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Whether it's fashion for work, play or that special occasion, you're sure to find that perfect outfit or pair of shoes no matter your age, size, style or budget. If you're after a bit of bling or a treasured keepsake, even a tattoo, look no further than local providers.

If you deserve an indulgent weekend, shop till you drop, book at one of the clubs or restaurants for dinner and make the most of the luxury accommodation offered by Whiskey June.

In this Liftout we highlight some of our businesses that pride themselves on providing a range of high-quality options, value for money and, perhaps most important of all – personalised customer service.

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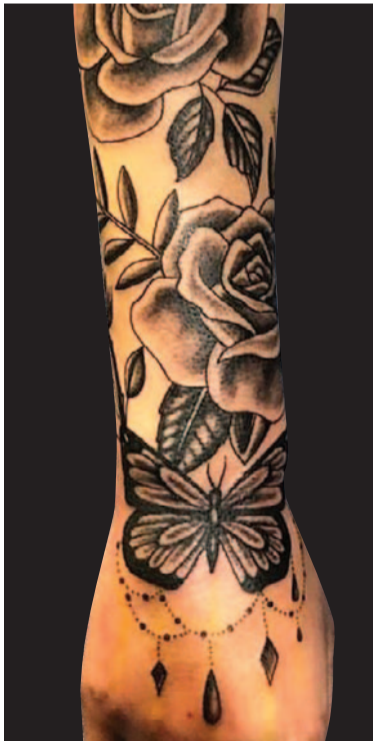
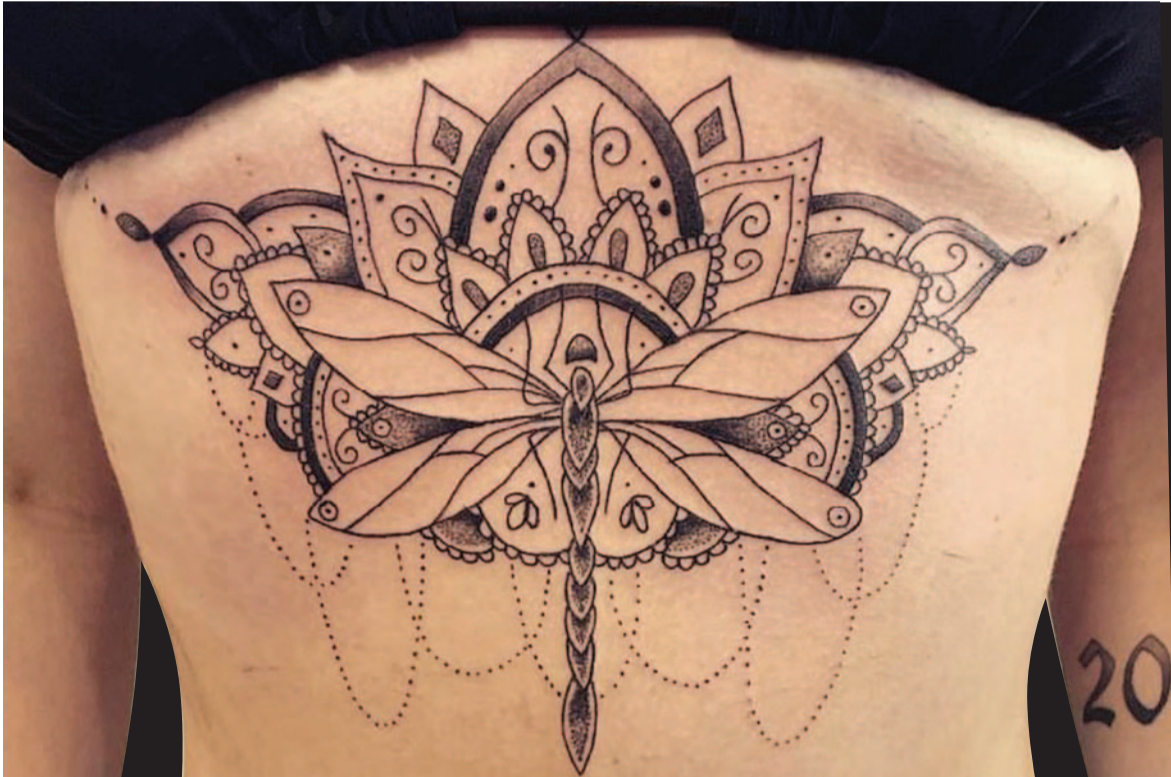
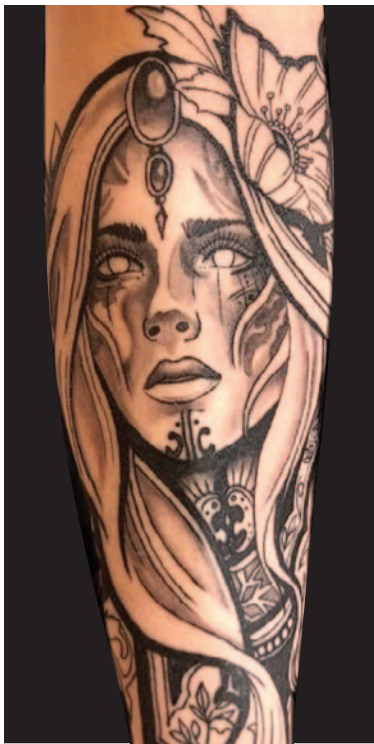
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April 1
Back Row: Kiana Williams, Will Gabell, Makayla Stork, Harry Kerr, Monique Gavriiadis, Tyler Baker.
Front Row: Kiana Muscat, Christian Shafik-eid, Thanh Nguyen, Xavier Hulls, Sofia Willman (Flower Girl),
Amber Cunningham, Alex Gavriiadis, Llewellyn Shepherd, Jesse Lang.

