



NEWSLETTER



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

Opening Hours: Wednesday & Sunday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
(other times by appointment)

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Change is inevitable; growth is optional.

That's not my quote, it comes from John C. Maxwell. I thought it was a useful quote though, to start off my first article for our newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, we have seen some significant changes with the Society. Notably, your President for the last 8 years, has stepped down and handed the reins to a newbie; me Ian Kulpa.

Pam's departure will not go unnoticed, and she will not be forgotten easily. She was a regular at almost every event and it would be unusual not to find her in the museum every Wednesday and Sunday, and other days, busy doing what needed to be done. Best wishes Pam and thank you for your service.

But change is inevitable and, as per my heading, "Growth is optional".

What I read into that phrase is that we, as a Society, have many options to choose from when it comes to where we want to be, both now and in the future. Do we want to grow; after all, it is optional?

Do we want to be viewed as a responsible record keeper of the local heritage? Do we want to be seen as a community organisation that celebrates local culture? I think we can all answer "Yes" and whilst the answer has always been "Yes", I think we are ready for some new "growth" to the way we are dealing with the challenges of the future.

As an historical society we have an appreciation for change and for the way events and circumstances in history have shaped our community and it is our commitment to documenting, preserving, and promoting our local heritage that makes our society relevant.

Our only option for the society to stay relevant in the future is a "growth" option. Growth in membership, growth in collection management techniques and practices, growth in storage practices and even, personal growth within our members.

Over the coming months I hope, with the help of the rest of the team, to grow our society into a sustainable model that will continue to keep pace with the inevitable changes of the future ... and along the way, I'd like to make it an enjoyable place to be, for both our members and volunteers alike.

COMING UP

Tea with History

Thursday 29 June: 10:00 am

Blast from the Past

Kids Holiday Program at the Museum

4 & 5 July: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Open House

Iconic Precinct: Herston Health & Heritage
15 & 16 July

Monthly Management Meeting

Wednesday 19 July - 9:00 am

Tea with History

Thursday 27 July: 10:00 am

Museum Einbunpin Stall

Sunday 30 July

Sandgate State School 150th Celebration

Sunday 10 September



MUSEUM NEWS



This year's Blue Water Festival brought a record number of visitors to the Museum. The wet and stormy conditions didn't deter

approximately 120 people from visiting the museum to enjoy the warmth of a Devonshire tea. The tea and scones were served in exquisite china by our willing museum volunteers, with a touch of local history.

Despite the inclement weather, the festival was a pleasant success for the Museum in raising awareness of what we do with regard to collecting and preserving the history of our area. We'd like to thank our supporters, Melissa Hoedell of Taybian Group, Arthouse Northside, Full Moon Hotel, Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane Open House volunteers and all of our volunteers who worked very hard over the weekend.



The AGM was held on 23 April and the following were elected:

President	Ian Kulpa
Vice President	Katrina Tyler
Secretary	Barbara Bow
Treasurer	Marie Sinha

Committee Members:

David Kerr
Pattie Tancred
Lexie Edwards

MANAGEMENT TEAM

IAN KULPA

"I like seeing people have a go"



What do you like about the Historical Society and why?

I find local history interesting. Discovering what people did in the past that shaped who we are today can be very rewarding and enlightening. Bit like seeing "what our past mistakes were and whether or not we learned from them".

What do you expect from the Society in the future?

To still exist in some form or another. It's important that there are always people and organisations who preserve and record our past.

What is something that people might not know about you?

I'm a self-taught artist who has a science degree with a major in applied psychology. I also ride and collect old motorcycles (when I can afford to).

What were you like in High School?

Left school in Grade 10 (Junior). Tolerated school. More interested in earning money and enjoying myself. Joined the Queensland Public Service, moved around the State and up the ranks and stayed in it for nearly 40 years before retiring. Later on in life I went back to University to get a tertiary education.

What do you work toward in your free time?

Apart from yard and house maintenance, I sketch local houses and post my sketches on social media (Instagram and Facebook). When I'm not sketching, I'm usually working on a new painting.

What inspires you?

Ground breakers. Positive thinkers. I like seeing people have a go at new things; even though it might be out of their comfort zone.



