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# Have a Blast at NYE Twilight Markets

avour the last sunset of 2021 on the picturesque Peninsula with family, fireworks and fantastic food at the New Year's Eve Twilight Markets.

Local and visitors will be able to celebrate the new year at the family-friendly event presented by Redcliffe Farmers and Artisan Markets.

Marketing coordinator Natalea Noyes said Redcliffe Parade would be jam-packed with food, entertainment and unique artisan goods.

"It's a nice, relaxed way to spend time with the family ahead of 2022," Natalea said.

"It's a beautiful time of year to enjoy evenings outside by the waterfront. There will be heaps of live music, roving entertainment like stilts, fire twirlers and circus performers, sideshow alley, a jumping castle and a petting zoo for the kids."

It wouldn't be New Year's Eve without fireworks, and the Twilight Market will have not just one, but two, spectacular fireworks shows at 7pm and 9pm.

"The benefit of two shows is that families with small children can still enjoy all of the festivities, and families with bigger children can enjoy two shows," Natalea said.

Festival-goers will be spoilt for choice when it comes to sampling an array of mouth-watering treats. Natalea said there would be all the usual market favourites, including delicious international cuisine.

"Think paella, nachos, gozleme and langos," she said. "As well as kid-friendly hot dogs,

chips, and potato slinkies. And of course, fan favourites for dessert including traditional Dutch doughnuts, Spanish churros, light-up fairy floss and handmade gourmet fudge."

Those looking for a sit-down meal can choose from the fantastic restaurants on Redcliffe Parade before browsing more than 150 market stalls. With unique handmade goods, retail items, fashions, and gourmet provisions like fudge, jerky and jams, there will be something to please everyone.

In sideshow alley, young ones and the youngat-heart will have a ball playing games like the laughing clowns, catch-a-duck, bust-a-balloon and visiting plenty of kid-friendly exhibitors.

"Our Twilight Markets are always fun nights to spend with the family," Natalea said.

"We're pleased to provide these family-friendly events with free entry, so that everyone has an opportunity to welcome the new year without the hassle of travelling into the CBD."

For more information search for Redcliffe Markets on Facebook.

New Year's Eve Twilight Market Friday, 31 December, 5-10pm Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe



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#### STORY ALEASHA BLISS

e spellbound by Celtic Illusion Reimagined, as Irish dance and magic combine on stage to create an exhilarating performance that will leave your heart racing.

Lead dancer and producer Anthony Street said Celtic Illusion, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, was a bizarre concept of his.

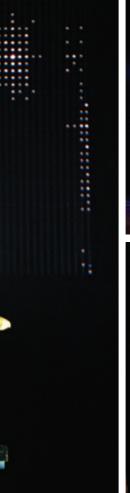
Still, the sell-out shows over the years emphasise how much the fusion of Irish dance and illusion complement each other.

"This show is so different, which is why it's been so successful," Anthony said. "It's a high energy,

contemporary take on Lord of the Dance and Riverdance fused with magic and illusion.

"It's not your usual magic show, there's no one getting cut up or anything like that. I use the magic to introduce people in a show or might make them vanish through dance and levitation. We've got quick costume change effects, there's a surprise at every corner, and that, mixed with the high energy dancing, is a feast for your eyes."

Anthony started Irish dancing at age 14 after being inspired by Michael Flatley. After five years of classes, he was the first Australian to perform lead in Lord of the Dance, and stayed with that dance company for nearly five years.







"I came back to Australia with almost all my savings from working overseas and touring abroad as a professional dancer, and I invested all my savings into this concept. Celtic Illusion premiered in November, 2011," he said.

"I jumped into the deep end and I did all the work myself. It's been a really big learning curve and the show has grown and grown and now it's almost surprising if we don't have a sell-out."

To bring the show to the stage, the company tours with 22 people – 16 performers as well as cast and crew, from sound and lighting technicians to wardrobe and merchandise specialists.

Anthony said he loved small, intimate venues, as the power of his show shone through regardless of the venue size.

"I encourage everyone to come along because the last 18 months have been just horrible for so many people," he said.

"But that aside, regardless of what age you are, young or old, it's a great night out of entertainment for the whole family."

To book go to www.redcliffeentertainmentcentre.com.au and search Celtic Illusion Reimagined.

Celtic Illusion Reimagined Friday, 28 January, 7.30pm Redcliffe Entertainment Centre Downs Street. Redcliffe



# Tips for a Safe and Healthy Holiday Beach Season

STORY KELLY WALKER
PHOTO JOHN PIRES PHOTOGRAPHY

s the summer holidays approach and families flock to Queensland's beautiful coast, it's time to think about beach safety.

Nicolette Lowe, Patrol Captain, Junior Activities Education and Training Officer with the Redcliffe Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC), shared her tips on beach safety for a happy and healthy holiday season.

With over 30 years' involvement with Surf Life Saving, Nicolette stressed the importance of both water and sun safety when spending time with your family at the beach.

"Keeping a close eye on small children, particularly in and around the water, is essential," she said.

"It's also a good idea to seek regular respite from the full sun and drink plenty of water to avoid the symptoms of heat exhaustion."

Although Suttons Beach, where the Redcliffe Peninsula SLSC is based, is fairly sheltered, the same water safety rules and guidelines apply if you're heading up or down the coast. "The number one rule is to swim between the red and yellow flags," Nicolette said.

"This is an area determined by experienced lifesavers to be the safest for swimming. It's also where the majority of our team and equipment is based, ready to respond if anyone has difficulty in the water or surrounding area."

Ocean swimmers also have to be aware of sharing the water with surf craft users and native wildlife, but if they have any questions about rules, etiquette, or water conditions, lifesavers are there to help.

"Lifesavers provide signage with information about the day's conditions and are always happy to chat. If you have any questions, or need first aid, please see the lifesavers on patrol," Nicolette said.

Children as young as five years old can get involved in surf lifesaving through the superpopular Nippers program, where they gain skills and experience to be confident in the water, and those aged 15 years and over can become lifesavers by completing the Bronze Medallion course.

"Volunteer surf lifesavers have been keeping Australians safe at the beach for over 100 years, and with Surf Life Saving, there is a role for everyone," Nicolette said.

For more information, or to sign up for upcoming courses, visit www.redcliffeslsc.com.au



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#### STORY JODIE WOODWARD PHOTO PETE JOHNSON

he Crunchy Sister Clothes Swap event aims to create a sense of community and help reduce waste. But what exactly is a crunchy woman?

Maz Gasser, founder of Sacred Woman Services which is hosting the event, said no-one could completely define a crunchy woman as there would always be differences within the group.

"The term crunchy is simply used to help women identify a group who may hold similar beliefs, values and lifestyle choices," she said.

