While she has a love and passion for all animals, it's some of the smaller and lesser-known creatures that have captured her attention. Jenny is a part of Bat Conservation and Rescue Queensland and along with her partner, they are carers for orphaned flying foxes.

"We have chosen to focus on flying fox orphans as we have the time to facilitate the regular required feeds throughout the day," Jenny said. "However, many of our members who work full-time care for microbats, which only need feeding once at night and are typically in care for about three days. Other members chose to focus on rescues alone, especially if they have work or time constraints.'

Like many other animals, microbats and flying foxes are impacted by the effects of deforestation (including bushfires), general tree clearing and urbanisation. Being displaced from their natural habitat sees them resorting to seeking food in our gardens and parklands.

"Microbats are insectivores and eat the insects that are out at night, such as mozzies and moths," Jenny

explains. "They have a very small flight range from their roost sites. These are traditionally in a tree hollow and under the bark. Sometimes, when they lose their home, they are forced nearby to people's houses we receive a lot of calls each year about microbats in people's outdoor umbrellas, for example.

"Flying foxes prefer to feed on the nectar and pollen of native trees, also the fruit of natives such as the Moreton Bay Fig. Like microbats, flying foxes are sometimes forced to nearby houses and parklands to find food."

So, how can we as a community help/lessen the impact on these creatures and their habitat?

"Microbats can be helped by installing microbat boxes and keeping pets inside at night," Jenny said. "The Redcliffe Men's Shed has very kindly made 20 boxes for our organisation (10 of which are a 100% donation from them) to sell at a very reasonable price. Thank you so much Redcliffe Men's Shed!

"Flying foxes can be helped by people keeping their pets inside at night and supervised when out for a toilet break. Please report flying foxes on power lines even if you think they are dead and use wildlife-friendly fruit netting (nothing with holes big enough you can stick your little finger through)."

Believe it or not, there are microbats and flying foxes all around us! From a semi-permanent flying fox colony in Sandgate to a large permanent one in the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens, all the way up to Caboolture and beyond. Microbats can find homes and live side by side in harmony in buildings, without us even knowing they are there!

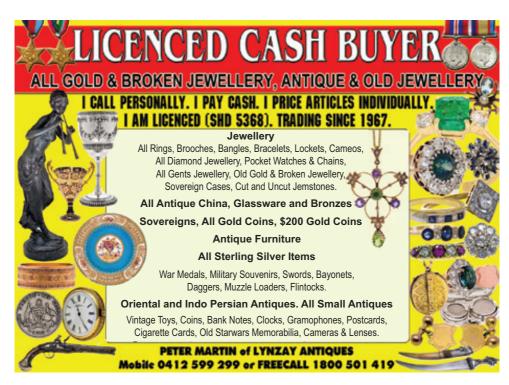
"Bats are social and prefer to be with their colony any bat on its own during the day, or on the ground day or night (they cannot take off from the ground like a bird) would be in trouble," Jenny said. "Please ring our rescue phone which is monitored 24/7 on 0488 228 134. And please remember no touch equals no risk, so please do not handle the bat and risk being bitten or scratched."

Bat Conservation and Rescue QLD is based in Brisbane and surrounds. They are always looking for volunteers to join the friendly and supportive 'batty' family.

For further information, visit https://bats.org.au/



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STORY MARNIE BIRCH

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For tickets visit www.gsmee.com.au

WORN IT, OWNED IT MARKETS

Grab a bargain of clothing and accessories at pre-loved prices and help support the Variety Club of Australia charity at the Worn It, Owned It Market on Saturday, 20 July. Everything pre-loved is for sale. The markets run from 8am to 12pm at Old Petrie Town. 901 Dayboro Road, Whiteside.

PLANT A TREE WITH YOUR DOG

Sunday, 28 July is National Tree Day. It's Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event and there's a local event that will run conjointly with Pooches in the Park in Kallangur. Get your hands dirty and plant a tree as a legacy for future generations while enjoying the Pooches in the Park event at Penson Park between 8am and 12pm. Free entry.

