



# NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

Opening Hours: Wednesday & Sunday 10 am – 3 pm  
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## MUSEUM CALENDAR/COMING EVENTS

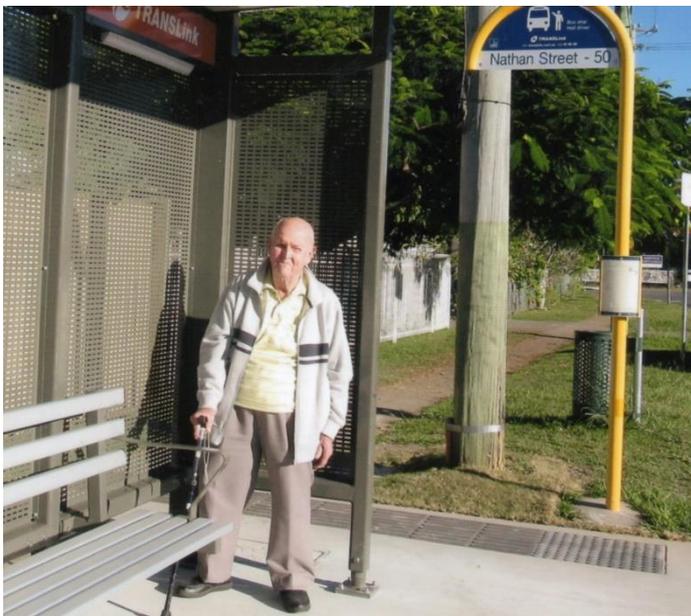
Thursday 8 August	9:30 am	Laurie's Beach Walk
Sunday 11 August	2:00 pm	Presentation – Museum of Automotive History 473 Newman Road Geebung
Monday 19 August	9:30 am	Management Meeting – all welcome
Sunday 25 August	2:00 pm	Historic Talk – “City in Masks: How Brisbane fought the Spanish Flu”
Monday 16 September	9.30 am	Management Meeting



### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Life Member: Linda Padoon – 105 years young

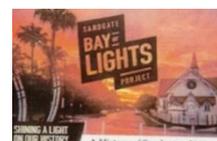
*4 August 2019*



*Bob West at Nathan Street Bus Stop*

Bob West – Life Member, a former President of the Museum and bus trip co-ordinator has been advocating for a bus shelter in Nathan Street for many years – and has finally been successful

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



## **POLICE STATION, COURT HOUSE AND SHORNCLIFFE STATE SCHOOL (Yundah Street Shorncliffe)**

The first Police Station was built in Yundah Street sometime about the late 1863/72 period. Architect plans show the first lock-ups in the Police residence, about six (6) feet from the main bedroom. As the importance of the town grew, so did the tasks allocated to the police. In the Government Annual Report of 1810, Sergeant Martin Quinlan, No AI 48, was appointed CPS at a fee of 25 pounds annually. A Court House was established to cater for court duties. It was adjacent to the police station next to St Nicolas' Church. (Deconsecrated in August 1988 and now part of Shorncliffe State School)

The Police Station and Court House occupied this area for some years up until the Department of Education decided it was necessary to establish a school in the Shorncliffe area, initially for infants. On 28 January 1919, the old Court House was handed over to house scholars in Grades One and Two. Children above these grades were still required to attend Sandgate for education to Scholarship class.