"But overall, crunchy women are women who try to live life consciously, by being considerate of the environment, their health and their community."

Sacred Woman Services, a women's support service for pregnancy and postnatal care, is looking to extend its offering to other women's support needs in the future. Maz said it was a service for women who wanted to embrace life events as a rite of passage and seek empowerment through their experiences.

"As a social worker, woman and mother, I have seen and experienced first hand the need and desire of women to connect with each other for support and encouragement through many significant life events," she said. At the clothes swap event, like-minded women can bring along their old or unwanted clothes, throw them on a pile and then rummage through to find a new clothing treasure. Any leftover clothing will be donated to a charity.

"The wonderful thing about a clothes swap is that it recycles old clothes, therefore helping the environment. It doesn't support fast-fashion consumerism," Maz said.

"It also creates a fun space for people to get together, share and give back to their community."

Don't know whether you're crunchy? Maz said anyone was welcome to come along and check out the event.

"If people are unsure if they are crunchy but at least some of the values resonate, of course they are welcome. And, even if you're not crunchy and you're just curious, you are still welcome and will be warmly greeted by us."

For more information, visit the Sacred Woman Services Facebook page.

Crunchy Sister Clothes Swap Sunday, 16 January, 10am Jamieson Park Reef Point Esplanade, Scarborough



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# **All the Fun** of the Fair

STORY SALLY EBERHARDT

here is a buzz in the air. You can feel the excitement rise when you spot the huge Ferris wheel from afar. As you approach, bright lights and upbeat music welcome you and your family. There is nothing like a fair to make the faces of the young, and the young at heart, light up with wonder.

For two weeks around Christmas, the Queensland State Fair will illuminate the shores

of Moreton Bay. A beloved holiday tradition for many families, the sights, sounds, and smells bring back fond childhood memories for some and create new memories for others.

Taylor Brookes, administrator at Royal Seating Hire Pty Ltd which brings the Queensland State Fair to the Peninsula, said the fair was a great family event and a lot of fun for people of all ages.

"With the Ekka having been cancelled this year, this is a great place to get your fix of the excitement, food and fun of a show," Taylor said.

"There will be a lot of show food including dagwood dogs, hot chips, fairy floss, slushies,



potato twists, waffles, hot dogs and more. There is fun for everyone with sideshow games and rides for all ages. Bounce high on the Bungee Trampolines, choose your favourite colour Dodgem Car, brave the scary Ghost Train or thrill to the fast action of the Sound Wave, Ranger and more. There is also Waterball and rides for kiddies.

Rides cost between \$6 and \$10, and most have multiple purchase deals.

You can also test your skill and luck in Sideshow Alley with games like Gone Fishin', Bust a Balloon, Shoot the Zombies and Lucky Envelopes. Win a stuffed animal or maybe take home a top shelf prize.

Don't forget the showbags! There is a huge range including Bertie Beetle, Warheads, Princess, Hello Kitty, Rick and Morty, Doctor Who, Where's Wally and other favourites.

At only \$2 entry, the State Fair provides affordable entertainment.

Don't miss out on this holiday fun for the entire family.

For further information search QLD State Fair on Facebook.

Queensland State Fair - Redcliffe Saturday, 18 December - Sunday, 2 January, 6-10pm daily (Closed Christmas Day) Pelican Park 101 Hornibrrok Esplanade, Clontarf



#### STORY ALYSSA MACKAY

n exciting new venue is set to be unveiled in 2022 following a massive refurbishment of one of the Peninsula's prime waterfront properties.

The former Moreton Bay Hotel on the corner of Redcliffe Parade and Baker Street will open its doors in the new year as craft beer bar ERA Bar and Grill.

Local businessman Damion Bielby and his wife Shannen have owned the two-storey property since 2014.

"We are trying to make a really nice place for people to catch up, socialise and have a beer or two," Damion said.

The ERA Bar and Grill will have a craft bar downstairs and a deck upstairs to make the most of the views overlooking the bay.

"We have got some good connections with breweries and distilleries from the region, so we will be running local craft beers, whiskeys, seltzers and ciders, as well as standard beers," Damion said.

"Upstairs will have a beer hall feel inside, and the deck will have lounges, standard seating and high benches, which will appeal to everyone who wants to listen to music and have a good time. "There's not too many places around Redcliffe where you get the opportunity to put in a venue with a deck like this."

The interior will be industrial with concrete floors and timber, but with a twist.

"Both my wife and I are tragic eighties and nineties music fans," Damion said. "That's the whole idea of calling the bar ERA. We are going to have album artwork displayed, something with a vibe to it, so hopefully it will be a bit more fun."

ERA will serve pub fare, steaks, ribs and wings, as well as wood-fired pizzas and tapas.

The new establishment will also mean new jobs for Redcliffe.

"We will be looking for between 50 to 100 people to work here, and having those job numbers are certainly going to help the area," Damion said.

The downstairs bar is expected to open in May 2022, with a hopeful Melbourne Cup launch date for upstairs.

"I think it's a good time," Damion said. "The Peninsula is very lucky with some good venues and I think we've found a niche we will fit into nicely."

For more information about opening dates and to sign up for special deals, keep an eye out for the ERA Bar and Grill Facebook page and website launching in the new year.



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#### STORY NADIA CHAPMAN

tart the festive season with some good local tunes and drinks by the bay. Suttons Sunset Saturdays down at Suttons Beach Pavilion is a weekly event, and this month, they're hosting local musicians between 4 - 18 December.

Organiser Oli Thompson said the free event had been a huge success ever since launch day.

"A different act plays every week downstairs in the Pavilion bar and kitchen, bringing the community together and showcasing our local talent." he said.

This month, Suttons Beach Pavilion will host three musicians, including Josh and Ellie on 4 December, Zoe Quinn on 11 December, and Cheyne Starkie on 18 December.

All three musicians perform a mix of original and cover songs, from blues to pop.

The musicians will perform from 3-6pm.

he Redcliffe Entertainment Centre is hosting several festive shows this month for the whole family to enjoy. The Moreton Bay Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) is performing a Christmas concert on Sunday, 12 December, where you can partake in an afternoon of jolly festivities from 2-4pm.

Meanwhile, enjoy a unique Christmas show from the Australian Army Band on Tuesday, 14 December. Dressed in military uniforms, the band will take the audience on a journey of festive musical excellence.

A second show has just been added, so don't miss out!

And lastly, A Very Tenori Christmas is coming to Redcliffe on Friday, 17 December, as Australia's three favourite tenors wish you a Merry Christmas in their inimitable style.

Expect to hear some of the most beloved carols, with many laughs and surprises thrown in.

