



NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

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

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At the AGM on Sunday 28 April 2019 the new executive was elected.

HON PRESIDENT	Pamela Verney
HON VICE PRESIDENT	David Kerr
HON SECRETARY	Barbara Bow
HON TREASURER	Dianne Gage
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	David Hill
	Bert Midgley
	Gabriella Szondy
	Stirling Hinchliffe
	Gregory Lane
	Lexie Edwards
	Jared Cassidy
	Rev Dr Jonathan Osborne

PATRON	Yvonne D'Arcy
AUDITOR	Jason O'Connor

ATKIN MONUMENT RESTORATION PROJECT

PROJECT MANAGER	Pamela Verney
TREASURER	David Hill

If you wish to read the Annual Report, please phone the Historical Society for your copy

MUSEUM CALENDAR/COMING EVENTS

Monday 20 May	6 pm	Management Committee Meeting
Saturday 25 May	9.30 am	Dowse Lagoon Heritage Nature Trail (guided walk)
Sunday 26 May	2 pm	Let's Talk History in the Museum
Monday 27 May	9.30 am	Laurie's Beach Walk – A Ramble on Bramble
Saturday 8 June	9.30 am	Guided Walk – Historical Homes
Monday 10 June	9.30 am	Laurie's Beach Walk – A Ramble on Bramble
Monday 10 June	7.30 pm	Public Talk: Chepara (Coast) People of the Yugara Language Group by Katherine Wiltshire
Monday 17 June	9.30 am	Management Committee Meeting

GET ON THE SANDGATE HERITAGE TRAIL

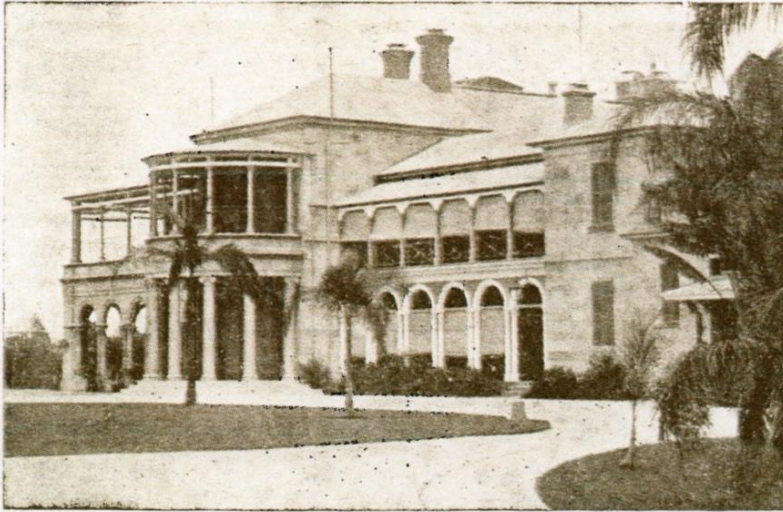
Learn about our historic suburb with Brisbane City Council's "Step through Sandgate Heritage Trail." Journey through significant sites, exploring the suburb's development from a small village into the bustling northern bayside neighbourhood enjoyed today.

(Search: "Sandgate Heritage Trail")



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

SANDGATE – 1959

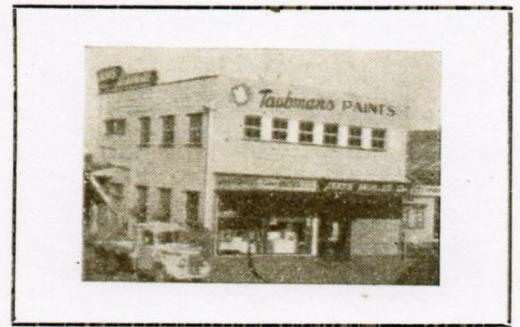


Government House, erected by Joshua Jeays in 1860-62. Dedicated to the University of Queensland December 10, 1909, and now occupied by the University's administration section.

JEAYS BROS. PTY. LTD.

HANCOCK ST., SANDGATE, BRISBANE
HARDWARE MERCHANTS

JOSHUA JEAYS, master builder of Bardon, Leicestershire, England, migrated to Australia in the early 50's. Settling in Brisbane, he built Bardon House (and named the suburb of Bardon) and the Government House of 1860 (now occupied by the University of Queensland). With building interest in their blood, three grand sons — Charles, Joseph and Arthur — subsequently established a business of builders', painters' and plumbers' hardware supplies which, today, under the direction of Joshua's great-grandson, Albert, assisted by founder Arthur and a staff of eleven, operates from new premises (below) to provide a comprehensive supply of building materials in Sandgate and adjacent districts.