WORM FARMING AT HOME

Discover how easy it is to keep worms, reduce waste and enrich and improve the garden and soil with Brian "The Worm Man" Donaldson, plus information on how to start and maintain a worm farm. Get up close and personal with our wriggly friends at this free event for adults at Strathpine Library on Saturday, 20 July between 11am and 12pm.

Bookings required. To book go to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/ libraries/Events/Worm-Farming/Worm-Farming-Strathpine

MAKE A CLAY PINCH POT

Feeling creative? Make a pinch pot using air-dry clay to take home in this beginners' workshop for adults at North Lakes Library on Tuesday, 30 July. The workshop runs from 11am to 11.30am.

Bookings required. Go to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/ Events/Pinch-pot/NL

NAVIGATING YOUR CARE

Attention seniors. Discover essential information on what an Enduring Power of Attorney and an Advanced Health Directive means for your needs and wishes at North Lakes Library on Tuesday, 9 July at 10.30am. The event is free but bookings are required. Call the North Lakes Library on 3480 9900.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

City of Moreton Bay libraries host a range of events to keep the kids busy during the holidays. At North Lakes Library on Wednesday, 3 July, you can cuddle a wombat with Martin from Geckos Wildlife, and on Thursday, 4 July you can learn about blue whale poo. Kids can also learn how to draw cute manga monsters' in the Pokémon style at the Deception Bay Library on Friday, 5 July.

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STORY MARNIE BIRCH

ilitary aviation does not immediately spring to mind when thinking of suburban Petrie and Strathpine, yet warplanes remain an intrinsic part of the area's history. Streets like Wirraway, Lancaster and Spitfire Avenue recall the many aircraft that flew at three military airfields constructed in the vicinity during World War II. The airfields formed a vital part of the strategic defence of Brisbane and were known as A1, A2 and A3.

The main landing strip, or Strathpine A2 airfield, comprised a paved runway along what is now Spitfire Avenue, behind Pine Rivers High School. During the war, A2 was used by British, American and Australian fighter squadrons. It also serviced 283 Australian army units and 15,000 US troops who were stationed nearby, training for deployment in the Pacific.

Besides the A2 runway, two other grass landing strips were constructed - the Petrie Airfield or A1, situated along Bells Pocket and Lawnton Pocket Road, and A3 or the Strathpine South Airfield, which is now a croquet field and industrial warehouses.

Petrie's A1 airfield was built at a 60-degree angle to the main A2 runway. Together with A3, it offered alternative landing strips in the event of aviation emergencies or when adverse wind conditions prevented a landing at A2. However, the large trees that surrounded A1 presented problems for pilots.

Peter Dunn's Australia@War website records that pilots were required to fly in an "S" shaped approach to A1 in order to keep the airfield in view when landing. The trees proved dangerous when flying at low speed and low altitude. Aviation records indicate that 2nd Lieutenant Maxwell J Jones was tragically killed in 1942 when his P-400 aircraft struck a tree while landing at A1. And in 1944, two Spitfire aircraft collided mid-air over North Pine Country Markets, killing two men.

Following the war, both A1 and A3 were dismantled. Although these airfields once bristled with military activity, little evidence remains today. The A2 runway was briefly used as a racetrack in 1950 before becoming Spitfire Avenue when the land was developed for housing. Only two small Council-erected memorials that celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII stand testament to the location of A1 and A3.



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FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

STORY SHEREE HODDINETT

hat do you get when you mix a touch of magic, loads of entertainment, market stalls and a couple of cheeky little visitors?

Head along to the Murrumba Market – Christmas in July as they celebrate the gift of giving with a market packed to the brim with festivities and fun for the whole family.