You can find out more information on ticket prices by visiting www.redcliffeentertainmentcentre.com.au.

o Christmas Eve right this year and celebrate in a good environment with great music from Cherry Red.

Hosted at the Bramble Bay Bowls Club (BBBC) on Friday, 24 December, the free event

promotes a party atmosphere to welcome Santa to the Peninsula.

BBBC encourages everyone to dress up in their Christmas finery and come down to enjoy the essence of the festive season beside the bay.



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STORY ALYSSA MACKAY PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

s popular DJs on the Peninsula, Elaine and Stephen Brophy are the life and soul of the party and this month they're inviting the community to show their Christmas spirit and have some fun while fundraising for myeloma research.

The Christmas Soul Party is on Saturday, 4 December at the Scarborough Bowls Club, and will raise money for Myeloma Australia.

"My husband Stephen has myeloma, which is an incurable but treatable bone marrow cancer," Elaine said.

"Myeloma Australia is a completely self-funded charity, so they rely on donations. I wanted to do something to support the people who are supporting us." Stephen was diagnosed with the disease in May 2018. While he had a stem cell transplant and responded well to treatment in January 2019, he had a relapse in August this year. He is currently receiving treatment on a weekly basis.

"It's been a difficult year so this is why I've thrown myself into something to make myself feel useful," Elaine said. "I can't do anything to cure myeloma but I can help support people with it."

Elaine and Stephen make up Sounds of Soul Brisbane, a dynamic DJ duo who love to get the crowd dancing to northern soul, motown, sixties RnB, funk and disco. They will be entertaining the audience at the Christmas Soul Party, alongside a host of other DJs from Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

"Stephen and I are immersed in our music because it takes us away from our situation and gives us purpose and joy to play," Elaine said.

"All the DJs on the night are playing original seven-inch vinyl. We are going to have a big party."



Stephen Brophy & Elaine Brophy

Tickets are \$10 and there will also be raffle prizes with contributions from local businesses including Showcase Beers, One Agency, Suttons Beach Pavilion, and Scarborough Hair and Beauty.

Those who can't make it on the night are invited to make a donation online.

Elaine said myeloma had been a nightmare but also a blessing.

"Myeloma has made us appreciate our lives," she said. "We are thankful for every day we have together."

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**Christmas Soul Party** Saturday, 4 December, 7-12pm Scarborough Bowls Club 321 Scarborough Road, Scarborough







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# Yule Love This Christmas Street Party

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And to make your Yuletide table look fabulous, there will be a Christmas-themed craft stall with table decorations as well as other items for those last-minute gifts.

Grab a snack at the sausage sizzle or the Mr Whippy ice-cream van while the kids enjoy games with prizes.

The Bits and Pieces Band will entertain partygoers throughout the afternoon, alongside the Sharon Allback Dancers performing to Christmas songs.

There will also be a Christmas tableau where youngsters can be part of the Nativity scene as carol-singing kings, angels and shepherds. Ring your jingle bells and watch out for Rudolph!

Naturally, a Christmas street party would be nothing without a special ho-ho-hoing visitor, arriving in style at 5.45pm, with something for all the kids.

Money raised from voluntary donation buckets will support Domestic Violence Refuges.

This event is COVID-safe with approved planning.

For more information, call 0400 844 946 or 3284 9283

Christmas Street Party
Saturday, 18 December, 3-6pm
St Peter the Fisherman Anglican Church
13 Lucinda St, Clontarf





# **Build a Gingerbread House Together**

STORY SALLY EBERHARDT

hristmas conjures thoughts of special treats, beautiful decorations, and time with the family. Well, here's a way to combine all three!

Think about all the fun and laughter your family would have as they construct and adorn a cute gingerbread house complete with snow, windows, and doors.

Kahla Johnson of Mueller Community Church said building a gingerbread house was a great way to spend time with family.

"Little ones love to help decorate the houses and sneak a few lollies too," she said.

"Even if there is a crooked wall or wobbly chimney, the fact it has been made with people you love makes any house special. Or if in doubt add a dinosaur!"

Gingerbread house kits are available from retailers like Woolworths, Coles, Aldi,

> Spotlight and some online stores. There are even kits for building a gingerbread train or reindeer. Kits typically contain gingerbread parts, icing and Iollies.

If you would like to create your beautiful gingerbread house from scratch,

Google 'make a gingerbread house' for some great recipes and decorating ideas.

Whichever you choose, feel the joy and watch the kids' faces light up like Christmas trees as you all take part in this bonding Yuletide activity.



# A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES

### **CR KARL** WINCHESTER

# s 2021 draws to a close, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and an exciting New Year.

Across the region, Council is getting into the spirit with Christmas events, decorations, and lighting.



The Moreton Bay Regional Council is also jumping on the issue of old mattresses, announcing a new program to recover valuable materials from the bulky items. MBRC has contracted Queensland-based company CDS Recycling to shred old beds and collect the steel for recycling.

We're already seeing 206,000 tonnes of waste in Moreton Bay being recycled, and this is a huge step towards reducing the amount of rubbish in our tips.

The trial alone saw close to 9,000 mattresses shredded and recycled, recovering 94 tonnes of steel - that's the equivalent of close to 100 cars' worth.

This tender will see this important service return to Redcliffe, and address some of the issues we've seen in our community around some people doing the wrong thing and illegally dumping mattresses.

The service is expected to commence early 2022.

## **YVETTE** D'ATH MP

his past year has brought challenges but also many advances for our Peninsula community and Redcliffe continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

Our mighty Dolphins have been announced as the 17th NRL club and are ready to shine on the national stage. Our community is safer

thanks to numerous TMR projects
within our electorate, a Police
Railway Squad at Kippa-Ring
train station and the new Patient
Transport Bus at the Redcliffe
Ambulance Station.

It has also been excellent to see strong participation in Redcliffe's

local community, sporting and recreational groups with many receiving funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. I'd also like to give a special mention and thank the many volunteers who support Meals-on-Wheels, the Coast Guard, the Breakfast Club, Red Cross, hospital and aged care facilities, the Court House and so many organisations across the Peninsula.

I look forward to continuing to work alongside residents to achieve the best outcomes for our community in 2022. I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that you get the chance to relax and spend time with your loved ones during the festive season. Stay safe and if you haven't already, please get vaccinated

## **LUKE** HOWARTH MP

he 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Brisbane seems so far away, but when you consider the planning, preparation and funding required, it will be here before we know it. Brisbane and

the South East corner is set to enjoy an exciting decade of growth and opportunity as a result.

I invited representatives from a wide variety of sports and community organisations in the Petrie

electorate to attend a brainstorming session in November with Special Envoy Ted O'Brien where we posed the question, "What do we want the 2032 Games to achieve for our region?"