Ian Kulpa, Katrina Tyler, Marie Sinha, Pattie Tancred, Barbara Bow, David Kerr, (absent: Lexie Edwards)

KATRINA TYLER

Being an old Sandgate girl and my love of history has made for me a natural progression to the Museum. It is part of my DNA and is a lesson in who I really am.

I have had a wonderful working life from my thirty years in private business to my ten years teaching young women beauty and small business.

My mind is always questioning Who, How and Why and what better place to have these questions answered.

MARIE SINHA

My first contact with the museum was to dig up the history of my own house which is well over a 100 years old and I was not disappointed.

My curiosity and interest in knowing of changes over time covering the cultural, services and socio-economic aspects of society in Sandgate and its surrounds are brilliantly researched and recorded in the Museum.

I am committed to contribute towards the sustainability of the Museum.

PATTIE TANCRED

Having fetched up on the shores of Bramble Bay and as a long-time dabbler in history, there was a certain inevitability to my joining the historical society and volunteering at the museum.

As a local resident and a committee member, my priorities are to:

- encourage an interest in the history of our area;
- raise the profile of the museum and its amazing collection; and
- foster interest in and enthusiasm for the museum's wealth of information.

DAVID KERR

Despite recently having a tree change to the Blackall Range I maintain a strong connection with the northern bay, its history, houses people and identity.

The Sandgate Museum is truly a unique treasure for those who wish to know about pastimes and the way our forebears lived, made do and grew. I hope to be able to contribute to growing the membership and the financial sustainability of the museum.

BARBARA BOW

As a local primary school teacher for many years, when I retired, I discovered the Museum – a place where I could use my skills and enjoy the company of others interested in local history.

30 years on, I am still volunteering at the Museum every Wednesday and Sunday and continue to enjoy the research and working with others.

(Barbara is our walking encyclopaedia – a wealth of information and has been our secretary for countless years).

NEW ACQUISITION

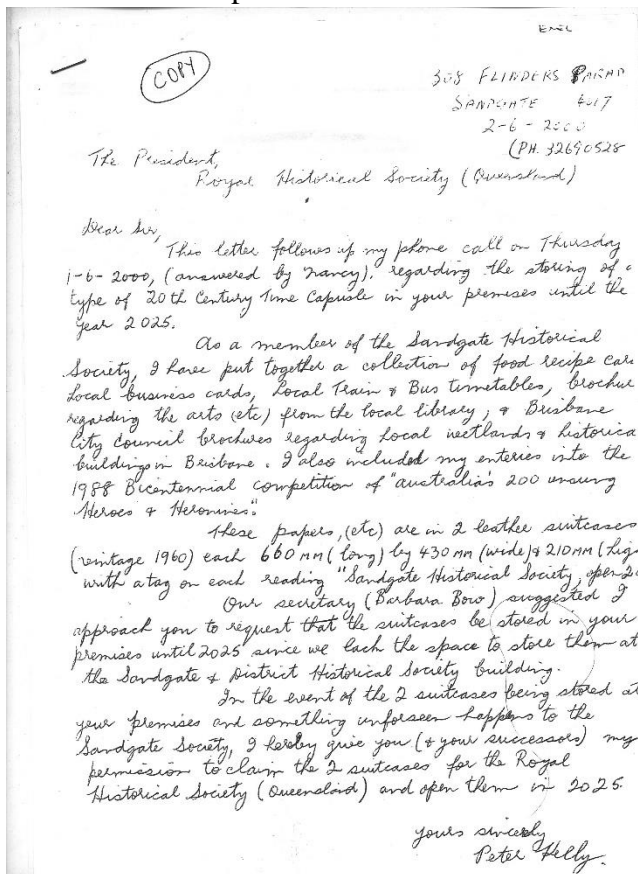


Two 1890 water colour paintings by artist John Campbell have been donated to the museum by Graham and Linda Clark. The paintings

depict Saltwood at 71 Swan Street Shorncliffe, the original residence of ER Drury, Graham's great grandfather. The museum is exploring funding avenues to have the paintings valued and restored.

TIME CAPSULE MYSTERY

We received an interesting letter from the Royal Historical Society (Queensland) referring to a request by the Sandgate Museum in 2000 to store a suitcase time capsule with them.



This was very exciting for us and I'm sure for many others in our community. The suitcase time capsule was to be opened in June 2025 and the society was looking forward to organising a celebration for the event.

