

## YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

is produced monthly by the editorial board of the Violet Town Action Group.

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## what's on in September

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## date grabbers

- 2 October Monster Garage Sale
- 10-11 October Pudding stirring
- 17-18 October Pudding stirring
- 30 October Iris Show
- 20th November - Warming up for the Games Day

# Violet Town Village Voice

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## Biodiversity Month in the Goulburn Broken & North East

Flower Carpets and Carpet  
Pythons, Sunday 4th



Meet Fluffy! Fluffy, the DSE Carpet Python will be making a special appearance—see a real live Carpet Python .

CarbonTender—Biodiversity  
Benefits

in a Changing Climate, Tuesday 6th

Broken River Walk, Shepparton, Sunday 11th September

Fire Ecology—Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park, Tues 13 (am)  
& Sunday 25 (pm)

Gemmill's Swamp Wildlife Reserve Walk, Mooroopna,  
Sunday 18 September

Warby Range State Park Walks—4 walks— 18, 20, 22 & 24th

Legless Lizards Hunts—Yea and Yarck Area, 18th & 24th

Trees for Farms Field Day, Sunday 25th September

Naring Grassland Field day, Monday 26th Sept

The Pobblebonk Story, Tuesday 27th September

Broken Boosey by Bus, Wednesday 28th Sept

Leadbeater Possum—Threatened Species, Thursday 29th



*For information on any of the above contact Kate Stothers 5761 1572 or email [Kate.Stothers@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kate.Stothers@dpi.vic.gov.au) for a copy of the complete program*

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## VTAG (Violet Town Action Group)

Next meeting date Wednesday 7 September, 7.30pm, Meeting Room, all very welcome.

## HREP REPORT

Another busy month and great to see the rain. The track is holding very well with the wet but a couple of spots maybe need culverts for the long term maintenance of the track.

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2 Planet Ark planting days. The school children were just fantastic and with great weather the Sunday was a most enjoyable day. Thanks also to the TAFE students from Shepparton who did a great job behind the skills shed. There is a lot of planting to happen between now and the end of November. So hopefully you can make a couple of the working bees remember many hands make light work. The plantings from last season are looking fantastic. Go and have a look behind the oval if you are not a regular walker on the track. Two more picnic tables have been installed behind the Tennis Courts, and 10 more seats are under construction to be installed shortly, and also the sculptures.

Final drafts of the signage are almost complete so look out for them in the near future. The artwork of Janet Fogarty from Euroa is unbelievable.

The committee is extremely busy as the grants are nearing the end of their times. It is vital that we meet these deadlines so we can apply for future grants with positive outcomes on the board!

The walking track is shortly to be extended under the railway bridge around to Crocus St when the road is closed.

I know people don't like picking up dog faeces in the park but a lot more people hate stepping in it.

Was there an elephant on the track last week? I for one didn't enjoy walking around the droppings on the track near the Baird St bridge! Keep an eye out for working bee signs around

town or phone Robin Landvogt 57981335 if you need more information. I may not be in the office so much as we get more work happening in the park.

Our planting priorities for the short term are beds up along Hurt St near Caulfield St, Agar St and Connelly St., the 2 splits in the track on the north side and some more creek plantings later in the season.

Hope to see you in the park or walking the track as the weather improves.

*Robin Landvogt  
HREP Project Worker*

## Violet Town Hall Report

The Hall Committee has compiled a list of works completed at the Community Complex in the last 12 months. We have been extremely busy. These improvements have been possible due to:

- \$ 1960 donation from the Toxic Dump Committee for meeting room chairs
- \$ 3500 Community Grant from Shire to resurface floors
- \$1000 fund raising by Hall Committee
- The balance is hall rental

Improvements completed:

1. Resurfacing floors in the Hall, Foyer and Supper room \$5950
2. Piano repairs \$385
3. Painting the surrounds to the stage in hall \$568
4. New tables in supper room \$621
5. Repairs to the hot water service in Kitchen to meet registration requirements \$1093
6. Repairs to air conditioning/heating in meeting room \$1195
7. Materials used to restore table in meeting room \$254
8. New Signage in foyer \$56