The guests were asked to consider the infrastructure improvements, economic opportunities, and social opportunities that can flow from this international event.

As the offical taskforce takes the next steps of defining its Terms of Reference and designing an Expression of Interest process, the local feedback lays the foundations for its strategic planning.

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Being in business is very rarely a journey of just sunshine and rainbows, the inevitable storms and cloudy days are all part of it. But knowing there are always two sides to this voyage will help you make the most of it, particularly in the tough times. It's worth it.

# Renewed Tender for Barge Service

The Department of Transport and Main Roads announced it will commence a fresh tender process for a barge service from Redcliffe to Moreton Island (Mulgumpin), after revealing it had been unable to finalise the previous tender process. The department expects the initial stage to be concluded in January 2022, enabling any proponent, including those already engaged in the process, to make a submission. The State Government has committed \$4 million to support the establishment of the barge service.

# Free Community **Movie Night**

Come along to Story House Early Learning Deception Bay for a fun family outdoor movie night. All funds raised by gold coin donation and items sold on the night will be donated to Your Town Kids Help Line. Bring a chair or picnic rug and enjoy the showing of The Grinch, Santa and The Grinch will also make a special guest appearance. This is a COVID safe event and registration prior to the event is required. Call 3204 8244 for details. Saturday, 11 December from 4pm. 59-61 Shayne Ave, Deception Bay.

# **Pilpel Christmas Eve** Dinner

Pilpel will once again host its annual Christmas Eve Community Dinner for anyone in need or lonely this Christmas season. This is a free event to celebrate this festive season together. As always, Pilpel organisers are looking for volunteers wanting to help out, and are asking for anyone who can, to donate presents to give out on the night. Gifts should be wrapped and labelled with the appropriate age and/or gender that it would suit. For more information call 3284 3817.



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# No Time To Die Movie Review

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hey've pulled out all the stops to make a quintessential Bond movie, including the cast of classic characters - Q, Felix, Moneypenny and M - together for the first time since Licence to Kill (1989) and blowing up every model of Aston Martin you can think of. They're even sticking with the old gadget watch and tyre spikes.

However, it does bend the Bond rules, giving this 007 one of the strongest character arcs of the series. It's a simple premise. Bond is retired. The end – but wait, he's drawn back into espionage when an old mate needs him to save the world.

It's easy to see why this is the most expensive Bond movie yet, with breathtaking action scenes that push the limits of feasibility but still manage to keep you grounded in reality. This was also the movie's only minor flaw. All the action, excitement and character building are packed so tightly into the beginning and end of the movie that it makes the middle fall a bit flat by comparison, although to be honest... you may welcome the respite.

In Daniel Craig's fifth and final Bond, you can clearly see how much this journey has meant to him, acting his chops off, giving more range than previous iterations. It's a credit to director Cary Joji Fukunaga, who has removed some of the more tongue-in-cheek deliveries we've come to expect (don't worry, there are still cheesy one-liners).

Craig handpicked Ana de Armas and although she's given shockingly little screen time, she owns the role. Ralph Fiennes' M is grittier than before. Léa Seydoux is the Bond girl with a proper backstory and Lashana Lynch gives Bond a run for his money. Unfortunately, like most of the recent Bond villains, Rami Malek's character doesn't deliver, offering a convoluted evil master plan through whispered mutterings.

This is one of my favourite modern Bond movies to date, feeling like a return to the classic style, while still modernising the series for a new generation. It's all wrapped beautifully in a Hans Zimmer score to give moviegoers an even more theatrical experience that must be seen on the big screen.



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Committee member Janice Vidler

# Fun for Families at Church Christmas Markets

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hristmas carols, mouth-watering food, homemade gifts and everything the community loves about the festive season can be found at the Redcliffe Anglican Parish's Christmas markets.

The church is hosting the Family Christmas Twilight Markets from 3-7pm on Sunday, 5 December in the grounds of St Mary's Church. Redcliffe Anglican Parish Ladies Guild committee member Janice Vidler said it was the first time they had done a Christmas market.

"We have run plenty of garage sales, but with this one we are focusing on it being a children's Christmas outing," Janice said.

"We would like to get as many children there as we can this time because we are doing things families will enjoy. There will be a Christmas tree and balloons and all the fun of Christmas, we hope."

It wouldn't be Christmas without Santa, so the man in the red suit will be making an appearance and having photos taken from 5pm. Kids can do their own shopping at a special stall where they can find presents for the family. There will also be plenty of activities including guessing games and raffles.

Those looking for treats and Christmas gifts will enjoy exploring stalls filled with cakes, jams and pickles, plants, coloured candles, and handmade items like cards, crafts and jewellery.

Money raised from the market will go towards the parish's restoration fund.

"We have so many things that need doing. It's a beautiful old church, you just can't let it fall down. You've got to look after it," Janice said.

Once the shopping is done, market-goers can sample the delicious food on offer.

"We will have fairy floss, ice cream sundaes, a sausage sizzle, and soft drinks and juices available because we would like people to stay and sing carols with us," Janice said.

"We have a choir that are getting themselves organised to do three or four little breaks with different Christmas songs on each one. The carols will be ones that everybody knows and everyone will be welcome to join in.

"We want everybody to come along and have fun with us. The more people who are singing, the more fun it will be."

For more information search for Redcliffe Anglican Parish on Facebook.

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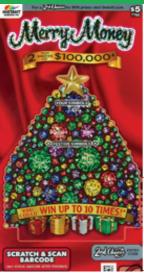


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# Works on the Belvedere Hotel to Begin in 2022

STORY ALYSSA MACKAY



The hotel, which celebrated its 120th birthday in October, last underwent a \$2 million dollar redevelopment in 2016. The new makeover will boost venue capacity and capitalise on the property's waterfront location at Woody Point.

Lewis Land Group Queensland regional manager Chris Allison said the renovations would create additional space to better serve the hotel's customers. "The last major renovation we completed was at the northern end of the premises, which is now known as The Pavilion, the main kitchen and Sunset Bar." Chris said.

"This is a renovation of the entire central and south side of the property from the Sunset Lounge across the public bar, gaming area and upstairs.

"The reason for this renovation is because we are humbled and blessed that we have the demand for additional seating. An additional 300-plus seats in the venue will allow us to do more of what we do best."

The new plans include an upstairs alfresco dining area, personal lounge bar and private dining space, as well as improved access via lifts and multiple stainways.

"Upstairs currently comprises just the Seaspray Room, a 100 person function room, which we use as de facto bistro seating," Chris said.



