SANDY VILLAGE STA

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SANDRINGHAM TRADERS ASSOCIATION INC

BAYSIDE BUDGET 2026/2027

After much discussion for over 12-months, Bayside Council's new priorities are welcome: "This year's $211 million budget focuses on maintaining essential services, renewing community assets and investing in infrastructure that supports residents and local businesses." We see this as long overdue, finally with real funding to do the job - including the replacement of our existing Exceloo public toilets (incl the foreshore), these proving unsatisfactory for years. We expect Council to adopt these budget documents at its meeting on 16 June, pending the consideration of community feedback.

SANDY YOUNG CREATORS MELROSE STREET MARKET A RESOUNDING SUCCESS - BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY



Southern FM

6-months in the making and an ambitious Trader collaboration with local visual arts group Sandy Street Art Project, this exciting event was made possible with the help of Urban Spark Studio, Good Constructions, Bay Road Nursery, Sandringham Rotary, KPA Lawyers, all proudly supported by BAYSIDE COUNCIL, with a special mention for Sandy Nook Bagel and Brew, The Window and The Selfie Hub.... in addition to a team of year 11 students from Sandy Secondary College and the community volunteers on the day. With our youngest creator only 8yo, the day was full of surprises - from a 6th-grade school band who have played together since grade 3, to a 15yo baker and a 17yo purveyor of fine herbal cooking salt who plants trees with his profits. It really was a day of discovery, with a Southern FM onsite live broadcast with interviews by the media team of a local school, Bayside Youth Services and a Sea Scouts sausage sizzle, all blessed by the weather gods. Congrat's to all who made this finally happen.

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NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO STA MEMBERS INCLUDING ALL EXTRA NEWS
CAFE EDITION ONLINE AND IN PRINT AT SELECTED LOCATIONS

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THE 2016 VILLAGE `MASTERPLAN' ABANDONED IN 2021 IS IT BACK?

For those who don't know, the 2016 `Masterplan' proposes widening footpaths and creating more space for outdoor dining in Sandy Village, especially along Station St between Bay Rd and Waltham St - installing narrower traffic lanes to calm traffic and more street trees, with expanded cafe and restaurant outdoor seating. A new village square near the station is also proposed (see below), along with better pedestrian crossings and general accessibility.



2016 Sandy Village Masterplan - Bayside City Council

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What happened to the Master Plan?

Although we understand the Village Square concept received over 80% support among surveyed respondents, there was significant pushback from some traders and residents over parking loss, traffic impacts, bus movements, and concern about changing the village character. The Sandringham Village Masterplan was gradually scaled back, delayed, then effectively stalled, Council citing capital budget pressures, competing priorities, and broader economic recovery issues after COVID. The project was moved out of the active capital works pipeline, the current pavement trading review being one of the few areas where the original "more active village / more outdoor dining" philosophy is still going ahead. Bayside formally deferred the project in June 2021, until at least 2025–26,. And here we are, with so many big changes in our world since 2016.

As outlined in our previous MAY edition, there are now significant changes to building height restrictions in Sandringham Village, and a real sense of urgency to get village planning right by creating a pedestrian-friendly environment that creates a real alternative to large shopping congolomorites like Southland.

DOES SANDRINGHAM STATION NEED SOME LOVE?

We continue to believe the answer is YES, our station being arguably the most important building we have; and it is Heritage Listed. First raised back in our JANUARY edition, and with METRO, its condition has been the subject of discussion for years. We are happy to finally see the removal of the unused and unsightly big blue bike lockers out front, and their replacement with brand new stainless steel bicycle stands. At the time of writing the old rusted bicycle cage is also being replaced with a larger cage - all great news and a great start.


Sandy Street Art Project


Old bike lockers - Now gone

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SAVE THE TURTLE FUNDRAISER TO KEEP `A DELICATE BALANCE' IN SANDY JUNE THE END OF THIS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE $40K FOR THE ARTIST

The current FREE 3-year loan to Bayside Council is ending, with the space to be left empty if the sculpture is not privately purchased and then gifted to Bayside City Council for the community. We are excited to announce **COMMUNITY BANK SANDRINGHAM** has kick started the fundraising with $10,000 and has then committed to match each $ the community donates up to $15,000 to achieve the $40,000 project cost. **TAX DEDUCTIBLE COMMUNITY DONATIONS WELCOME VIA THE QR CODE**

"The turtle is on its back, in a vulnerable position. We humans have the overall responsibility to Earth and the animals that occupy it, to get the balance right, otherwise the whole thing topples over and the animals become extinct"... the artist, Bernie O'Gorman.