The history of the Debutante Ball dates back to the late 1700s, when young aristocratic ladies of marriageable age were officially 'presented' to society in the hope of finding a suitable husband.

Traditions varied depending on the country, with Europe's debutantes often presented to royalty, while in the USA, the balls became a highlight in the calendar of wealthy families. While no longer used as a husband-hunt, deb balls remain popular as a social event with young people. The deb 'season' in Maryborough was held throughout the last month, with teens making the most of the chance to put their best foot forward and enjoy the centuries-old tradition with a modern twist.



May 21
Back Row: Kyla Shanks, Thomas Campanelli, Emma Lewington, Campbell Stanton, Alyssah Tobin, Jack Broad.
Front Row: Analiza Shafik-eid, Rogie Carless, Emelia Jardine, Lian Marquez, Sophie Mark, Nash Field,
Amaya Rowe, Silas Knighton Weire, Hannah Lanfranchi, Lachlan Bursill.

Debutante Balls have often served as a catalyst for drama in literature and films.

Bridgerton, one of the most popular television series in recent times, focusses on the tradition of presenting young ladies to the royal court with the aim of marrying well. Much of the tradition depicted in the series is taken from the annual Queen Charlotte's Ball, founded in 1870 by George III in honour of his wife. Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* examines the relationship of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy at a series of balls and in Louise May Alcott's American classic *Little Women*, balls are shown as a place where women might express their individuality, as Meg does when she causes a scandal by wearing an off-the-shoulder gown to a ball.



April 2
Back Row: Emmerson Wood, Nick Peart, Makenzy Maffescioni, Harry Kerr, Mikayla Quinlan, Seb Collins, Jacintha Steicke, Callum Buchanan. Front Row: Hamish Teague, Emily Stephens, Bradley Sproull, Chiann Harding, Tahlia Kerville, Patrick Pritchard, Lily McClelland, Riley Walhouse, Ellie Meagher, Keynan Lanfranchi.
Flower Girl: Sofia Willman

Parents are also expected to dress for the occasion, with Maryborough's boutiques reporting a steady stream of parents entering their stores on the lookout for a suitable outfit.