"This renovation will allow us to have the Seaspray Room and another smaller area as a private dining room of 30 people for more intimate events. The main body is an alfresco terrace with an L-shaped bar capable of holding a couple of hundred people, including the veranda out the back that looks towards Brisbane Airport."

The pizzeria will be integrated back into the main kitchen, and the kitchen extended and located in an area where employees can easily access the new upstairs dining spaces.

"We have been in a position where we have not been able to cater to all the functions because of the demand in the bistro, so to be able to do more of both is really the dream result for us," Chris said.

Work is set to begin in the first quarter of 2022 and finish in time for Christmas 2022.

The hotel will continue to function during the renovation.



# **DECOME** DINING GUIDE



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#### STORY EMMA SANDERS

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Carolyn Rothwell, founder and co-owner of Wild Cherry Events. said the Santa's Workshop Escape was designed for the whole family and while some of the clues were harder than others, even the youngest of children would enjoy the festive experience throughout the secret rooms.

"Upon arrival each group will be given some basic instructions, a walkie talkie to contact us should they get stuck, and the first clue to their adventure through Santa's Workshop," she said.

"Groups will need to navigate a series of puzzles, clues and locks to move from room to room until they manage to escape the Workshop, with only one hour to reach the final destination."

Carolyn said the Workshop offered an opportunity for people to come together, have some fun and get into the Christmas spirit.

"I can't say too much as I don't want to give it all away but there will be tinsel, presents, toys and more!"

Santa's Workshop Escape Room Saturday, 11 December - Sunday, 12 December One hour sessions starting at 9.30am Wild Cherry Events Shop 9, 303 Oxley Avenue, Margate

#### **PENINSULA PIMPERNEL**

#### STORY RICHARD LANCASTER

hen Charles Dickens wrote his bestselling novel A Christmas Carol in 1843, the Brits were in the process of reexamining the values of Christmas traditions such as sending Christmas cards, singing carols and putting up Christmas trees.

The story follows Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser fond of saying "bah, humbug!".

He is visited by four ghosts, starting with Jacob Marley, his former business partner.

Marley is followed by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come.

At the end of his haunting journey, Scrooge learns his lesson and becomes a kinder, more considerate man.

In England in the 1640s, after Oliver Cromwell defeated King Charles I and became England's Lord Protector, the Puritan parliament banned Christmas and all other holy days. That ban lasted for nearly two decades.

According to the 2016 Census, 52 per cent of Australians are Christian - a big change from 1901, when the nation was 96 per cent Christian.

Now, 1.8 million Australians attend 13,000 churches across the nation. Some choose to celebrate Christmas in July, but most prefer to spend the festive season at the beach or camping or at home with family and friends, exchanging presents and perhaps having a little too much to eat or drink.

The Mariah Carey song All I want for Christmas is You has been voted the most hated Christmas song.

Receiving Christmas cards is a rarity and schools don't host nativity plays for fear of incurring the wrath of the political correctness police.

Nationally there are more car accidents, more assaults and married couples separating over this period. Surveys in the USA show more than 40 per cent of Americans hate the festive season because it's highly stressful.

So what has happened to the Christmases of old, when people simply celebrated the birth of the Christian saviour Jesus Christ with that feeling of warmth and goodwill to all folk? What happened to doing a good turn or two for your neighbour, visiting the elderly and infirm in your street or donating a bob or two to your favourite charity? - Maybe the Grinch actually did steal Christmas, and we are still looking for it!







Sienna, Miranda Matthews, and Aria

#### **Theatregoers Off** to See the Wizard

STORY PATRICIA HIGGINS PHOTO BRUCE REDMAN

ousetrap Theatre has taken The Wizard of Oz for a whirl, transforming the alltime classic into a pantomime, which is scheduled to land in the Redcliffe-based playhouse this January.

All of the characters from the musical are set to engage with the audience, culminating in a boisterous sing-along and dynamic show adapted by local writer John Morley.

Mousetrap Theatre director Barb Wainwright said theatregoers could expect a spectacle involving music, a fantasy plot, audience participation and plenty of dancing.

"We have many colourful and fun favourites including the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and of course Dorothy all brought to life by some very brilliant performances."

The character of Dorothy will be shared by two accomplished thespians, both of whom have lovely singing voices and have won acting awards at the South East Drama Festivals.

"Both Ruby Marriott and Miranda Matthews are perfectly suited to the role of Dorothy," Barb said.

The other roles in the production have been rounded out by a group of very skilled and experienced talents who each bring their own unique brand of razzle dazzle.

"Avery Star Hill has been cast as Tin Man, and he is a very entertaining actor who has previously been in a production of The Addams Family. Erin Lowry brings a lot of experience to the role of the Scarecrow, previously playing in many comedy roles," Barb said.

The actors will be sure to elicit lots of laughter from the crowd (adults and children alike), as well as awe with their amazing vocal and dramatic ability.

Barb said the directing process had been incredibly rewarding, and she was looking forward to seeing the show come together from beginning to end.

"You are able to put your own ideas into the story as well as what is written, also it is fun to help design and make the costumes," she said.

To find out more, organise theatre membership, or book, visit www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au. You can also search for tickets via www.trybooking.com.

The Wizard Of Oz Friday, 7 January - Sunday, 16 January Mousetrap Theatre (at Redcliffe Showgrounds) Lamington Drive, Redcliffe



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STORY ALEASHA BLISS
PHOTO KETAKII JEWSON-BROWN

he Redcliffe Peninsula is in for a treat as Hayden Hack takes to the Jumping Goats Bar stage once again in early December.

The South African artist has a unique style that combines many genres, with his solo show consisting of his trusty looper, instruments, and vocal prowess.

Hayden said he liked to take the audience on a musical journey and kick off the night with covers of Paul Simon, Eric Clapton and Elvis, before impressing with his original music.

"I'm a live loop artist, so there's nothing prerecorded and because I'm from South Africa, there are quite a lot of African vibes in my sound. I do so many different kinds of genres, but most of my original stuff has a kind of Paul Simon-Graceland feel," Hayden said.

"I'm different from other looping artists because of my different layers and sounds. Lots of African rhythms and the percussive side of things. I build everything from scratch and it's always great when people understand what I'm doing and notice how much I have got going on in a set."

Hayden has been performing for over 20 years and started a full-time music career 15 years ago after moving to Australia.

He has made quite a name for himself and has done shows at many festivals in Australia and internationally. Although he's hit some huge stages, he really enjoys the intimacy of a small venue.

"I love playing at Jumping Goats. One of the nice things about it is that everyone there is really into music and there's always a great crowd," he said.

Hayden scored a Queensland Music award in 2017 for his Woodford Folk Festival-inspired single Aware. He has a new single, The One, available for purchase, with more to come this year.