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## LOST

KEY POUCH WITH KEYS LOST AT MARKET ON SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST IF YOU FOUND THEM WILL YOU PLEASE HAND THEM INTO THE POLICE OR TO DELAHAYS IGA VIOLET TOWN TOGETHER WITH YOUR ADDRESS SO THAT I MAY THANK YOU

## FOR SALE

Pyrox LPG gas room heater size 89cm X 26cm X 66cm high, 5 heating elements with controls on the top, \$50;

Golf buggy folding (one piece) wide tyres, \$25;

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## NECKTIES WANTED!!!

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## GARAGE SALE

79 Hurt Street, Violet Town  
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Andy Varnik 03 5767 2210**

PO Box 486 Benalla, Vic, 3671  
Email. tatongvillagemarket@yahoo.com.au

# Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

Many thanks to Judith & Peter Durston for hosting our annual grafting day, to Sandra for demonstrating as well as for her vast knowledge of fruit tree cultivars, pollinators etc, to Geoff & Bert for helping with grafting and to all who sent along scion - all contributed to making a great day. Learning to graft really is about having a go, and as I've discovered over past years, practice really does make - no not perfect, but at least a successful graft. And as Sandra pointed out, if you learn to graft onto an existing tree, and the graft doesn't take, all you've lost is a year, you can have another go next season. Sandra also showed that an expensive grafting knife is not necessary, she uses small thin bladed kitchen knives, very well sharpened. For those who wanted pear & cherry stocks, Stewart has some available, please contact Terry 5790 8635 or Stewart 5790 8607.

Next meeting day will be Sunday 4 September (Spring!), 1.30pm at Chris Coles' property on the Upper Boho Road. From the Boho South corner (church, hall, courts etc) take the dirt road (Upper Boho road) past 'Bambara' & the Fire Station on the right, she is the next house on the right, look out for the large bus alongside a timber cottage.

This day will consist of a design day, using permaculture principles, and we will be looking at the 60 acres of arable land only. Chris will give us a list of the activities she envisages happening on the land, contour map, aerial map etc and we'll see if we can help her come up with a beginning plan for the land. Also for those more interested in the bush, the rest of the property is forested with a beautiful rainforest gully running through, well worth a walk along!

Bring along pens, clipboard etc, and see you there!

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## Notes from your Mayor Robyn Machin

Spring is with us and school holidays soon. This coincides with an increase in visitors and organizing activities to take advantage of the longer daylight hours. Summer sports will start up such as bowling and tennis along with the associated working bees. Springtime will fill our paddocks with foals, lambs and calves and watch out for the darting magpies!

**Have you thought of becoming a councillor?** – The next local government elections are 26th November and it is time to think seriously about throwing your hat in the ring. The VEC review earlier this year has resulted in this Shire retaining its wards but it is clear that each ward needs around 5 candidates for ratepayers to choose from. For information phone the MAV-Gavin Maloney.

**Sport and Recreation grants** - Expressions of interest for Sport and Recreation grants will commence soon. If you wish to make application for funding for a project for your club please start to plan and make enquiries to Jodi Bjorksten at the Shire. Council Community Grants for minor capital projects will shortly be advertised also.

**Road Grading** – the Shire's three graders have been running non stop to cover as many miles as possible. Considerable progress is being made to improve the condition of roads with the most heavily trafficked roads being the first priority. The Road Management Plan implemented by your council last year has provided considerable financial benefits by having an accurate register of the condition of all roads. For example heavy February rains caused considerable road damage - the RMP was used to leverage just under \$90,000 of extra state government funding for repairs. This year's budget has directed as much as possible towards funds for resheeting which will help improve some road surfaces. Council has identified that



\$6m is need for road expenditure throughout the shire to bring roads up to standard. However, we acknowledge that this amount is simply not available out of a \$15m budget. There is considerable pressure being placed on small rural shires like ours to maintain

roads and governments continue to be lobbied to increase funding for this purpose. **Rate Notices** - will be mailed in September. Four payment options.