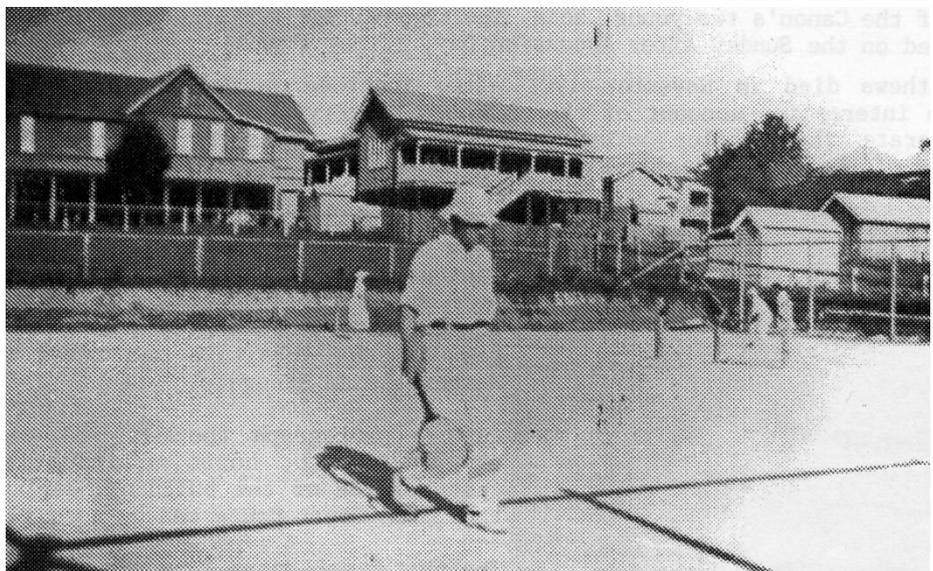
The Police moved to Pier Avenue about 13 May 1927 and work was carried out to erect school buildings to house the higher grades. The full school with grades up to Scholarship was opened on 1 July 1928. The first Infant Head Teacher was Miss SM Tyrell and the first Principal of the enlarged school was Mr James McNally.

The lower part of the church grounds and the police paddock was well known as being damp swampy ground. It was found that as the school grew, more land was required. Land formerly used by St Nicolas' Church for a tennis court was taken over for this purpose. Our photograph shows the outline of St Nicolas' Church before it was filled underneath with bricks. Between the church and the school building on the right the court house which was the home of the infant's school is visible. The tennis court at the time of the photograph was owned by the church.

During the Second World War (1939-1945), the tennis court was used by many members of the RAAF Station at Eventide. During this time the RAAF Training Base was stationed there as part of the Empire Air Training Scheme.

*Source: "A walk around Sandgate - Shorncliffe & Sandgate Tour"*

*A publication of SDHS prepared by W O Kielly, 1<sup>st</sup> edition March 1991*



### **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*

## **TONY THE TOOL-MAN**

Tony has built and set up a crystal radio set with antennae in the back of the museum – both kids and adults love it. He continues to restore tools and plan other activities.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY**

David Row has made great use of the display stands we were given by John Decker and created a display of our museum pictures. It was a very successful display at the Einbunpin Festival.

## **SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMME**



Elaine O'Brien is to be congratulated on the school programme she planned, organised and ran for three (3) days during the July holidays. Over 70 children attended with accompanying adults (mostly grandparents). We recorded 103+ volunteer hours and \$203.00 income. Elaine is already eagerly planning for the September holiday programme.

Issey Jones & Millie Hennessy from Sacred Heart School join Stirling Hinchliffe.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SESSIONS**

The museum was represented at the planning sessions conducted by the Brisbane City Council.

The third (3) and final session was held on 27 June. You will also notice in the newspapers planning is afoot on the Shorncliffe Escarpment, Beach Erosion and the Deagon Racecourse.

## **SEMINARS**

- At the Brisbane Living Heritage Network's "Special Events: Successful Public Programming Seminar" on 27 June our "Bay of Lights Project" was shared with museum people from across Brisbane.
- The Chamber of Commerce conducted a talk on Crime and Security Information – how secure are you at home? Where do you leave the keys to your car in the house?

## **BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL HISTORICAL ORGANISATION ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Our application submitted in March was successful. The museum has been granted \$33 000 to assist the museum's operational costs over three (3) years.

When we receive this year's funding, our first project will include new signage and weather proofing the rear walkway of the museum and creating storage space.

Sunday 25 August @ 2 pm  
“City in Masks: How Brisbane fought the Spanish Flu”



Join author Matthew Wengert and hear the special role  
Sandgate played in this epidemic.



In the Museum – afternoon tea provided.

PS Matthew’s grandfather was a Shorncliffe SS Principal

## INTERESTED IN HISTORIC HOMES?

Interested in assisting the digitising of the archived images?

Join the group.

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)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteering just once a week can elicit the same “high” as exercise!!

*Those who volunteer found it had an equivalent mental health boost as going for a run. (UK’s Royal Voluntary Service, April 2019)*

Why not volunteer in your museum? Contact us for more information.



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