



NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

Opening Hours: Wednesday & Sunday 10 am – 3 pm
(other times by appointment)

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The year has begun at a fast and furious pace. In January we held a “Sharing Session” when 25 people shared their thoughts, views and suggestions for the operation of the museum. It was a very positive and successful day and many of the suggestions have already been followed.

Workshops have begun fortnightly to work on digitising of the archived images. This is a huge, interesting project – one of discovery and a social event as well.

Management Meetings

All Welcome

Monday 18 March 9.30 am
Monday 15 April 9.30 am

Museum Calendar/Coming Events

Sunday 3 March	7 am – 9 am	Clean up Australia with KSBA in Decker Park
Saturday 16 March	9.30 am	Guided Walk – Sandgate’s Historic Homes
Thursday 21 March	5 pm – 7 pm	King Street Precinct Twilight Walking Tour “Memories of the Ekka” with BLHN
Saturday 23 March	5 pm	Chamber of Commerce “Long Table Dinner” - Pier
Fri & Sat 29 & 30 March		Movie Gala – Sandgate Town Hall (Proceeds to Historical Society)
Sunday 28th April	2 pm	AGM

News!! - Press Release

Brisbane City Council has just released a “Historical Organisation Assistance Grant”. This grant gives us new hope. For the first time the museum can seek funding to cover the operational costs (Approx. \$12,000 a year). The grant will enable the museum to apply for funding between \$2000 and \$10,000 annually for three (3) years to cover operational costs, training and development, maintenance and displays, and communications. Hopefully our application will be successful and the funds will be available by June.

What’s happening in the museum?

- New (and very welcome) volunteers are offering their skills and services
- Preparation is in hand for a children’s school vacation programme in July
- Archived historical maps have been catalogued
- Street names, house names, and names of identities, are now available for search in a computer programme.
- We now have access to Pay Pal



Museum volunteers

Do you have an interest in writing?

Would you like to help produce publications on notable people of Sandgate or the art and sculpture of 4017? The museum has the resources and information. Come along and talk to us.

Back in Time

- 1949 Three men caught an eight foot shovel-nose shark with their bare hands near the Shorncliffe Pier. The Beach Theatre was purchased by Paul Wright and leased to the Hamer Family. In years prior to the sale, the theatre had stopped showing films and was instead used as a ballroom, also for mini golf and roller skating.
- 1959 Two blocks of the Sandgate State School were destroyed by fire. The Sandgate RSL Youth club was formed. The School of Arts was demolished.
- 1969 Sewerage system implemented in Sandgate. Real estate company Wilmore & Randall obtained a contract to build a suburb at Bracken Ridge. The Homestead Hotel was opened at Boondall. Sandgate residents objected to the filling of the Einbunpin Lagoon for the provision of extra car parking.
- 1979 Houghton Highway Bridge opened on 10th December. Sandgate Sea Hawks Football Club won the QAFL First Grade premiership. Red and White Coaches commenced operation.
- 1989 Extended trading hours (trading until 4pm) began on 9th July. Sandgate Bowls Club celebrated its 75th anniversary.
- 1999 The last diesel train left Shorncliffe station in December. The Sandgate Drill Hall was relocated to the Chermside Historical Precinct and was heritage listed. Queensland Fisheries Management Authority imposed a ban on the removal of shellfish from Bramble Bay's foreshore.

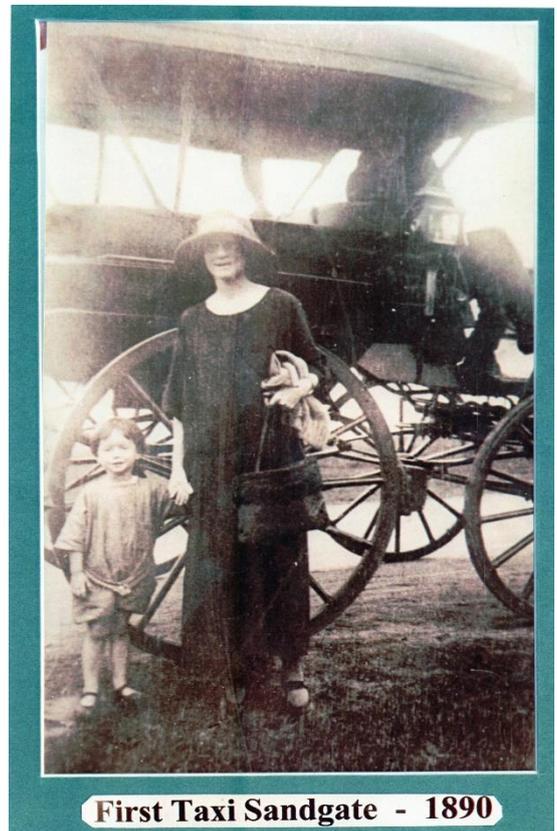
The rewards of a researcher

Many years ago the museum was donated a framed picture of a lady in a horse drawn vehicle, with the caption "Sandgate's first taxi". A very interesting picture, without a name or date.