- in person at the Euroa Shire Office
- by mail with a cheque
- at any Post Office or
- BPay by telephone

Overall uniform rate increase for 2005/06 is 7.5%. Property valuations remain unchanged. The garbage charge has decreased slightly. Further details will come with your notices.

**Weed management** – it is important to keep on top of weeds again this year. Landholders are responsible for weeds not only on their property but also on the adjoining roadsides. If you need any help or advice on how to control weeds please contact the Shire Land Management Officer – Heather Bradbury.

**Improved road signage** – the shire are currently working with Vicroads to improve directional road signs. It seems a long process but progress is being made and we should see new signs up and old signs removed before too long. Tourism signage is also proposed to be upgraded by Vicroads. Your input is appreciated.

**Commonwealth Games** – Art Project- Artists should go to the shire website to view the brief for the project located on the scoreboard at the recreation reserve. We are delighted to have received over 10 enquiries so far from far and wide. The work will be a lasting reminder of the local celebration for the Commonwealth Games in 2006.

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A panel of local artists, stakeholders and regional arts will select the work. The film project is making great progress as is the planning of stage events. The combined shire schools have undertaken to organize the Queens Baton Relay activities in Euroa on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Nomination for runners closes on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Warming Up for the Games Sports Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November will be the first activity involving all the sports clubs who wish to participate. Funding is available for this day. Our next task over coming weeks is to prepare a budget for the program. The local Getting Involved Team welcomes anyone who wishes to join in – it will be a great celebration for our town and the shire. Next month there will be TV advertising footage of Violet Town to promote the games in Melbourne.

**Poker machines** – Council are considering developing a policy for our Shire regarding poker machine venues and numbers. We feel we need some guidelines if confronted with the issue and I would really like to hear your opinions to help us develop some guidelines. Currently there are 32 machines in one venue in our shire.

*Please keep in touch with me on any comments you have or issues for discussion. Ph 57981686 www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au*

### RESTRICTED ACCESS UNDER THE RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN TULIP AND CROCUS STREET VIOLET TOWN

In the next 2 weeks the road under the railway line will be closed at the end of Tulip Street and at Crocus Street. Access will only be available to emergency vehicles and for maintenance work.

Removable Bollards will be installed to close the road and temporary flashing lights will be in position for a few weeks before permanent signage is installed.

Please be careful of these changed road conditions.

## CANIAMBO BALL

The 30th annual Caniambo Ball will be held on Friday 16 September, 8.00 pm in the Caniambo Hall.

Music by the Rose City Dance Band.  
Belle, Star, Matron & Beau of the Ball  
\$25 double, \$12.50 single, students \$6  
Casserole Supper, door prizes, lucky spots  
Phone Raelene 5828 9214 (AH)  
or Shirley 5828 9236

Proceeds towards Hall maintenance,  
CFA & CWA

### Hall Report continued.....

9. New air conditioner in Community House Office \$1700
10. Repairs to lighting in foyer and entrance \$510
11. New doors from office to youth space \$100
12. New chairs in meeting room \$1960
13. Carpet placed on bases of all banks of chairs by working bees
14. Various other small maintenance jobs

In addition to this we have received a volunteer grant for \$2940. With this we have purchased 2 new table trolleys and 30 new chairs (these are on order)

We continue to seek funding as all the black chairs in the supper room need to be replaced. Many of these improvements are due to the community rental of the complex. Thank you to everyone who uses and supports the Hall Committee.

*Robin Landvogt / Lorraine Sinclair  
VTAG Hall Committee*

## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2006

It's Violet Town's turn to host the Shire of Strathbogie Australia Day Awards in 2006 and we hope to make it a special day.