"All this stuff I'm bringing out now is homeland inspired music or African style sounds. I've never had this stuff recorded and out there before," he said.

Audiences at the Jumping Goats Bar in December can expect a night of uplifting tunes as Hayden takes them on a musical journey that is outside of the box.

You can find out more about Hayden Hack and his music at www.haydenhack.com

Hayden Hack Friday, 3 December, 7pm Jumping Goats Bar 295 Oxley Avenue, Margate



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#### **MOVIE** REVIEWS

# **Top 5 Christmas Movies on Netflix**

STORY @WATCHITWOMBAT

ooking for some Christmas cheer? Well, we've found five festive features currently on Netflix.



#### **Arthur Christmas**

In a race against the clock, Santa's son must deliver a missing present to a little girl on Christmas Eve.
Bringing together a great British voice cast, there's plenty of cute one-liners mixed in with some dry Pommie humour, making it enjoyable for all ages.



#### The Polar Express

Based on the classic book by Chris Van Allsburg, we follow a boy who is losing his Christmas cheer on an animated adventure to the North Pole to see a certain jolly beardy bloke. There's not much star power in the cast but when you have Tom Hanks voicing six

characters, what more could you ask for? It's a fun festive family film that helps remind us of the spirit of Christmas. You had me at Hugh Jackman as the Easter Bunny. Joining our boy from Oz are a host of Hollywood stars playing other kids' favourites such as the Tooth Fairy, the Sandman and, of course, Santa. United by Jack Frost, they must band

together to fight a dark force threatening the world. There are some slightly darker moments that might spook very young viewers, but it's still a good movie for the kids.



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One of Will Ferrell's first starring feature film roles, he plays a fish/elf out of water, journeying from his winter wonderland to the big city determined to find his real father. Ferrell turns the naivety up to 11 in a great comedy that is a must for those after a few good belly laughs.



#### Klaus

Ever wondered how Christmas traditions started? Well, in this Santa story we meet a postman named Jesper and a carpenter named Klaus, who join forces to save a small town and maybe even start a magical tradition or two. With

stunning visuals and an engaging story, it's easy to see how this film was nominated for a Best Animated Feature Oscar.

This is a hidden gem that is definitely worth your time.

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#### **RECIPES** ON PAPER

**RECIPE JULIA LEWIS** 

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eck the halls with bells of lollies... and chocolates and cake and of course, Chocolate Christmas Bark. The perfect festive treat to have in your fridge for when those unexpected guests pop over for coffee. In a time when we all

need to be a little bit more frugal,
Chocolate Bark is the perfect
homemade gift, good enough
to eat before you even get to
the party. The best thing about
it is that you can decorate it
with whatever you want. Are you
a ginger and dark chocolate kind

a ginger and dark chocolate kind of person? Then decorate it with candied ginger!

This gorgeous Chocolate Bark has been made with the finest of chocolate from Old Time Favourites, Redcliffe's very own boutique lolly shop. Not that you should need an excuse to indulge yourself with a chocolaty treat, but if you can't feel like a kid in a candy store at Christmas, when can you?

#### Chocolate Christmas Bark

200g good quality chocolate
(you could use milk, dark or white)
pistachios
toasted coconut
edible dried flowers

Line a cookie tray with baking paper.

Break up the chocolate into a heatproof bowl and microwave on low until melted, making sure to stir every 30 seconds so it doesn't burn.

Pour chocolate over baking paper and spread out with a spatula until it's approx. 4mm thick. Note - this step doesn't have to be perfect. In fact, the messier the chocolate, the better it looks.

Decorate the top with your chosen treats. Here



I have used pistachios, toasted coconut flakes, and rose petals.

Leave it in the fridge to set (at least a few hours).

To serve, break up into shards with your hands. You could also use a hot knife to get perfect squares.

Keep in your fridge until right before you serve it.

Note: The toppings are endless. If using dark chocolate, chilli and sea salt make for a bite you won't forget anytime soon. Orange zest and almonds are also delicious. For a kid-friendly version, how can you go past smarties and mini marshmallows?

Recipe may contain allergens.

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STORY NICK ALLFORD

magine living with a secret so shocking that you'll only share it from the one place where you have nothing left to lose - your deathbed.

This relatively new podcast uncovers stories on a wide range of intriguing topics, from illicit affairs to bank heists, prison escapes to unsolved murders – but they all shed new light on some long dead cold cases.

Journalist Addison Nugent is doing her best to defrost them, gathering some of the famous and not so famous last words from people who are not long for this world, sometimes dating back a few hundred years. She dusts off long forgotten sources, police records and much more to help build a bigger picture.

These accounts are brought to life by host and narrator Estefania Hageman, who guides you through the journey, setting the scene with intricate retellings and often re-enacting pivotal moments from each curious tale.

If you fancy yourself as a bit of an armchair detective, I'm sure you'll binge this series to the end and maybe even conduct a few Google searches of your own in your quest to uncover the truth.

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Son to die a sacrificial death on the cross to
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forgiveness, [Mark 2:5.10]
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perish but have everlasting life.
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#### **Christmas Classic Perfectly En Pointe**

STORY EMMA SANDERS

he Nutcracker made many ballet lovers fall in love with the art form, so dance aficionados on the Peninsula would be mad to miss the Queensland National Ballet School's rendition of the Christmas classic.

To make things extra special, dancers of all ages from the entire school will come together to deliver an unforgettable performance.

"We always want to do something different, and not many schools bring together their whole

school from five plus years and perform a fulllength professional ballet," said Tracey Fleming, principal director of Queensland National Ballet School

"We like to give our students the opportunity to experience what it is like in a professional ballet company. Having the whole school come together for a full-length ballet just like a professional company is an amazing and special experience for all the dancers, families and audience.

"It also brings everyone together, developing a beautiful team spirit. It's lovely to see the younger students working with and inspiring the older students."

And it's a family affair, with Tracey and her husband Martyn as artistic director planning every single moment of the performance.

"We stage the production from choreography, rehearsals, lighting and costumes," Tracey said.

"We also have a wonderful team of staff that assist us in rehearsals."

With a bevy of Queensland dancing talent set to hit the stage, Tracey said The Nutcracker was the perfect show for people of any age.

"It is a show for the whole family, it's so wonderful that the community witnesses the local talent, the young up-and-comers," she said.

"Starting in the wonderful party scene with dances and magic tricks, to the battle between the Rat King and Nutcracker, the audience is then whisked away to the land of the sweets.

"I love the mix of ballet and comedic entertainment. It really has something for everyone. The boys definitely love the battle scene with giant rats and soldiers. There is entertainment for the young and old."

