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Jive your way back in time and celebrate the history and 150th birthday of one of Sandgate's

most iconic buildings this month.







Hello Duckie / photo by Paul Neil



By Christine Chamberlain

The Full Moon Hotel, formerly The Osbourne Hotel, is celebrating its 150th year with a Gatsby Swing Dance Party on Saturday, August 5.

Hotel function and events co-ordinator Jenny Briggs encourages everyone to don a flapper dress or bow tie and celebrate the milestone in style alongside six-piece band Andrew Garton & his Pantheon of Swing and Charleston dancers.

It is such an honour to be a part of this wonderful celebration," Jenny says. "People in the 1920s certainly knew how to throw the party of all parties. We selected a theme to take us back in history and who knew how to party."

Originally a boarding house, Osbourne House was built in 1867 by William Cooksley and Hiram Wakefield. Not long after, the building was granted permission to hold live music and serve alcohol.



"A milestone like this is something very special, not only to us but also the community. The hotel has been a part of Sandgate for 150 years," she says.

"The Sandgate Historical Society has helped us to piece together the story of the pub, and we can't wait to share this with the community."

The special cocktail-style evening will be held in the hotel's Moonlight Bar & Deck with views over Bramble Bay. Doors open at 7pm.

Tickets are \$94.50 and include a threehour drinks package, savoury and sweet canapés, champagne tower, photographer and photo booth.

Tickets can be pre-purchased via Eventbrite and numbers are limited. Ticket holders must be over the age of 18.

If you are keen to brush up on your swing dancing beforehand, the hotel is offering free dance lessons with the experts Corner Pocket Swing on July 18, 25 and August 1. The classes will be held in the private, upstairs Shorncliffe Room from 6.30pm.