Breakfast will be served as usual and after the ceremony and presentations of awards the No Toxic Dump Committee will be asked to speak briefly about the plaque they have had commissioned for the people of the region to recognise their endeavours and hard work to keep our Shire and surrounds clean and green for the future.

A memorabilia display will be held in the hall after the ceremony and all clubs and organisations are invited to have a display of their memories, i.e. Church, RSL, sport teams, CWA, etc. Morning tea will then be served in the supper room.

There will be no charge at all this year for the breakfast and it is a free morning for all activities thanks to the Shire of Strathbogie.

Please let us know if your club will participate in the memorabilia display. Everyone is invited to make this a great Australia Day.

*Dot Rae  
Australia Day Committee*



**SCHOLARSHIP**  
MILO DARVENIZA  
ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

The Milo Darveniza Engineering Scholarship is offered to students completing their second year of tertiary study in a water engineering related field.

The Scholarship consists of

- \$3,000 cash component per year
- Christmas vacation employment for two consecutive years commencing in December 2005.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Studying a full-time undergraduate engineering degree at a Victorian University
- Major must be in a water related field
- Entering the third year of study in 2006
- Parental home must be located in Goulburn Valley Water's Region

Completed Application Forms must be received at the offices of Goulburn Valley Water, 104-110 Myers Street, Shepparton, Victoria, 3630 or e-mailed to [manisep@gvwatervic.gov.au](mailto:manisep@gvwatervic.gov.au) by April Friday 30 September 2005.

Scholarship application forms can be obtained by contacting Maxine Parkin at the Authority on 03 5832 0444 or can be downloaded from the Goulburn Valley Water website at [www.gvwatervic.gov.au](http://www.gvwatervic.gov.au).



## Monster Garage Sale and Market Stalls

Sunday 2nd October  
9.00am start

'Sunnyside' RMB 3074, Bonnie Doon Rd

Stallholders and outside vendors welcome

Contact Olga Walker 5790 8510  
or Irene Jones 5790 8502

Stallholder fee \$5 donation to the Fire Brigade  
Light luncheon & Devonshire teas  
available at the restaurant

*Sale items include gas heaters (3), glass top coffee table, bathroom sink /cabinet, shower base & cabinet, cast iron bath, single beds, suitcases, LPG gas tank, mower, Datsun ute, old Nuffield tractor, Westinghouse fridge, Samsung twin tub washing machine, chainsaw, numerous sundries*

## VIOLET TOWN TENNIS CLUB

At its recent AGM the Violet Town Tennis Club decided to play in the coming season in the Benalla and District Tennis Competition, leaving the Shepparton and District Hardcourt Association. This will mean less travelling and the opportunity to play the occasional Friday night game under lights.

We will be fielding 2 teams in this competition. Any new players interested in a game would be most welcome either on a regular basis or as a fill in.

Training will begin shortly on Thursday nights 5pm onwards. Check with Val at the hardware store if you are interested in joining training. You are quite welcome to come and have a hit without committing to a team.

Plans are underway to pave the front of the club house before the season starts and we are looking forward to some good tennis and enjoyable social times.

All players welcome.

For more info contact

Peter Landvogt President 57981335

Sue Piper Secretary 57981200

Val Machin at the Hardware Store

Good hitting

## Strathbogie Shire Community Services Violet Town 70's Plus

Lunches to be held at the VT Supper Room on Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th September. Come at 11 am for a cuppa, & 11.30 am for 3 course meal. Cost \$5.50.

Our volunteers & VT school students ensure participants have an enjoyable meal in a happy environment. The VTBC kitchen provides tasty meals each month. Thanks to all. For catering please RSVP to the 'purple book' at Delaheys or phone Pam Ellis 5798 1368 by Tuesday 20 September.

## VIOLET TOWN BOWLS CLUB INC

The members and executive committee look forward to the 2005—2006 season. Greens will be opened on Sunday 11 September at 1.00 pm.