You can indulge in a little winter festive cheer, enjoy a few tunes with an abundance of entertainment, take a stroll through and purchase goodies from the many stalls on offer and have your tastebuds tantalised with a variety of delicious treats from the food trucks.

But wait there's more!

In the spirit of the celebration, there will also be the opportunity to join in on special activities that will fill your heart with so much joy. Kids can have their faces painted and you can watch the talented stilt walkers as they make their way around the market.

Moreton Bay Region Events co-director Eliza Burke said visitors can expect a very special night, but warned everyone to be on the lookout for two very cheeky little elves who have escaped from the North Pole.

"Come down and enjoy live music, an abundance of local vendors and food trucks, but be sure to be on your best behaviour!" Eliza said. "There will be two cheeky elves roving the market causing mischief and reporting it all back to Santa at the North Pole! We have heard they plan to create havoc among the crowd!"

So, if you're looking for an afternoon out and about away from the hustle and bustle of life, the market is the place to be!

"We can't wait for Murrumba Market's Christmas in July," Eliza said. "We're bringing loads of FREE fun for all the local families in the area.

"Don't miss out on this magical celebration – it's the perfect way to create unforgettable memories with family and friends, whilst supporting local at the same time! We hope to see you there."

The Murrumba Market – Christmas in July is proudly supported by City of Moreton Bay, Moreton Money and Moreton Bay Region Events.

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out with your furry friends, you can get your hands dirty and help plant some trees.

"Together with the City of Moreton Bay, Pooches in the Park will offer event attendees the opportunity to give back to their community by planting a tree while you're at the event," Ms Wheeler said. "Registrations for the tree planting will be available through the City of Moreton Bay. We will share the link to register via the Facebook event once it's available, so keep an eye out for that one.'

For further information about Pooches in the Park, visit www.whatsonmoretonbay. com/events/pooches-in-the-park or search for the 'Pooches in the Park Kallangur' event on Facebook.

STORY SHEREE HODDINETT

et ready to spend a fun Sunday morning in the park with your furry four-legged best friend.

Penson Park in Kallangur will play host to a barking mad event with Pooches in the Park on Sunday, 28 July.

This year is the third Pooches in the Park, with Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism CEO Natassia Wheeler highlighting the event as an ultimate Sunday morning outing with your beloved pooch.

"Pet owners and their furry companions can indulge in the charm of our pet-themed market stalls, a captivating entertainment line-up, delectable offerings from food trucks, plus discover an abundance of paw-some activities in our entertainment precinct," Ms Wheeler said.

Pooches in the Park will certainly celebrate and spoil the furry-legged members of the family with a doggy makeover station, doggy ice cream and market stalls featuring a variety of pet products, accessories and tasty treats that your dog will love.

Presented by the City of Moreton Bay and delivered by Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism, Pooches in the Park is part of the City of Moreton Bay community events program, featuring an event across Moreton Bay almost every weekend, providing easy access for all residents to enjoy a variety of free community events.

"We know the residents of the City of Moreton Bay enjoy exploring the local area with their furry friends, so creating dog-friendly events in the calendar was essential," Ms Wheeler said.

As a bonus to this special doggy day, it coincides with National Tree Day, Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event. So, along with enjoying some time

Pooches in the Park Sunday, 28 July, 8am-12pm Penson Park 25 Ann Street, Kallangur.











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MOVIE REVIEW



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THE CONVERT -**MOVIE REVIEW**

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pet in 1830's New Zealand, Guy Pearce plays a stoic lay preacher (someone who hasn't been formally ordained), who arrives in New Zealand to spread his faith. However, he soon finds himself caught between two warring tribes and fighting to keep the people he cares for alive.

While this fictional story is loosely based on Hamish Clayton's Te Rauparaha-inspired novel Wulf, the entire film feels authentic and a million miles away from Hollywood - I mean this as a compliment. Aside from Pearce, there are no big names in the cast, which adds to the film's realism. This isn't to say that the acting isn't top tier - which it is, especially from the Māori cast who commit to every movement, every scream and every line of dialogue. In particular, rising star Tioreore Ngatai-Melbourne relishes her role as a warrior widow on a path of revenge.