However, the Royal Historical Society has just notified us that they have no record of the suitcase time capsule actually being delivered to them – only the letter. A mystery!

If you know anything about the story of the capsule, we'd love to hear from you.

FROM THE PAST

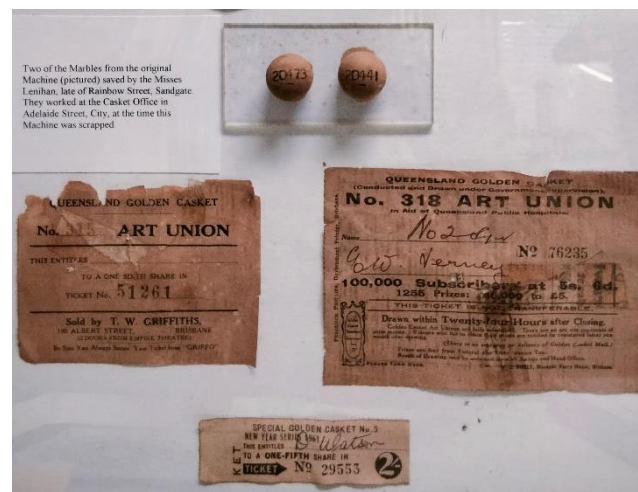
Lady Luck comes to the seaside

The first Golden Casket lottery was held in 1916. Originally an initiative of the Queensland Patriotic Fund, its initial aims were funding the repatriation of soldiers returning from the First World War and the support of veterans. The Casket then passed to the government, which used the proceeds to fund the state's hospitals. First prize in the Casket was paid in solid gold, as payments in cash were illegal. This gold was displayed in a jewellery box – the eponymous casket.

Residents of Sandgate were eager participants in the lottery, despite disapproval from churchmen such as the Rev H Putland of the Sandgate Baptist Church who, in 1921, "strongly denounced the present-day spirit of gambling" and condemned the Golden Casket as a "gross outrage".

There were several Casket ticket sellers in Sandgate and they did a brisk trade. Peg Ryan's "Bright Star" agency, a tiny hole in the wall on Brighton Rd just up from Third Avenue, seemed to attract a string of winners between 1948 and 1954, including a first prize (£6,000) in 1949 and two first prizes in May 1954. The same agency also sold a second prize-winning ticket in 1949 and a third prize in 1948. One of the May 1954 winners, a Mr Steve Ryan, used his winnings to buy a house in Fourth Avenue.

Customers of Fountain Bros, of Pier Avenue won first prize in 1939. One winner, was Mrs M Patterson, who had won £1000 the previous year. Deagon, too, had its share of winners. Mr J Russell of Esther St won a share of first prize in 1938 and a Mr Arthur de Leacy, of Doris St, won first prize in 1951. He had only the year before returned from England, where he had settled after serving in the RAAF during the war.



SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

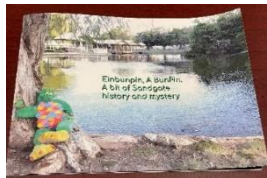
A Blast from the Past

A visit to the Sandgate Historical Museum is the perfect family day out on the school holidays. Play with fascinating toys of yesteryear and take part in intriguing, fun filled games and puzzles. Enjoy amusing, hands-on activities for inquisitive kids and playful parents and grandparents. Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July, 2023 from 9 am to 1 pm. Entry is \$3 per child and accompanying adults are free. Small groups only. Proudly supported by Sandgate Real Estate.



FOR SALE AT THE MUSEUM

“EINBUNPIN, A BUNPIN: a bit of Sandgate history and mystery”



A special history of Sandgate written by local author, Dr Deborah Cronau for younger readers for only \$10.00.

Deborah has kindly donated all proceeds from the sale of the book to the museum.

VOLUNTEERS

The museum operates thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. There's always room for more! Please drop in on Wednesday or Sunday to have a chat.



TEA WITH HISTORY

Come and enjoy a cup of tea with a historical twist for only \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.



The last Thursday of every month at 10:00 am. Bookings necessary. Please phone: 3869 2283 (*Numbers are limited*)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

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

Membership fees for 2023 were due in **April**.

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 OPENING HOURS

Sunday and Wednesday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

MUSEUM ENTRY FEES

Adult \$5

Child \$3



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