Source: "Centenary Cavalcade – 1859 – 1959"
"Queensland Centenary"
Penrod Publishing, Brisbane 1959

SANDGATE FIRE BRIGADE – A HISTORY

For many years after the settlement and expansion of the residential area in Sandgate there was no provision for a Fire Brigade. In fact, it was not until 1924 that reticulation of water to the area took place. Efforts were restricted to buckets of water and wet blankets or bags.

The Sandgate Town Council formed a fire brigade in 1923 but it had its limitations. A cab was used for transport and equipment was almost non-existent. The first mobile fire brigade supplied with an engine from Brisbane headquarters was officially opened on the site of the present Fire Brigade Centre on 21 January 1924. Mr A Lupton was the first Chief Officer. The engine was capable of delivering 365 gallons of water a minute. In the event of a fire being reported the men were summoned by the ringing of a bell from the tower.



Photo shows first fire engine c.1924

Some large fires have occurred during the years, the chief ones being the destruction of a number of wings of the Sandgate State School in 1959 and 1960.

Changes have taken place over the years and the station was upgraded several times, and a new station will soon be opened.

On this site in 1857 a Detachment of Native Police under Lieutenant Wheeler from the Clarence River was stationed to restore order during a period of conflict between the natives and white settlers.

SANDGATE MASONIC TEMPLE/HALL

Free Masonry commenced in Sandgate in 1894 when the Norman Lodge was formed. Not having a building in which to meet they examined sites afforded by the Baptist Church in Flinders Parade and the old School of Arts in Seymour Street. The latter proved unsuitable so they settled on the Baptist Church. The members of the church imposed a strict rule on the Lodge members that alcohol was not permitted on church property. As a result, after the lodge meeting in the Church, the brethren would adjourn to the School of Arts for their festive board.

Free Masonry was experiencing a period of growth and it was evident that it would be more appropriate for the lodges in Sandgate to own their own temple. A building on Eagle Terrace was purchased for this purpose.

The first meeting in the newly acquired hall was on 16 November 1920. The other lodges meeting in Sandgate also transferred to the new temple.

Records show that the building was formerly known as Webster's Bakery. In a two story building alongside of this building, F D Jackson conducted a general store around the 1900's.

The Free Masons sold the building in 1990.

They moved to Rainbow Street and made new headquarters in the building which was previously the Salvation Army Hall (now demolished).

The building is now home to Matthew Thomas Restaurant.

THE END OF AN ERA

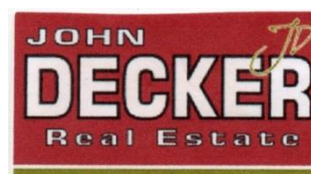
John Decker has decided to retire from real estate.

Decker Real Estate is a well-known Sandgate family business.

Grandfather Decker established a real estate agency in Shorncliffe in 1905. John Decker's father, Shirley, opened a real estate agency with his brother, Eric in Brighton Road Sandgate in mid 1930s. A third brother, Edward, opened a real estate agency in Redcliffe which was closed in 1990s.

John took over the business in 1969 naming it John Decker Real Estate.

We wish John and Raylene all the best for a happy retirement.



***The Chepara People of the Yugara Language
Group***

A talk on the aborigines of our local area
Monday 10 June @ 7.30 pm
at the Museum

Speaker: Katherine Wiltshire
Director Yugara Yugarapul Aboriginal Corp
Please register with either the museum or KSBA

Sunday 26 May at 2 pm

The Sandgate Museum showcases a treasure trove of memorabilia from the local area. Come along and meet and share your history with others – there could be some ‘tall tales’. “We will talk dunnies, dinghies and Thomas Dowse”. Talk with others about who lived where and what they did in days gone by.
Afternoon tea provided.
Please register your interest with the museum.

Bay of Lights DVD - A History of Sandgate
Donate \$15.00 for a copy



INTERESTED IN HISTORIC HOMES?

Interested in assisting the digitising of the archived images?
Join the fortnightly workshops.
Call Pam at the museum for further details.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual membership fees were due in April
Have you renewed yours?

Single: \$20 Family: \$30

Payment options: At the museum by cheque, cash or direct debit (BSB 084 365: A/C 52 501 9521)
(Please use your name as a reference on direct deposits)

WANTED

- Project leaders – we have the projects – we’d love your help
- Volunteers - match your interests with the museum needs. Training and support supplied.



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