Keep an eye out for consummate villain Lawrence Makoare, who you may not recognise from The Lord of the Rings (because he was under a ton of makeup).

Managing to avoid some of the more traditional tropes, The Convert circumnavigates the 'white

saviour' pitfalls and delves into less-trodden territory, demonstrating that people can resolve their differences without help from outsiders. This is in part thanks to its talented Māori director Lee Tamahori, who gave us James Bond's Die Another Day and the brutal Once Were Warriors. Tamahori adds his own flare and although there are splashes of violence, it's used sparingly, with purpose and never gratuitously, which helps set this film apart from traditional period dramas - Bridgerton this aint.

As someone who is fascinated with the Māori culture and its history, I relished this insight into a time and people that are not explored enough in cinema. I was immersed in traditional sets, wrapped in detailed costumes and enveloped in beautiful scenery (although it would be hard to make the New Zealand countryside look ugly). Watch The Convert at your local cinema and relish the sweeping landscapes and guttural war cries on the big screen.

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PIGS FLY... ALONG THE SHOW RACE TRACK!



STORY SHEREE HODDINETT PHOTO NOEL ROBERTS

hat happens when you gather a bunch of squealing pigs and get them to race?

You could find out when the racing pigs hit the track and up the entertainment stakes at this year's Pine Rivers Show – the biggest and oldest running local show in the City of Moreton Bay.

For Kev Kiley, pig racing became a big part of his life when he took over Noah's Farm back in 2000 and it has now evolved into a booming business which sees him travelling the east coast of Australia, from Cairns to Hobart.

"We have four crews on the road now, doing an average of 80 to 90 jobs a year," Kev said. "This year, we'll be back at the Pine Rivers Show with about six or seven pigs racing and give the crowd a bit of entertainment.

"It's interesting how people react when they find out about the pigs – a lot of people don't realise it's a business, they think it's a hobby. But my hobby's my pub and my business is the pig races, which we also raise money for charity and it's probably well over \$10 million now."

Working with animals can't be easy, but Kev certainly knows a thing or two having grown up in the heart of the Mallee country in Victoria. One of his longest-standing memories certainly helps with pig racing today!

"I was the youngest of nine boys and we used to milk the cows before we went to school," he said. "I can still remember walking past the pigs with buckets of milk and the pigs would just go nuts because they could smell the milk. It certainly comes in handy with the races we do now, that's for sure!"

This year's Pine Rivers Show is, as always, one for the whole family. Noel Roberts, who you'll find capturing all the show fun behind the lens of a camera, as well as hearing his voice radiating through the ground speakers, highlights it as a popular option for many local families looking for a fun day out.

"One of the things that we have always said about the show is that once you have paid your entrance fee, you really don't have to spend anything else if you don't want to," Mr Roberts said. "For families,



a day at the show is very good value. They can bring in their own food and drinks if they want to, they can see all of the entertainment, animal farms and other demonstrations for free.

"We do our best to try and make it family friendly because we know everybody's under a bit of stress with the cost of living at the moment. And if you come in before 3pm on the first day (the Friday) there's no admission fee, it's free for everyone."

Along with the extremely entertaining pig racing, you can also walk with llamas, capture a bit of circus

action, see what scaly and slithery creatures feature in the reptile show, admire the beauty of the Clydesdale horses, jump on a few rides, fill your arms with showbags and delectable treats, ooh and aah over the nightly fireworks and see what the riders have in store at the rodeo. There is plenty to see and do at this year's Pine Rivers Show.

