



NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

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

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News Flash!!

The new museum Executive and Management Committee were welcomed at the Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2018

Hon. President: Pamela Verney
Vice President: David Kerr
Hon Secretary: Barbara Bow
Hon Treasurer: Dianne Gage
Patron: Yvonne D'Arcy

Management Committee: David Hill
Colin Dines
Bert Midgley
Lexie Edwards
Gabiella Szondy
Stirling Hinchliffe
Greg Lane

Honorary members: Jared Cassidy
Rev Dr J Osborne

Atkin Monument Restoration Project:
Project Manager: Pamela Verney
Hon. Treasurer: David Hill



Management Meetings

All Welcome

Monday 16 July at 6 pm
Monday 20 August at 9.30 am
Monday 17 September at 9.30 am

Museum Calendar/Coming Events

Saturday 14 July at 9.30 am Guided Historical walk exploring the Pier & Moora Park
Thursday 19 July at 9 am Laurie's Beach Walk. – FREE – sponsored by KSBA
Thursday 26 July at 9.30 am Guided walk discovering the historic homes of Sandgate
Saturday 29 July Einbunpin Festival at the Lagoon
Sunday 12 August at 9.30 am Explore the Dowse Lagoon Heritage and Nature Walk
Friday 17 August at 8 am Laurie's Beach Walk - FREE – sponsored by KSBA
Saturday 25 August at 9.30 am Guided walk with the pioneers in the Bald Hills Cemetery
Sunday 26 August at 2 pm Movie mayhem with the stories and tales of the Sandgate Theatres



Cremorne



Meridian

Back in Time - Found in the museum archives

“Random sketches by a traveller through the district of East Moreton”

(From Moreton Bay Courier, January 29th 1859. Author unknown)

‘I verily believe, that could the Brisbaneites be made fully sensible of the value Sandgate would be to them, were it once established in public opinion, as a health restoring site for the invalids of other lands, they would take measures to make the road and approaches thereto safe, pleasant, and easy.

The drive to “Sandgate” would then be considered by the fashionable world as a necessary recreation; and the families of our up country graziers and stockholders make it a point of spending the season at the *Baths*. Even as it is, the track is equal to most colonial roads, and generally passable even in wet weather; but the creek wants bridging, and sundry soft spots (a la blunders) made firm.

The country, after passing the Cabbage Tree Creek, opens out into beautiful; forest scenery, thinly timbered, presenting to the eye of the traveller beautiful vistas of parklike scenery.

A ride of some four miles, after crossing Cabbage Tree Creek, brings the traveller to the shores of the “Pine River bight.” The land gradually sloping away - upon the left, or as the sailor says, the port hand. The drive to the “Head” sweeps away more southerly, and at every few hundred yards presenting to the enraptured gaze of the casual visitor that beautiful view of sea and land, which not to see is folly, and to see and not appreciate, stamps the man or woman as belonging to the far from extinct race of *Goths*.

Upon one of the suburban allotments at “Sandgate” overlooking the Pine bight and Redcliffe Point, has been erected, within the last few months, a modest building, composed of wood, and containing some half dozen rooms, the occupier of which professes to entertain visitors at his (the *Belvedere Hotel*). Three other mansions of very limited dimensions, in close proximity, compose all the present edifices at the village of Sandgate. Let me correct myself, and say rather in the environs of “Sandgate”.



(Note: The first hotel in Sandgate was the *Belvedere Hotel*. (referred to in early instances, possibly before registration, as the *Sandgate Hotel*.) Owned by Charles Flowerden Davie. It was situated at Shorncliffe and was eventually “officially” opened on April 17th, 1858)

The *Moreton Bay Courier*, April 17, 1858, advertised:

“Charles F. Davie, having obtained a licence for the *Belvedere Hotel*, respectfully announces his intention to study the comfort and convenience for all parties desirous of sojourning for a time at the above desirable watering place.”

Trawling through our history

On 25 June 1968, fifty years ago, tragedy struck the 4017 prawn industry.