We welcome all members, prospective members & visitors to the club. Our club offers a friendly atmosphere & a sporting social environment for all ages in this popular sport. Contact 5798 1337, 5798 1596 or 5790 8540.

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## Hume Corridor Community Outreach Health Service

### Gymnasium

To hold a **Community Meeting** for the Gymnasium  
on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**,  
starting at **6.00 pm**  
at the **Community Health building**

**To discuss several issues regarding opening hours, equipment, assessments and supervision**

**All welcome to attend**

Cowslip Street, Violet Town  
Ph: (03) 57366366

## 10,000 Steps program will benefit your health

"It would be wonderful to have the whole of the Violet Town and surrounding communities involved in the 10,000 Steps program" said Diana Chomley, Community Health Nurse with Hume Corridor Community Outreach Health Service.

"This is a physical activity program that will benefit everyone who participates" she continued "It is a program where people can 'accumulate' steps during the day and only need to include a walk of 30 minutes to ensure health benefits are received".

Lynne and Darryl Parker, recently of Central Queensland University where the 10,000 Steps program was created, with Diana will present the program at an Information Evening on 12 September 2005 commencing at 7 pm.

Everyone, ranging in age from the young to the not so young, are encouraged to attend the presentation at the Community Hall in Cowslip Street, Violet Town to find out how

the program works, how you can form teams to compete in 'challenges' and the benefits of your daily recorded physical activity and much more.

About 900 Central Queensland University staff 'walked' in teams of 10, from North West Australia to Byron Bay in NSW in a 10 week challenge. There are many more large and small challenges in which we can participate. The program organisers have created a website where all members can record their daily steps with many statistics available encouraging you to stay healthy.

We look forward to a large crowd at the Information Evening on 12 September 2005 to find out how Violet Town can be the first town to become a member of the 10,000 Steps program.

For more information contact the Darryl Parker at [lynndarr@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lynndarr@bigpond.net.au) or (03) 5798 1858



## Violet Town Hairdresser Jo Beavis

Shop hours in Cowslip Street, Violet Town are:  
Wednesdays 9 am – 5.30 pm  
Thursdays 1 pm – late  
Fridays 9 am – 5.30 pm

I am mobile on Mondays for clients who are unable to come to the shop.

Arrangements can be made for weddings or special occasions on Saturdays.

You can contact Jo on 5798 1712 (AH) & 5798 1427 (BH)

## Broadband now available in Violet Town Broadband connections are here at last!

To connect to broadband you need:

- Broadband modem and line filter(s). The broadband modem is not the same as a dialup modem and if you want to connect more than one computer to the internet then get one that has more than one port (usually 4)

- An agreement with an ISP of your choice to supply the services.

There are many plans available and you need to make your choice based on

- the download/upload speed you want. You will see the written as 256/64, 512/256 etc.
- an estimate of your monthly data requirements – this will generally be a considerable increase on your existing dialup usage, because being faster and always on you will use it more.

Be aware that if data limits are exceeded you could be charged for excess data or your speed will be cut back (shaped) or both. An example from one ISP -: "speed is reduced to 72kbps once the monthly allowance is reached. Once you reach 120% of your download allowance your speed will be shaped further to 33kbps. Shaping provides full access to the Internet at a reduced speed of your ADSL service. Alternatively you can choose to pay \$10 per GB for excess downloads and access the Internet at full speed."

There will be connection, account establishment and technical setup (if you need it) fees as well as the monthly charges. The free connection / free modem offers are not necessarily the cheapest and they generally have a fixed term contract attached. So shop around. A good source of information is "Broadband Choice" at [www.whirlpool.net.au](http://www.whirlpool.net.au) and the monthly APC magazine.

Don't forget your security precautions, they are

much more important with broadband. Keep your operating system up to date You must have a functioning and effective firewall and you should test its effectiveness. eg "Shields up" at [www.grc.com](http://www.grc.com) Keep your anti virus software up to date – good idea to set to automatically update daily Regularly scan (at least weekly) your system with appropriate anti- spyware and anti Trojan software. Enjoy your enhanced access to the internet with broadband!