For further information, programs and tickets, visit pineriversshow.org.au

Pine Rivers Show

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14 SUNDAY

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O6 SATURDAY

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07 SUNDAY

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PETRIE HOTEL -

Live music from 5pm

12 FRIDAY

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17 WEDNESDAY

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 3-

Live in pubs and clubs

19 FRIDAY

PETRIE HOTEL -

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KALLANGUR TAVERN -

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DECEPTION BAY TAVERN -

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POOCHES IN THE PARK -

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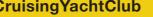
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art social gathering, part Aboriginal Art Exhibition and all heart sums up this Christmas in July event where everyone is very welcome.

Aboriginal artist and event organiser, Sandra Squis (affectionately known as Auntie Sandy), will have paintings for sale and her daughter Jordana Angus will be showcasing her contemporary Indigenous jewellery.

Aunty Sandy said that her paintings were interpretations of both local scenes and extensive overseas travels.

"Some are of places like Scarborough Beach, some depict bush tucker, others are inspired by other countries I've visited," Aunty Sandy said.

"They often feature repurposed materials like old doors and organic embellishments, such as snakeskin, feathers and shells,"

Aunty Sandy is also the founder and coordinator of the JOY's Meetup Group – JOY being a fun acronym for Just Older Youngsters – a group open to everyone, especially new retirees.

"Many of the group will be in attendance to reconnect with friends and form new friendships as newcomers are very welcome," Aunty Sandy

"Many people can't wait to retire because they

are burnt out. Then when they do retire they don't know what to do. We encourage them to stay active and social and take up hobbies.

"I've seen people come in lonely and sad, with no one to talk to about their grief. In a few months with us, they are a different person. A much happier person with a new lease on life.

"We meet here at Xander's Café because it is so friendly, affordably priced, the food is great and they really look after us."

Tickets to the art exhibition are \$20 per person and must be prepaid. This provides you with a plate of finger food and a hot or cold beverage of your choice.

Come mix and mingle while enjoying delicious refreshments, seeing beautiful art and hopefully picking up a prize in the raffles or lucky door prize.

For more information and to RSVP search Facebook for 'Christmas in July Aboriginal Art Exhibition' and message Aunty Sandy from there.

This is an event to put a smile on your face, as it embodies the spirit of joy traditionally experienced most at Christmas.

'Christmas in July' Aboriginal Art Exhibition Saturday, 20 July, 4pm-6pm Xander's Cafe 14-18 Discovery Drive, North Lakes.



his month's recipe has been provided by Paula Surmon. This is a QCWA recipe used over many years and always enjoyed. I decided to have a go at making the recipe a little "healthier", with a reduced sugar and fat variation with the added benefit of high fibre. I have included both ingredient lists and both variations produce a yummy, moist date loaf.

This Date Loaf is also suitable for freezing.

Ingredients

- 4 Weetbix crushed
- 60g Butter
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 210g Chopped Dates
- 1 Tsp Bi Carb Soda
- 1 Cup Boiling Water
- 1 Egg beaten
- 1 Cup Self Raising Flour

Place the 4 crushed Weetbix into a bowl with the butter, sugar, chopped dates and bi carb soda. Pour 1 cup of boiling water over the mixture and let it stand for 5 minutes.

Add the beaten egg and the self raising flour and mix well.

Bake in a loaf tin in a moderate oven (180C) for 45 to 60 minutes.

ALTERNATIVE INGREDIENTS FOR A "HEALTHIER" DATE LOAF

- 4 Weetbix crushed
- 60g of 78% reduced fat Margarine
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 210g Chopped Dates
- 1 Tsp Bi Carb Soda
- 1 Cup Boiling Water with 1 Tbsp Milk
- 1 Egg beaten
- 1 Cup Wholemeal Self Raising Flour

The Pine Rivers Branch of the QCWA meets at 9.30am on the first Wednesday of the month at the QCWA Kallangur Hall, 1431 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur.

For more information, please email pineriversbranch@gcwa.org.au.