The 60 foot trawler, *Tijuana*, one of the numerous prawn trawlers built in the Massey boatyard on Cabbage Tree Creek capsized in Moreton Bay off Brisbane, on her maiden voyage to Kurumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The prawn industry pioneer Reg Massey and two of his sons, Graham and Tony were lost at sea. No reason could be established for the tragic accident and *Tijuana* continued operating as a prawn trawler for many years.



Tijuana

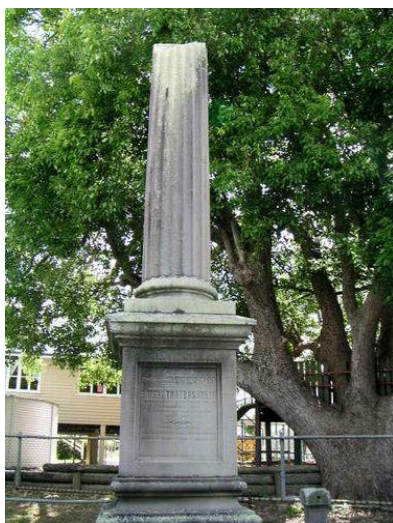
Tijuana was built by Reg Massey and his sons, and Mr Massey was a well-seasoned professional fisherman. Graham was on his first trawling trip after returning from doing his national service in Vietnam. Anthony, his 16 year old brother was on his first big fishing trip since leaving school.

The Massey family started fishing back on the early 1900s in NSW and became involved in the fishing industry in Queensland in 1950. Reg Massey was an industry pioneer who opened up trawl grounds in and around Moreton Bay, north to Tin Can Bay and Bundaberg stretching up the coast and into the Gulf of Carpentaria.

(Source: G. Szondy. "Canberra Times 26/06/1968)

Projects

- Atkin Monument Restoration Project
The monument has been cleaned and restored. Stage 2 now will involve building a shelter, adding storyboards and landscaping and creating places for visitors to contemplate our history
- Fencing the rear sides of the museum
Fencing will commence on Monday 23 July
- Outside rear wall and left door have been replaced with colour bond.
- Replacement of air-conditioner (approval of application for grant pending since 18.02.2018)



Atkin Monument

New acquisition to the museum

A wind up gramophone in a carry case – *Columbia Viva-Tonal Grafonola* .
Made in England. The date of manufacture is uncertain but may be 1920 to 1930.
It is in reasonable condition and will work if you continue to wind the handle.
Does anyone have any more information?

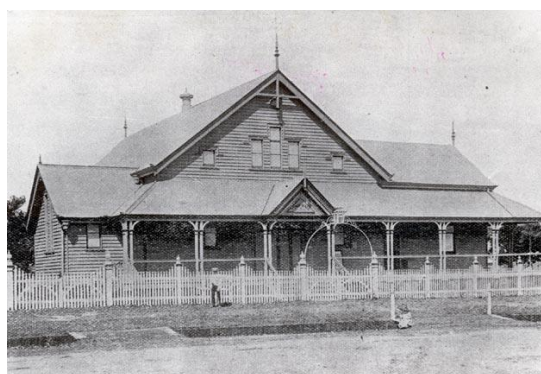


Reminder: Historical Talks

- Sunday 26 August at 2 pm, followed by shared memories, and afternoon tea
“Movie mayhem and the stories and tales of the Sandgate Theatres”



Bon Accord Theatre



Old Town Hall & Theatre

- Sunday 25 November at 2 pm followed by afternoon tea
Presentation by Richard Lancaster from Gayundah Preservation Society Inc

This talk will be given by Richard Lancaster from Redcliffe. He is the president of a crew of energetic Redcliffe locals called the Gayundah Preservation Society Inc. The Gayundah lies at the foot of the cliffs at Woody Point on the Redcliffe Peninsula and is something of a metaphor for the careless way we treat our history.

The story of the Gayundah is told with some flair on the Naval Historical Society of Australia website in the story *HMQS “Gayundah” – Conduct Unbecoming – 1888*



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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