### Rosen Method Bodywork with Vicki Jones

(Practitioner and Teacher in training)

#### Free Information Evening

Wednesday 19 October, 7 - 10pm

#### Two Day Workshop

Sat 22nd & sun 23rd October  
9.30am—4.00pm

Cost \$180, \$160 if paid before 1 Oct.

#### 8 Day Intensive with Gloria Hessel- lund (Senior Teacher) U.S.A. and Vicki Jones

19th - 26th November, 2005  
Parish Perfumery, Violet Town

For more information, contact Penny Long [pmlong@algonet.se](mailto:pmlong@algonet.se) or Elizabeth Long 0357 908 622

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## Probus Notes

First an update on our 'Christmas in July' progressive luncheon. To say this function was a success would be the understatement of the year. The thing that stood out was that each of our hosts/cooks went a bit further than just providing food. At each place the tables were beautifully decorated in a Christmas theme & there were lucky place mats, crackers & lollies. We were all impressed & thought this was a memorable outing.

Attendance at our August meeting was the highest for the year & president Jevan welcomed another two new members.

Our guest speaker was Rod Kilgour, former sports commentator & now owner of a collection of Clydesdale horses. After telling us some humorous happenings behind the scenes in the sporting world, he gave us a brief history of Clydesdale horses in Australia & how he had become involved with them. It was obvious from the way he spoke that he is passionately fond of his horses. He was an excellent speaker & we all enjoyed his presentation.

Then on the 19 August we took a bus to Glenrowan to have a meal at the Glenrowan Hotel. After an enjoyable meal we boarded the bus & went to the Glenrowan Gallery where we were greeted by partners Tony Dewan & Daryl Brew. Tony gave us a brief history of the establishment of the gallery & there plans for the future. The gallery may be small in size, but the variety of exhibits has to be seen to be believed. Photography, oil & water colour paintings, woodwork, furni-

ture, picture framing & metalwork just to name a few. All the exhibits are for sale & work in any of the mediums is undertaken on a commission basis. Well worth a visit! Back on the bus we journeyed to Baileys winery where we tasted some of the product & made some purchases in the warmth of a lovely log fire. There was also an exhibit of some early wine making equipment & a video of the history of the vineyard. The rain may have been coming down outside but we were nice & warm, whether from the fire or the wine tasting is hard to say. From Baileys we headed for home having enjoyed another good day out. Our special thanks to our driver Alf, who was his usual obliging & cheerful self.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 5 September in the supper room at 10 am. Anyone who would like to see what Probus is all about is welcome to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Bob Sinclair

## Euroa Cinema

Four great September movies - Sept and school holiday movies at Euroa. Use your free voucher in the Shire Newsletter.

**1-4 Ladies in Lavender** with Judi Dench (special Red Cross fundraiser matinee Thurs 1st at 1pm)

**16-18 Madagascar**

**23-25 The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants** (Based on Ann Brashare's best selling novel about a pair of lucky Op Shop jeans.)

### RAINFALL TOTALS—VIOLET TOWN (to 20th, to fit in with publishing dates)

June rainfall total	- 130.8mls	10	10
July rainfall total	- 53.5	11	2
<u>August</u>		13	1
3	.5	15	4
4	18	16	8.5
5	.5	20	20.5
9	2.5		
<u>Total for August to 20th</u>		<u>- 67.5mls</u>	

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## VTBNC Ladies Auxiliary

will meet at the Nursing Centre on Thursday 29 Sept at 1.30 pm. We have welcomed several new members.

Recently the Strathbogie 'Material Girls' donated a hand worked quilt / wall hanging which our Auxiliary is raffling. Tickets \$2 each. The quilt is spectacular & a work of art. Wildflowers is the theme. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the 'Material Girls' so please purchase some tickets. Watch out for our general goods & cake stall at the October market.