Some clever networking has discovered that the lady in the picture is Eileen Best, the grand-mother of Doreen Michel of Redcliffe.

Charles Best, Eileen Best's father, operated a horse drawn cab business in Sandgate about 1912. Charles took over the business from his father John Best, who started the business and died in 1915. John Best operated the business from his home at the corner of Todd and Yundah Street, Shorncliffe. The Best business offered its passengers the comforts of either single or double cabs. Elegant cabs were available for hire for weddings and banquets.

Eileen Best attended Sandgate State School and fondly tells of grooming the horses – one trick was to put "Blue" in the rinse water, to make the greys gleam with a smoky blue sheen.



First Taxi Sandgate - 1890

Eileen Best – Best's horse drawn cab business

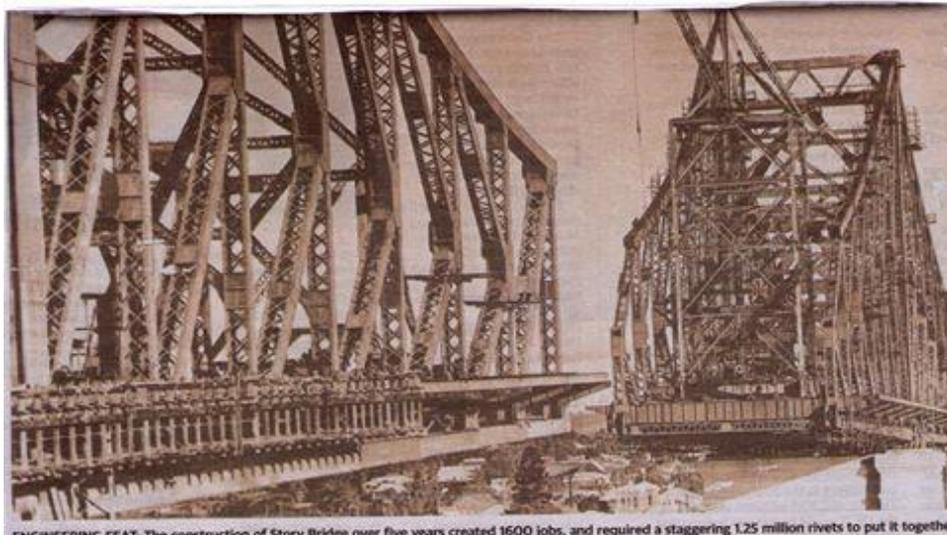
From Sandgate famous people grow!

With the recent announcement in the Courier Mail about the major restoration works for the Story Bridge, it is timely to remember Sandgate born, John Bradfield.

Bradfield's fame is linked to the design and construction of the Story Bridge (as well as Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Hornibrook Highway). He also proposed the damming of rivers on Queensland's east coast to turn them westward. It was named the "Bradfield Scheme".

John Job Crew Bradfield was born in Washington Street Sandgate on December 26th 1867.

The Story Bridge roadway is named the Bradfield Highway, and Brighton has a Bradfield Street.



Story Bridge construction created 1600 jobs over 5 years

Museum History – 22 February!!

The 22 February is a significant date we mark in the museum. The inaugural meeting for the society was held on 22 February 1982. The Society was incorporated with a constitution in February 1989 and in 1993 we moved to the present building.

“The building was formerly owned by the Jehovah’s Congregation. The building on the site before the Jehovah’s Hall was a two storey building owned by W H Mohaupt from before the turn of the century. The building was erected in an excavated section of the hillside fronting Rainbow Street. It was used as a general store and Mr Mohaupt also conducted an undertaking business from the locality.

The first official Museum Committee Meeting was held on 24 September 1993.

The building was purchased with funds raised by the Association, a generous subsidy from the Queensland Office of Arts and Cultural Development and a bridging loan for the balance of the purchase price. The bank loan was repaid in four (4) years – 1997.”

(“By the Seaside” No 93 – 27/9/1993)



Originally -General Store & Undertaker's business



Jehovah Hall – now Museum & Historical Society



OBITUARY

Patricia Yvonne (Pat) Barry
Bracken Ridge
Born: September 8 1930 (England)
Died: January 24 2019

Pat has left her mark in the museum.
The bird display from the Bon Accord Theatre was arranged by Pat.

She will be sadly missed.

Movie Gala

- Friday 29 March 6 pm to Saturday 30 March 10 pm at Sandgate Town Hall
- Selected sessions run throughout the Gala – “The Bay of Lights” will be featured again
- Tickets will be available at the door
- Proceeds from the Gala will be donated to the Historical Society
- For further details contact Sandgate Cinema Club website or Facebook page.

Reminder

NOTICE
of
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 28 April 2019
2 pm
All welcome



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