Linda Rinaldi, from Rinaldi's Fashion, said deb season was always a busy time in her boutique. "Printed dresses and our Italian silk range – dresses, tops pants and skirts – were popular choices this year, as well as rabbit-fur jackets," Linda said. Rinaldi's Fashion was also the go-to store for those extra bits and pieces to ensure the debutantes looked their best.

"At this time of year, we also sell a lot of what we call 'secret weapons'; bras and bra bits, chicken fillets and 'headlight dimmers'," Linda said.



May 27
Back Row: Grace Gamble, Tom Myers, Harper O'Connor, James Woods, Abbi Shephard, Billy Millar, Phoebe Davies, Benny Deaker. Front Row: Bailey O'Dell, Sophie Zammit, Zeb Potter, Meg Johnson, Chloe Ross, Josh Ross, Tegan Cole, Syd Robinson, Mya Alexander, Louis Chapman, Lavinia Martin, Lucas Hurse.

Geoff and Kay Lucas know a thing or two about deb balls.

For the past 19 years the couple has turned flat-footed footy players and hesitant dance novices into young men and women confident to take to the floor in front of family and friends. Over the course of 10 weeks, their students learn mod rock, the evening three-step and the pride of Erin. As Kay explains, they also teach the kids more modern dance steps.

"We also do the Lucille Waltz, the rumba and the barn dance," Kay said.

"And we always choose a theme for the night – this year it was 'A night in Paris'.

"At the end of the hour-long presentation they choose a parent or friend to dance with, and then the DJ takes over for the rest of the night."

One parent who has recently gone through the deb experience said, although it could be considered a bit 'cheesy' in this day and age, it gave teens an insight into the 'grown-up' world within a safe environment.

"There are not many places today that young people will learn basic social etiquette.

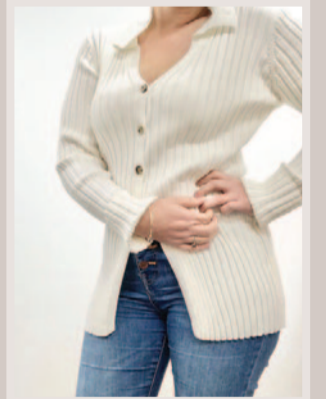
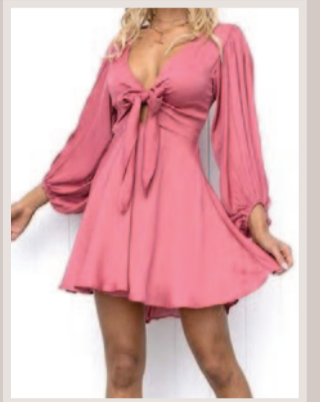
Geoff and Kay are terrific. They not only teach the kids dance steps, they also learn things like how to treat their partner with respect and how to behave appropriately in a formal setting.

It was lovely as a parent to be included in that special time in my son's life."



May 28
Back Row: Jack Kerr, Isabella Chatfield, Bella Wright, Leo Fitzgibbon, Amali Albutt, Josh Britten, Shelby Borda, Daniel Hem. Middle Row: Charlotte McHoul, Riley Simpson. Front Row: Storm Black, Gemma Ross, Jesse Britnell, Tali Chadwick, Zeanna Cassels, Tyler Richards, Isabella Boulton, Alex Tolson, Zali Olsson, Andy Hatzipanagiotis.

May 20
Back Row: Makayla Cocking, Cooper Willis, Shelby Chandler, Jesse Lang.
Front Row: Jenna Cornwill, Josh Hunt, Chloe Rossi, Zac Charlesworth, Dusty Taylor-Irwin, Taj Bond, Maddy Dines, Tanner Lowery, Molly Arrowsmith, Damon O'Shea. Flower Girl: Sofia Willman.



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