WELCOME NEW STA MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

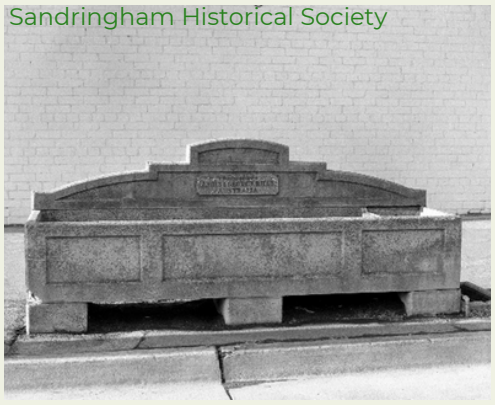
Fit for Life NDIS - Thanks Jess and team

YOUR ELECTED 2026 STA VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Josie Cole - Josephine Cole Photography - President
Ray Purcell - KPA Lawyers - Vice President
Ian Cochrane - Sandy Street Art Project (SSAP) - Secretary/Treasurer
Lucija Valentic - Base Curve Optical

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Josephine Cole PHOTOGRAPHY
ELEGANT FACES HAIR AND BEAUTY

IS THAT A HORSE TROUGH? with Kristin of the SANDRINGHAM and DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 15 Melrose Street


Sandringham Historical Society

How often is something so much part of our environment that we do not even notice it?
How often do you walk past the horse trough and not realise it is there? In 1958 there was a bit of a barney about the horse troughs. By then there were still 5 in the city of Sandringham and 6 dairymen and one baker who still used horse drawn vehicles. And, of course, the council wanted to get rid of them! According to the Town Clerk, the dairymen and the baker said they did not mind if the horse troughs went. And, although according to the Mayor; "there were plenty of people riding about the city", no-one else was asked for their opinion.

In the end, despite the argument in the council and motions being passed only to be immediately rescinded, the only trough to stay was the one in Waltham St. The inscription on the Waltham trip trough reads; Donated by Annas and George Bills.
George Bills was a wealthy manufacturer of inner spring mattresses who left much of his money to the RSPCA and other animal organisations. Two years before his death George changed his will to include a trust for water troughs. Anyone anywhere could apply for a water trough (which often included a bowl for dogs and a tap for humans). The troughs were built at a cost of cost £13 at a Hawthorn cement site owned by Jack Phillips a nephew of George Bills.

🌻THE GARDEN PATCH 🌻with BAY ROAD NURSERY - 112 Bay Rd

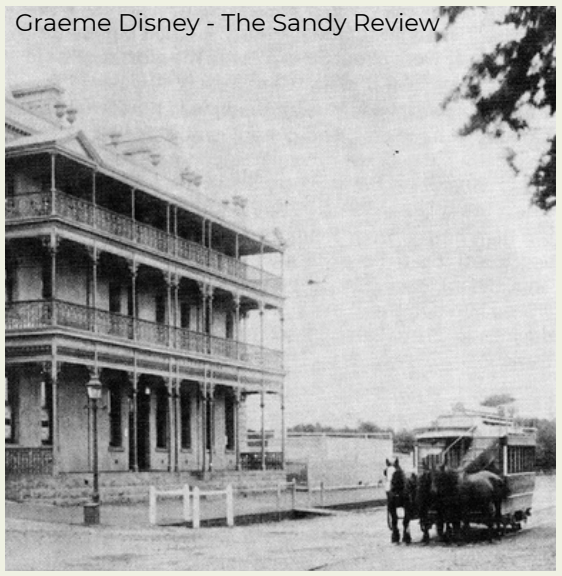

Bay Road Nursery

Winter has arrived and gardens are transformed with the change of season. June is the month when deciduous plants shed their leaves and move into a dormant period in preparation for an explosion of growth and colour as the spring arrives. During this dormant time, garden centres in cooler regions receive a vast selection of fruiting and ornamental trees, shrubs and berries for Winter planting.

Before planting your new fruiting and ornamental deciduous trees it is very important to prepare their new home. Dig the hole about twice the size that you need to, and dig a generous amount of a premium composted soil improver to give your trees the best start possible. When planting new trees, be sure to mound up the soil to avoid planting too deep. This allows a nice thick layer of mulch to be applied without covering the base of the tree. The application of mulch not only looks great, but helps to retain moisture, warm the soil and suppress weeds.

HORSE TRAMS IN 1887 SANDRINGHAM

From THE SANDY REVIEW October 1993_ "When the railway line was extended from Brighton Beach to Sandringham in 1887, people thronged to the area for day trips and holidays, especially during the summer months. The Ricketts Point area was particularly popular and so Moorabbin Council planned the construction of nearly ten miles of tracks for horse-drawn trams to cater for the holiday crowds... Some of the tram cars were of the single deck open type and these were affectionately known as "mutton trucks". There were four different types of "double decker" cars, open at the top, and these were used during the busy summer period.
Two horses pulled the smaller cars, but three horses were required for the heavily loaded larger cars. The tracks were not well ballasted and the sandy soil was a most unsuitable base. Stories abound of derailments and of passengers having to alight and help the horses by pushing through the sand covered section..."