All funds raised benefit our Nursing Centre, so your contribution helps us provide 'extras' for our Nursing Centre.

*Pam Ellis, Secretary*

## Violet Town Senior Citizens

Our August meeting saw a few more cits present. Illness held some back.

The annual financial report was received & adopted, now waiting for the audit. Indoor bowls is still going strong with an invitation night coming up & an interesting night's events planned.

Outings were discussed and a decision that we wait for better weather was agreed to. Watch this column for future events. Not sure what Annette has planned for September 1 at 2pm—come anyway!

*Laurie Connors, Facilitator*



## VIOLET TOWN PUDDING STIRRERS

Yes, it's that time of the year to think of preparing for that great social event, the making of the Christmas Puddings. This year the preparations will be in the kitchen of the Community Centre. We thank the school for their help over the years with the use of the Multi-purpose room. Volunteers are needed, the dates are October 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. You can leave your name and dates you can help with me, at the school or the kindergarten. Men are invited as they are needed with strong fingers to tie the puddings and transport them, young and not so young. Proceeds go to the Nursing Centre, school and kindergarten. Please help. Dot Rae 57981 338.

## V. T. RED CROSS UNIT

The local Red Cross Unit will be hosting the Annual Conference of surrounding regional groups in the Community Hall on Tuesday, September 20. It commences at 10.30 am with morning tea served by our ladies and there will be a market stall.

Our monthly meeting will be held in the Meeting Room on Monday, September 5 at 2.00 pm. New members are always welcome. Meals-on-Wheels. People needed for deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels. Takes about 1 hour. Please ring Dot Rae 57981 338 for more information. A rewarding experience.

## V. T. WALKING GROUP

The walkers enjoyed their day out last month with a barbeque at Kath Utber's home in her lovely garden. The day was pleasant and after lunch the group took a walk up to Barry and Roberta's and after looking around their garden and admiring the views, a walk was taken over the hill and back to Kath's. Many thanks to Kath for her hospitality.

Next walk on Saturday, August 27 will be to Barry and Dawn's at Dorset Hill with a barbeque lunch. Leave from Goodfellows at 11.00am.

Info from Dot Rae 5798 1338

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December please think of us when  
organising your  
Xmas Party

### January Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> Women's

Dance Day,

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Places limited so book early.

### January Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun 15<sup>th</sup> JoJo Smith Singing Sleepover for

young people  
ages 14-18 years.

Phone Helen for details

## Son of Epicurious

"I am a gentleman & I think about eating and drinking and not about minding my business."  
Michelangelo da Caravaggio about 1600

The best meal I have ever eaten was Braised Veal shanks, Milanese style, more widely known as Osso bucco. The recipe is not particularly difficult, but does need attention to detail. If you are a regular reader of this column, you will not be surprised to hear that there are many recipes for Osso bucco. The version given here is based on the one in Marcella Hazan's stimulating book, 'The Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking'

Correct butchering is essential if best results are to be enjoyed. In particular the cook needs to know what sort of meat is being purchased. In Australia veal means yearling veal, but European veal is much younger and is referred to as milky veal, which tends to be seasonal and even then, only small quantities are offered to the market.. Try both; see which you prefer.

Marcella offers the following tips-

- Shanks should come from the hind leg
- Make sure that the skin covering the shanks is not removed.
- Allow the steaks plenty of time to cook

### Ingredients to serve 4 to 6

115 gm (4 oz.) onion, chopped finely  
3 medium carrots, chopped finely  
2 small sticks of celery, chopped finely  
50 gm (2 oz) butter  
1 teasp finely chopped garlic  
2 strips lemon peel with none of the white pith beneath it  
6 tablespoonsful vegetable oil  
1 x 4 cm (1½ inches) thick slice of veal hind shank for each diner.  
flour spread on a plate  
2 bay leaves  
freshly ground black pepper

