

Guitar-shaped seat for PCYC in memory of late musician



• Community artists Madeleine Graham, Tania Kunze, Aster Cassidy and Ruben Martheze begin work on a guitar-shaped seat at Sandgate PCYC.

WORK has begun on a concrete and ceramic mosaic 'guitar-shaped' seat at Sandgate PCYC, inspired by the late Sandgate musician and community advocate Frank Martheze.

Sandgate artist Tania Kunze, who was awarded \$7500 in funding from Signature Brisbane to create the 3D public art sculpture, said it was a community art project.

"We have 10 to 12 people working on the sculpture at different times," she said. "The seat will be a guitar shape with the names of Frank's bands inscribed on it as well as steel tubes along the neck of the guitar, which can be played like strings."

"It will also feature different coloured mosaics, as well as an image of Frank."

The seat, which will feature at Sandgate PCYC's community garden, is a tribute to Martheze who passed away in April last year.

Not only was Martheze a member of bands like The Freewheelin' Franklins and the Tribute to Santana Project, he also was an active member of the Music By The Sea festival.

"I worked with Frank several times, including at last year's Bluewater Festival," Ms Kunze said. "He really reached out and touched the whole community."

Newly installed project worker seeks links with carers for disabled person

NEWLY recruited SANDBAG project worker Georgia Farrell seeks to link up with families caring for people with a disability in the 4017 area.

It's hoped the group's Community Linking Programme (CLP) which provides respite care, short term, temporary relief to families and unpaid carers, will be able to engage those caring for people with a disability to participate in a forum, to gauge their emerging needs.

Georgia Farrell hopes to connect with the 20 people/families from the 4017 area who provide support to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, is too frail to provide care for themselves, or a child who has developmental needs.

She'll be organising a forum to enable service users, their family and friends to meet up for an open discussion, exploring ways in which CLP at SANDBAG can provide future support.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Georgia on 3269 0277.

Viewing a new club

AN 'expression of interest' morning tea dedicated to forming a VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) Club in Sandgate is being held on Thursday, May 20.

VIEW Clubs promote fun and friendship, where like-minded women meet, socialise, enjoy a meal, listen to an informative guest speaker and attend additional activities such as tours, craft days, theatre parties, conferences and fund-raise for the children's charity, The Smith Family to help disadvantaged children reach their potential through education, zone councillor Lyall Aldridge said.

Interested women are invited to contact either Pat on 3804 0639 or Lyall on 3863 0737 by May 10.

Music scholarship

EMERGING northside musicians are encouraged to apply for the new \$10,000 Billy Thorpe Scholarship 2010.

Premier and Arts Minister Anna Bligh said the scholarship would provide a Queensland musician with career guidance, a recording opportunity and a cash prize.

"Billy Thorpe spent his formative years in Queensland and made a significant contribution to the music industry over five decades of performing, writing and producing," he said.

"Q Music is coordinating the Billy Thorpe scholarship which will be awarded at the annual Q Song Awards in August."

Q Song is a search for the state's top songwriters in categories such as rock, pop, jazz, blues and roots, folk/ballad, world, punk, Indigenous, hip-hop, alternative and many more with a prize pool of \$35,000.

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