Graeme Disney - The Sandy Review

Sandringham Palace (Hotel) with horse drawn tram circa 1892

VILLAGE TRADER PROPERTY WATCH

Bay Road No 31 - FOR LEASE - David MacIntosh 9559 3888
Melrose Street No 1/5-13 - FOR LEASE - Greg Super 0411 366 607
Melrose Street No 27 - FOR LEASE - No details available

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POET'S CORNER - `Cold Blues' - with Ian Bland

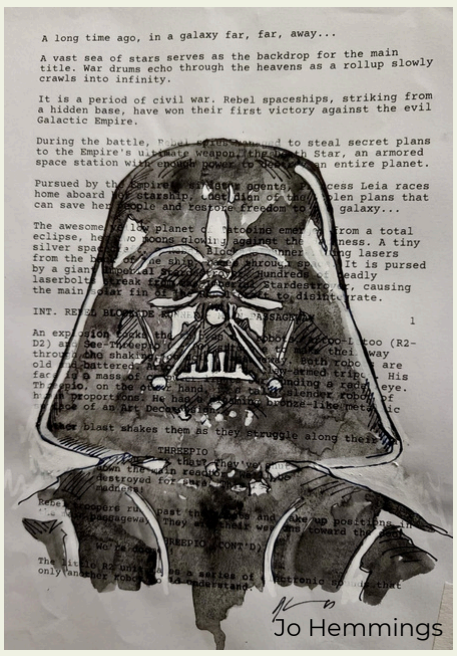
I like winter, the cold; nights black as pitch
But then I can escape with the flick of a switch
A warm coat, a hat and a flannelette shirt
A few drops of rain will cause me no hurt
I don't sleep in my car, live on the street
Fear for my safety, have nothing to eat
I'm not forced into exile, judged by my skin
Told what I wear, what I think is a sin
I'm not marginalised, dismissed or ignored
I've spent time in jail – on a Monopoly board
I don't know what it's like to not have a voice
The cold, for me, is a lifestyle choice
Feeling blue is not always tied to a season
And often comes without logic or reason
It's said you make your own luck, no doubt that's true
Though I think just as often it's luck that makes you



Sandy Street Art Project

ALL ABOUT ART - `STREET LINES' - A Skate Deck Pop Up Exhibition at The Window - 35 Melrose St


Jessica Watson-Thorp



Jo Hemmings

Blending pop art energy with street art aesthetics, this exhibition transforms upcycled skate decks, movie scripts, and cult memorabilia into bold contemporary artworks. Layered with texture, graphic colour, and urban influence, the works celebrate the icons, characters, and cult moments that continue to shape modern fandom and collective identity today.

Pop culture, street art, and collectible nostalgia, this exhibition reimagines skate decks, movie scripts, and memorabilia as contemporary works of art. Layered with graphic colour, texture, and urban energy, the exhibition explores fandom, identity, and the cultural icons that continue to shape our shared imagination.

AROUND TOWN with Michael Giampa of BARBALU's PIZZA and PASTA - 34 Bay Rd


Barbalu's

Barbalu's is a village icon, proud of their Italian heritage, with all pizza and pasta recipes a combination of Southern Italian and Melbourne flavours resulting in a unique Melbourne menu for their locals . Barbalu's support the community by employing local staff, sponsoring organisations and clubs like the Sandringham Football club. Barbalu's also deliver to schools and kindergartens.

For many, Michael Giampa is the face of Barbalu's, but Michael would be the first to say it's all about teamwork. "We established the business in Sandringham in 1993. My father and mother always wanting to get into a small business, and we had known a little bit about pizza, working in the industry with family over the years. Then the opportunity came along in Sandringham. I was pretty young, only 18, with my business partner at the time. His father actually had a fish and chip shop in East Bentleigh I think, and both our dads said: 'Well, if these boys are not going to university, they're going to get into business, and we'll teach them the ropes.' So yeah, we've been here now for 33 years."

WHAT'S ON IN SANDY

- **Sat 6 June** - New Art Exhibition - STREET LINES - Blending street art with pop aesthetics at THE WINDOW - OPENING 3-5pm - 35 Melrose Street, with an AFTER PARTY at RHYTHM and TONIC from 7.30pm with LIVE MUSIC by AMA with vocals by Jo Hemmings - 44 Bay Rd

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