To book, go to www.gldnationalballet.com.au/nutcracker-tickets

**Queensland National Ballet School presents:** The Nutcracker Tuesday, 7 December and Wednesday, 8 December, 7-9.30pm Redcliffe Entertainment Centre



Ken Done, Madonna and dog, 2000. Acrylic on canvas.

rare collection of previously unseen works by one of Australia's most iconic artists Ken Done has arrived in Moreton Bay.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Peter Flannery said the Redcliffe Art Gallery has turned into a sea of dynamic and vivid colour for Ken Done: Paintings you probably haven't seen.

"There are very few artists who have shaped Australia quite like Ken, and there are very few opportunities to see these particular works which are largely from the artist's private collection," Mayor Flannery said.

"I can remember virtually every household in the 1980s having a piece of homeware adorned with his original style. And of course, who can forget his big, bright creation showcasing AUSTRALIA to the world at Expo 88 in Brisbane.

"To have such a celebrated Australian artist exhibit their work in Moreton Bay is a privilege and shines a light on the high quality of exhibitions in our art galleries across the region."

Born 29 June, 1940 in Sydney, Ken left school at 14 to enter the National Art School in East Sydney. After five years' study, he commenced a highly successful career as an art director and designer in New York, London and Sydney.

Although his designs graced everything from t-shirts to doona covers, his career as an artist started before, and has continued long after the age of 40 when he chose to devote himself to art full-time.

He has held more than 100 solo exhibitions in Australia and internationally, showcasing works that capture Australia's creative, optimistic and bold identity.

Mayor Flannery said the exhibition of more than 30 works would be on display until 22 January, 2022 and was free to visit.

"People can head to Redcliffe Art Gallery and see the exhibition, and families can also be creative in the dedicated children's art studio inspired by Ken Done's artwork," he said.

"It's something that makes Moreton Bay a mustsee destination for art and culture this summer."

For more information on the exhibition, and arts and culture across Moreton Bay head to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/ Galleries-Museums/Events/RAG/Ken-Done

Ken Done: Paintings you probably haven't seen is a touring exhibition from the Ken Done Gallery, Sydney.

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#### It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

STORY ALEASHA BLISS PHOTO SUPPLIED BY MBRIT

anta Claus is coming to Moreton Daily
Stadium for the Redcliffe Christmas Carols
2021, which is set to be a great event.

The 2021 Christmas event on 12 December has everything you need to get into the Christmas spirit with Santa's village, giant snow globes, carols, and the newest addition – Christmas llamas.

The cuddly Christmas llamas are making their debut at the event and will be available for festive snaps with families.

Other Insta-worthy photo ops on the night will be the giant snow globes – where you become the feature inside the globe, caught up in a whirlwind of snow, for \$10 per group.

At 5pm, the big man in red will arrive on the main stage before going to his village where he will be taking socially distanced photos for the rest of the night. The village will be filled with roving Christmas entertainment, face painting and many festive workshops for the littlies.

Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism (MBRIT) CEO Shane Newcombe is encouraging locals and region neighbours to spend Christmas in the Moreton Bay Region and enjoy the carols for the first time at the Moreton Daily Stadium.

"We're incredibly excited to be presenting Redcliffe Christmas Carols at the Moreton Daily Stadium – home of NRL's New Zealand Warriors

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for the 2022 season and the newly announced 2023 season team, the Dolphins," Shane said.

"This is great exposure for the new NRL team and the Christmas in the Moreton Bay Region brand."

The carols will be performed by local artists and community groups, with Bassline Studios Band the headline act. They will have you belting out your favourite carols and tapping your feet all the way to Christmas Day.

The grand finale will be a spectacular firework display that will light up the sky above the stadium at 8pm to conclude the event.

For more information visit www.visitmoretonbayregion.com.au

**Redcliffe Christmas Carols** Sunday, 12 December, 4-8pm **Moreton Daily Stadium** Cnr Klingner and Ashmole Rd, Redcliffe





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#### Brisbane Roar Against Domestic Violence

onta Club of Redcliffe Inc have teamed up with Brisbane Roar FC to raise community awareness about domestic violence.

On Saturday, 18 December Brisbane Roar FC will play two home games at Moreton Daily Stadium where this important issue will be highlighted.

Zonta Club of Redcliffe president Marie Stewart said club members would appear at the Brisbane Roar FC Women game against Melbourne Victory Women at 4.05pm and the Brisbane Roar FC game against Perth Glory at 6.45pm.

"At the start of each match, Zonta members and other organisations will form a guard of honour as the teams run out onto the field," Marie said

"The Zonta members will be dressed in our orange shirts with the message 'Zonta says no to violence against women'."

Club members will be holding cut-outs of orange ladies and a banner with the same message.

The Zonta Club of Redcliffe and other community domestic violence awareness organisations will also have information stalls at the game.

"By joining with us for this match, Brisbane Roar is stating they also say no to violence against women and will not tolerate it," Marie said.

"Redcliffe is leading the way with sporting clubs aligning themselves with this very important stance and message."

To purchase tickets to the Brisbane Roar v Perth Glory game search for Brisbane Roar on Ticketek.

Brisbane Roar v Perth Glory Saturday, 18 December, 6.45pm Moreton Daily Stadium 110 Klingner & Ashmole Roads, Redcliffe

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#### Entertainment Centre

#### UNITED IN JOY -STEPS DANCE COMPANY

Steps Dance Company presents their end of year concert.

When: Wednesday, 1 December I 6:30 PM Cost: Adult \$54.00; Child 2-10 years \$49.00\*

#### **ENCOURAGE INSPIRE PERFORM**

Come and join Movements Academy of Dance for their end of year production.

When: Saturday, 4 December | 3:00 PM Saturday, 4 December | 6:00 PM Cost: Adults: \$45.00; Concession: \$40.00;

Child (2-12): \$35.00\*

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Be captivated by an enchanting Christmas Eve story, featuring a dance by the Sugar Plum fairy and a Waltz of the Flowers in the Land of the Sweets. Share the festive tradition with family and friends as the Queensland National Ballet School bring to life the lovable characters of The Nutcracker.

This classical ballet was first performed in Russia in 1890s and has become a cherished Christmas tradition all over the world.

