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# ST PETER'S POST



St Peter's students perform at the annual DisSounds event.

## The sweet sounds of the diocese

By LAURA MACKAY

EXHILARATING, overwhelming, amazing and surprising – just some of emotions this year's DioSounds performance evoked in its audience.

Held at the Civic Theatre on June 4, DioSounds is a Maitland-Newcastle Diocese initiative which sees many students using their Creative and Performing Arts skills to participate in a night of musical entertainment.

Many students are eager to give it a go and will practise during lunch times and sport times to ensure their performance is of top quality. The popularity of the event is shown through the large amounts of students who put their hand up to partake in such a quality showcase.

The performances on the night included a large variety of engaging pieces from *Uptown Funk* to Bjork. However, it was the boys who dominated the evening with many schools opting to put their males front and centre. This included St Peter's All Boys Mancelin Choir which sang Fleetwood Mac's *Go Your Own Way* and St Catherine's Singleton's *Man in the Mirror*.

DioSounds gives students the opportunity to showcase music and singing talents with many schools adding other elements like dance and drama into the performances.

The night wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the backstage crew and DioSounds staff who make sure the night is flawless.

By BRAEDYN DEAMER and ISAAC FOGARTY

IN 2013, Maitland council approved a regeneration project to move traffic through High Street again, naming the project 'The Levee'.

This project involved new sandstone paving, wooden seating, and circular gardens, making the mall more inviting for consumers.

"The Maitland Mall has been looking tired for years," James from Hunter Optical Specialists said.

When the upgrade started, many businesses thought having the council offering incentives to shop there during the works would keep sales at an acceptable level, however, some businesses have experienced a decrease in sales – Frangipani Living, Ken Lane Menswear and Hunter Optical Specialists included.

"Although, not all the sales can be fully attributed to the Levee project," Patrick, of Ken Lane Menswear said.

These businesses have been waiting a long time for the upgrade to increase sales, but are sceptical that this redesign will change opinions about the area.

Traffic has now been introduced to the mall, allowing for cars to move through the shared pedestrian zone in one direction with 20 short stay parking spaces available.



The Maitland Mall will hopefully be rejuvenated once the proposed upgrade is complete.

This is seen as a positive for many shops in the area. "Maybe more customers might come if they feel safer," Tina, from Frangipani Living, said. "Especially if CCTV cameras monitored the area."

Patrick from Ken Lane Menswear hopes the project will bring a change in the variety of shops,

cafés, restaurants and boutiques there. James from Hunter Optical Specialists expressed hope the area "will become competitive with Stockland Greenhills."

The mall was given funding of \$14 million to increase its popularity and use. But sadly, some locals are left wondering when this

upgrade is going to be completed, as it was due by early 2015. This meant that great drawcards in popular events like the Maitland Taste Festival were affected due to the project delay.

It was further delayed when the April storm hit – meaning it will take longer still to continue.



Batman and Superman will go head to head in an upcoming action film.

## Who will win battle of superheroes

By KAYLUM SIMMONS

THE much awaited Batman movie titled, *Batman v Superman*, is not set to release in cinemas until March 25, 2016. For *Batman* fanatics, this couldn't happen fast enough.

Batman fears the actions of the god-like super hero, Superman, are left unchecked. The film sees Gotham City's formidable

vigilante take on Metropolis's most revered saviour, while the world wrestles with what sort of hero it really needs.

With Batman and Superman at war, a new threat quickly arises, putting mankind in greater danger than it's ever known before.

According to some die-hard Batman fanatics, the winner is already clear. "Batman will win simply

because of kryptonite. Batman already knows that it's Superman's weakness and he has a safe full of kryptonite," says John Skinner, a student at St Peter's.

As yet it is unclear if Zack Snyder, the film's director, expands on Batman's origins which began in the Detective Comics.

With filming still occurring on location, fans will just have to keep waiting.

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