



NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe we are into the second half of the year.

The museum is thriving and the interest and interaction with the community increasingly rewarding.

The volunteers are the lifeblood of the museum. They are never paid enough and I thank them for the countless hours they contribute.

The museum has been successful in applying for a Brisbane City Council Historical Organisations Assistance Grant. The grant is awarded over three (3) years and will greatly assist the museum in its operation.

Exciting events are coming up so please stay in touch and keep up to date on our Facebook page.

MUESUM COMING EVENTS

Bald Hills Cemetery Tour

Saturday 23 July - 10 am

Take a guided walk through the historic Bald Hills Cemetery
\$25 includes billy tea and damper for morning tea.

Bookings are essential

Phone 0410 327 095 or 3869 2283



Tea with History

Thursday 28 July - 10 am

A cup of tea with a historical twist is on offer at the Sandgate Historical Museum

\$10 - bookings essential

Phone: 3869 2283



CONGRATULATIONS FOR A LOCAL



Dean Gibson, Director of Bacon Factory Films has been awarded a Logie for his documentary “Incarceration Nation” which powerfully captures the devastating and pervasive systemic injustices First Nations peoples experience.

Dean’s support for the museum goes back to 2018 when he produced “Bay of Lights” – a documentary film of Sandgate’s story which was projected onto the roof/wall of the former Baptist Church for a couple of evenings. The DVD is available to purchase at the museum)

VALE GRACE BEECHER

On the shoulders of a giant.



History means little without someone to tell it and so much about the past of our district would have remained unknown or imperfectly known with the efforts of Grace Beecher who died, aged 92 in June.

Grace was born in 1930 at Ipswich where her family lived until she moved in 1936 to Brighton, thus beginning her lifelong association with and interest in this area. She attended Sandgate State School but left school in Grade 7 and went to work. She married Herbert Beecher in 1956 at the Bald Hills Methodist Church.

Grace's interest in historical research was piqued when she and two nieces decided to research their family's history. As her interest and expertise in local history grew, the State Library, the State Archives, the John Oxley Library and a number of historical cemeteries became her regular haunts.

The Sandgate Historical Museum was lucky enough to attract Grace and Herbert as members in 1986 at which time she began to deploy her research skills in the service of the museum. At this time the museum had few photos, a situation she set about remedying by appealing through the local paper for people to send in historical photos. She copied the pictures for both the museum's files and the John Oxley Library. Her research efforts were not confined to Sandgate. She also worked on behalf of many other historical organisations including the Windsor, Enoggera and Nundah Historical Societies and Nundah and Bald Hills cemeteries.



It was not only the museum that benefited from Grace's researches: she published articles of historical interest in the Bayside Star; provided unstinting assistance to families wishing to research their history; and delivered informative talks to many schools and other organisations. A search for Grace Beecher in the State Library catalogue reveals the extent of her impressive oeuvre.

Mrs Barbara Bow who has volunteered at the museum since 1996, says of Grace, "[She] had a fantastic memory for dates and family relationships" and that she "could help anyone with research". Not the least amazing thing about Grace is that she never learned to drive, so all of her journeys to libraries, cemeteries, archives and to talk to people about local history were taken by public transport.

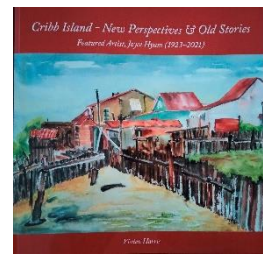


The Sandgate Museum, in appreciation of the enormous amount of work Grace did on its behalf has documented and catalogued the presentations she has made over the years and the many articles and items that she wrote. The museum hopes to collate and publish the Grace Beecher Collection in the future.

Vale Grace Beecher and thank you.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM LIBRARY

- Cribb Island –New Perspectives & Old Stories by Vivien Harris including the wonderful art work of Joyce Hyam
- 200th Anniversary St Paul’s Church, Sandgate, United Kingdom
- 1926 Refidex



OPEN HOUSE – VILLAGES OF BRISBANE - SANDGATE

When: Sunday 21 August 2022



What is Open House?

If you've ever wanted to have a sneak peek into some of Shorncliffe & Sandgate's most iconic buildings or learn about the history behind some of Sandgate's most stunning architecture then Villages of Brisbane is an event you won't want to miss.

Taking place on Sunday August 2, the event presented by Brisbane Open House encourages people to explore their neighbourhood. Shorncliffe and Sandgate are very lucky to be featured in the first ever "Villages of Brisbane" program. These bayside suburbs have such a wealth of history and architecture and the ideal platform to showcase its beauty to locals and visitors.

Brisbane Open House, Executive Director, Melissa Hoedel said they aim to have approximately 15 venues and 5 curated walking tours. Not only will people be able to gain historical insight into some of the area's oldest buildings but they will be able to travel around on a free heritage bus provided by The Queensland Omnibus & Coach Society.

For more information, visit: www.brisbnaneopenhouse.com.au or find Brisbane Open House on Facebook.

SANDGATE/SHORNCLIFFE'S OLDEST HOUSES?

Baxter's Cottage (behind Shelley Inn) - 1861

Crossbrook (Morven on the grounds of St Patrick's College) - 1863

Rothsay - 1870

Saltwood - 1870

Seaview Hotel - 1870

Follow house histories on our Facebook page.



ATKIN MONUMENT RESTORATION



After 6 years, the restoration has been completed.

A commemoration service and dedication was held on Sunday 29 May and was attended by many dignitaries and followed with interest by the many Atkin relatives in the United Kingdom.

The total restoration, history and dedication can be seen on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9oRSwoXBCY> and on the Sandgate Museum Facebook page.



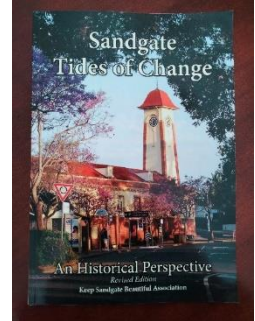
TEA WITH HISTORY

The last Thursday of every month at 10 am
Bookings necessary - \$10
(Numbers are limited)
This month: Thursday 28 July

TIDES OF CHANGE

A new edition of Tides of Change is now available at the Museum or from Keep Sandgate Beautiful Association for \$20.00 – this would make a wonderful gift.

Tides of Change was originally written by Maree McDonald in 1997 and republished in 2009. The third edition was published by KSBA to coincide with their 50th anniversary celebrations.



VOLUNTEERS

We need you!! Please contact or pop into the museum any Wednesday or Sunday.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership is vital for the museum to run - without your assistance the society could not function. Thank you.

Annual membership fees were due April 1 2022
Single: \$20 Family: \$30
Payment options: At the museum by card, cash or cheque, or direct debit
(BSB: 084 365 Account: 52 501 9521)
(Please use your name as a reference on direct deposits)



MUSEUM ENTRY FEES

Adult \$5
Child \$3



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