When: Tuesday, 7 December 2021 | 7:00 PM Wednesday, 8 December 2021 | 7:00 PM Cost: Adult: \$58.00; Concession: \$48.00; Child (2-12 years): \$48.00; Groups 10+:

\$55.00\*

#### 5TH ELEMENT PRESENTS ADVENTURES AT CHERRY TREE LANE

When: Saturday, 11 December | 9:30 AM Saturday, 11 December | 2:30 PM Cost: Adults: \$50.00; Concession: \$35.00;

Child (2-12 years):\$25.00\*

#### **MBSO'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?

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When: Sunday, 12 December | 2:00 PM Cost: Adults: \$22.00; Concession: \$19.00;

Family (2A + 2Ch): \$77.00\*

#### A VERY TENORI CHRISTMAS

Three of Australia's favourite tenors wish you a Merry Christmas in their own, inimitable style. The lads will take you through some of their best-loved songs and carols; O Holy Night, The Christmas Song, Holly Jolly Christmas, with many laughs and Christmas surprises thrown in. For the scrooges, they'll throw in some of their opera and music theatre favourites too.

David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor met while touring internationally with The Ten Tenors; performing in venues such as London's Royal Albert Hall, The Pantages Theatre in LA and the Sydney Opera House. After some time apart working with Opera Australia, Opera Queensland and many of the country's finest orchestras, they are back together doing what they do best.

These three larrikins have known each other long enough to consider themselves family. The sort of family you actually want to spend Christmas with!

When: Friday, 17 December | 7:30 PM

Cost: Tickets: \$40.00\*





Able Seaman Reg Farrington on HMAS Perth

#### **HISTORY** REDCLIFFE

#### **Redcliffe at War**

STORY PATTIE TANCRED

uring World War II, Redcliffe was a powerhouse in supporting the war effort. The CWA and the Church of England welcomed evacuees from Hong Kong and New Guinea, the Women's National Emergency Legion organised driver training, first aid courses and entertainment for troops home on leave, and the ladies of the Red Cross produced camouflage nets for military use.

In 1943, a famous old Redcliffe house, Maelyn, formerly a family home and then a private hospital and convalescent home was taken over by the Australia Comfort Fund to provide a 'recreation house' for troops home on leave. Maelyn was a home away from home for soldiers, with showers, tea parties, recreation and entertainment. A favourite pastime was an evening sing-along around the piano.

While the folks at home were doing their bit there were, of course, many Redcliffe men and women who went away to war, some never returning.

Others came home as heroes, including a Redcliffe boy, Reg Farrington. Having been in the Naval Reserve, Reg was one of the first of Redcliffe's young men to enlist, and he was among those for whom a farewell function was organised by Redcliffe Mayor, AH Langdon, in July 1940.

After training, Able Seaman RW Farrington was posted to HMAS Perth and saw service in 1940-41 in the Mediterranean, before returning to Australia to take part in the Pacific campaign. On 1 March, 1942, the HMAS Perth was sunk during a skirmish with the Japanese navy.

Of the 740 men on the HMAS Perth, only 320 survived, including Able Seaman Farrington. He and his fellow survivors floundered in the water for 11 hours before they were picked up by a Japanese ship. They were eventually taken to Burma, where they laboured on the infamous Burma Railway. Reg was reported as a prisoner of war in the Brisbane Telegraph on 20 October, 1943.

Against the odds, and despite the horrors of imprisonment and slave labour, he survived (weighing about 45 kilograms on release) and returned home.

As well as being mentioned in dispatches, he was awarded a medal by the government of the Netherlands, for his heroism during the sinking of the Perth and his efforts to keep up the spirits of his shipmates in the water afterwards, as well as the 1939-45 Pacific Star, the Pacific and Africa Stars and the Navy Long Service Medal.

Redcliffe at war, whether at home or abroad, contributed much to the Allied victory.

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#### **Magic of the Mary**

STORY JENN CARRINGTON

ome on a historic journey and literally travel back in time with a trip on the restored train known as the Mary Valley Rattler.

Hop on one of the Rattler's locomotives, rail motors, or guard vans for a scenic trip along the stunning Mary River, which departs from Gympie station seven days a week for a three hour return trip to Amamoor station.

Marketing coordinator Mallory Booth said since the Gympie-Amamoor service began three years ago, it had been constantly booked out, and even pets were welcome.

"Our passengers can ride on the locomotive and rail trains, and our 'pets on board' service on the guard train is extremely popular," she said. "Guests can travel with their dogs, and enjoy the trip with special seating and water bowls for the furry travellers."

Mallory said guests loved the authentic experience, and discovering the history of the fleets and stations.

"Not many people are aware that since 1891, the Maryborough Railway has connected passengers from Gympie to Brisbane and the outside world, all thanks to the discovery of gold at Gympie in 1867," she said.

"The exporting of gold took ten years of political debate and eventually the Maryborough Railway and the Mary River Line won the bid to become Gympie's main port."

The Gold export line from Gympie continued on until 1995. The heritage Mary Valley Rattler was brought back to life as a tourist steam train service and began shuttling more than 30,000 passengers a year right up until 2012.

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#### Deep Creek Bridge

Today, the Mary Valley Rattler is both an educational and picturesque experience, with stories shared by the volunteer drivers, staff and guards.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the station relies on its dedicated volunteers and donations to keep the service alive and running.

In addition to the train rides, the station boasts the Rusty Rails Café and a souvenir shop, and caters for groups, functions and school trips. For a truly unique experience, guests can also book private charters.

There are also two twilight trips scheduled during December.

"On 10 and 18 December, we will have our Christmas twilight trains," Mallory said.

The Mary Valley Rattler is one of South East Queensland's iconic tourist attractions.

To book your visit, head to www.maryvalleyrattler.com.au or call the Historic Gympie Station on 5482 2750.







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hey camouflage and hide in the shallows, possessing a weapon that has been known to cause fatal and extremely painful injuries." What a bad rap!

Stingrays are harmless if you leave them alone, and are more scared of you than you are of them. They are never aggressive and prefer to feed on shellfish such as soldier crabs, worms in the sand, yabbies and more. They are responsible for most of the round holes you see when walking the sand flats at low tide.

From large Bull Rays exceeding two metres across, to Estuary Rays and very pretty Blue Spotted Rays and Leopard Rays (yes they do have incredible patterns and colours like a Leopard) they are incredible creatures.

There are approximately 50 species of rays in Australian waters that have tails armed with spines. Of these, about 13 species are found in Moreton Bav.

Having a flat body shape, it makes it easy for them to lay on the seafloor where they can toss sand on top of themselves for camouflage and protection from predators.

When fishing for other species such as bream and whiting they can pick up your bait, and being good fighters with lots of stamina, they are responsible for quite a few of the 'one that got away' stories. Big sharks find rays very tasty, and you will often find game fishermen specifically chasing them to use for bait.

Peter Hansler is a local fish enthusiast. He can be contacted on phansler@hotmail.com. Or visit rainbowrunner.ausfish.com.au.

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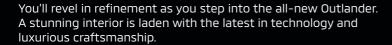
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