250 ml. (8 fl oz) dry white wine  
250 ml (8 fl oz) beef stock  
400 gm (14 oz) tin of plum tomatoes, coarsely chopped and with their juices  
½ teaspoon fresh thyme  
2 - 3 sprigs parsley  
salt to taste

**Method** The best pan for cooking this dish is a heavy, wide based casserole that can accommodate all the shanks snugly in a single layer (If you do not have a single pot large enough, use two smaller ones and divide the ingredients into to equal halves, but adding an additional 15 gm.(1/2 oz) butter to each casserole). In addition, you will require a heavy skillet or frying pan

Pre heat the oven to 180 deg C/ 250 deg F

Put the onion, carrot, celery and butter into the casserole and turn the heat to medium. Cook for 6 - 7 minutes, add the chopped garlic and the lemon peel, cook for another 2 - 3 minutes until the vegetables soften and wilt and then remove them from the heat.

Put the vegetable oil in the skillet and turn the heat to medium-high. Turn the veal shanks in the flour, coating them all over and shaking off the excess flour.

When the oil is quite hot slip in the shanks and brown them thoroughly all over.

Remove them from the skillet and transfer them to the casserole, placing them on top of the vegetables in a single layer. Tip most of the oil from the skillet, add the wine and reduce the volume by simmering over a medium heat. While you are doing this, scrape the caramelised (sticky) pieces from the base of the pan, mixing them with the gravy. (This may sound a bit tricky, but it isn't) This is called deglazing. Pour the juices over the veal in the pot. Put the broth in the skillet, bring it to a simmer and add it to the pot.

Next, add to the pot the chopped tomatoes and their juice, the thyme, bay leaves, parsley, pepper and salt.. The broth should come 2/3 of the way up the shanks, if it does not, add more stock.

Bring the contents of the pot to a simmer, cover it tightly and place it in the oven Turn and baste the shanks at intervals. If, while the osso bucco is cooking the liquid in the pot becomes insufficient add 2 tablespoons of water or stock at a time as needed. Cooking will take about two hours but check that it is tender. If the pot juices are too thin and wattery place the pot over a high heat, boil down (reduce) the excess liquid.

Just before the meat is served, the chops can be sprinkled with gremolata, a mixture of:

1 teaspoonful of finely grated lemon rind  
¼ teaspoonful very finely chopped garlic  
1 tablespoonful of parsley.

Bon appetit

Barrie Mather

## Artist Wanted!

### Violet Town Art Project

The Shire of Strathbogie has received funding through the Department for Victorian Communities for an art project to celebrate and commemorate the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Council is seeking to install relevant, professionally executed, contextual works at the Violet Town Recreation Reserve site, through an open process of competition and subsequent commission.

There are very few sculptures and public art works in the Shire of Strathbogie. This project is an opportunity for the municipality to embrace an important and timely addition to art in public spaces.

Copies of the **Violet Town Art Project Commission Brief** can be collected from the Euroa Civic Centre, Cnr. Binney & Bury Streets, Euroa or at the Nagambie Lakes Visitor Information Centre, 145 High St, Nagambie. The commission brief is also available on the Strathbogie Shire website [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au).

For further information please contact Julie Blyth, Events Coordinator, on 5794 2599.

Closing date for submissions is 5.00pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

## Violet Town Garden Club



The August meeting was held in the Community Hall & we enjoyed a talk on Camellias by Marlene Miles. It has been a special month for Dot Sutherland who has celebrated her diamond wedding anniversary & she won the monthly lucky prize, our best wishes Dot. Anybody who would like to go to the Aust Gardening Festival at Caulfield Racecourse on Thurs 29 Sept, please phone Lorraine Ralston on 5798 9517.

The season has started well, maybe you could enter an iris in the show on October 30th. If you are a little unsure ask one of our members, there is always a place in the Novice Section.

The next meeting will be at the home of Val McLean on Murchison Road, 9.30am on Monday 19 September.

Happy Gardening

Kath Utber

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