Cast including Tessa Parrish as Willy Wonka, or Tessa Parrish as Willy Wonka and Harlow Day as Charlie Bucket

STORY & PHOTO SALLY EBERHARDT

ee the world of pure imagination bloom as Northpine Christian College brings the fabulous musical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to glorious life!

This much-loved family favourite from Roald Dahl was chosen for its timeless appeal and ability to captivate audiences of all ages.

Cindy Sykes, drama teacher and stage director, said the vibrant characters and whimsical setting also provide a fantastic platform for the students to showcase their acting, singing, and dancing talents.

"Our production promises to be a visual and auditory treat, with elaborate sets, vibrant costumes and catchy musical numbers," Mrs Sykes said.

"Audiences will experience a heartwarming tale filled with humour, excitement and emotional moments that highlight the importance of family, integrity, kindness and honesty.

"It inspires both young and old to dream big and stay true to their values, no matter the challenges they face."

These powerful messages and the chance to

grow are of real appeal to the young cast too.

Year 12 student, Tessa Parrish, who plays Willy Wonka, said she loved Charlie and the Chocolate Factory because it explored a key theme – not everything is what it seems.

"I believe this is a good lesson – to not judge a book or factory by its cover," Tessa said.

"Having the opportunity to play Willy Wonka

with his larger-than-life personality has been a transformative journey, helping with my on-stage confidence and encouraging me to push the boundaries of fun and craziness in his interactions with other characters."

Year 7 student, Harlow Day, who plays Charlie Bucket, said he loved Charlie's character.

"Charlie is humble, enthusiastic, kind, clever and has a great imagination, and I love the banter between Charlie and Willy Wonka," Harlow said.

Other cast members include Findlay Meighan, Lachlann Green, Ella Thistleton, Annabella Green, Chastain Yu, Agolory Agolory, Tilly Day, Catherine Norman, Charlotte Gee, Raphael Bates and Jessica Chester.

The show on 25 July will be Auslan interpreted, underscoring Northpine Christian College's commitment to inclusivity.

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'Merv Hughes - Aussie Cricket Legend'





STORY MARNIE BIRCH KEEP VEGETABLES FRESHER

Line the vegetable crisper with a paper towel to absorb excess moisture that leaches from vegetables. This also makes cleaning the fridge easier.

For wilted veggies, sprinkle them with cool water, wrap them in a teatowel, and refrigerate them for an hour or more.

Keep lettuce fresh (with outer leaves on until ready to use) by wrapping it in a paper bag instead of the supermarket's soft plastic. The paper absorbs the moisture while plastic creates it. If you do use a plastic container for your lettuce, line it with a paper towel.

You can rejuvenate soggy lettuce by adding lemon juice to a bowl of cold water. Soak lettuce for an hour in the fridge.

STORING GARLIC

Store peeled garlic cloves in a bottle of coldpressed virgin olive oil to prevent them from drying out. When all the garlic has been used, the leftover oil makes a tasty base for salad dressings.

PEP UP YOUR PLANTS

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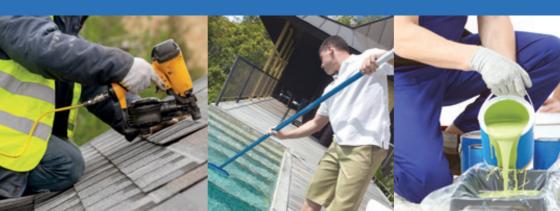
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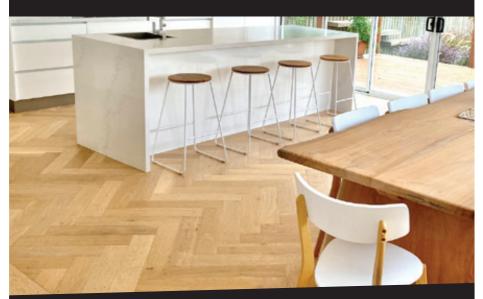
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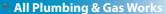
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