

YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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NEW TRAIN TIMES

VT—Melb weekdays
7.49am; 2.06pm; 6.14pm
Sat: 8.04am; 2.06; 6.14pm
Sun: 8.24am; 2.26; 6.36pm

VT—Albury weekdays
10.16am; 2.22pm; 8.17pm
Sat: 10.13am; 2.22; 8.13pm
Sun: 10.33am; 2.24; 8.15pm

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Violet Town Swimming Pool 50th Birthday Celebrations

6th December marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the VT swimming pool that was built by locals for the enjoyment of the town's folk & surrounding district.

Friday 7th December 2007

Launching the history of the Violet Town Swimming Pool

A dinner & memorabilia display acknowledging the work of those who built it

VENUE: VT Community Hall

TIME: 7pm

COST: \$25—pre-payment essential

PH: 5798 1631 by 30th November

Saturday 8th December 2007

A 1950's 'Pool Party' including a BBQ, games & live music to dance to & an evening full of fun for all the family.

VENUE: Violet Town Swimming Pool

TIME: 5—10 pm

COST: free

BYO: Picnic tea—BBQ available for your use

Alcohol free event

Contact Robin Landvogt regarding memorabilia & history—5798 1335

Contact Robbie Rae regarding celebration events—5798 1631

Organised by: VT Friends of the Pool & VT History Group, subcommittees of VTAG & Arts VT

New Community Vegetable Garden at the School

Peranbin Primary College in Violet Town is starting a vegetable garden at the school to teach children about food production, recycling and having fun with plants and animals. We would love the broader community to be involved as perhaps as regular gardeners, running small projects with the children, at working bees or with donations of seeds, plants or materials.

We would like to start by improving the soil in the area set aside for the garden by growing potatoes under heavy mulch. Does anyone have a hayshed or shearing shed that needs cleaning out or any rotten hay or unwanted grass clippings? If this sounds like fun to you and you would like to be involved or kept informed of progress, or have some materials you are able to donate we would love to hear from you. Contact Udo Boddenberg at the school on 57 981 431 or Sally Mann on 57 981 765

Violet Town Market Report

'Twas a bit chilly for our October market which is traditionally the first of our big lead up to Christmas markets. Our stallholder numbers were surprisingly down, maybe the small threat of rain could have put off a few or maybe other regional events like the Shepparton Show on the same day could have caused this. The number of patrons attending seemed unaffected.

On the morning of the market it was clear that quite a few of our permanents hadn't let us know that they weren't coming. Please let us know, just a message on the answer machine will do as early as possible, you do run the risk of loosing your site if we need it for another stallholder seeking permanency.

Our market relies on our permanents, an integral part of permanency is letting us know if you aren't coming so you don't have to book each month.

Our musician was Peter Barbary and cho-

sen specifically to mesh in with special seniors celebration events provided this month. Thanks to Pam Ellis for organizing this.

As usual our casual stallholders added a bit of zing to our market. Katherine with Uncle John's Licorice has been so often now that she has applied for permanency with her hand made licorice.

We have quite a few people who make timber products coming casually at the moment this includes Shamus who is crafting his own wooden buttons out of small pieces of a variety of scrap timber. Buskers also add that splash of colour and this month we had Christie Sykes doing a human statue performance.

That's it for this month. Don't forget to book early if you want a site for the November market. See you at the market

Chris 0416233584

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RAINFALL (rather lack of it!) At the time of going to print, there has been no rainfall recorded for Violet Town in October. September's total rainfall was 8mls. Let's hope the word about on heavy rains coming soon is correct!

Boho Valley Plants Terry Frewin, Plantgrower

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A catalogue of native plants is available and may be viewed on the Violet Town web site at <http://www.violettown.org.au/index.htm>

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Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

We all enjoyed a very pleasant & relaxing time on a mild spring afternoon at Val & Nev's place last meeting. It was great to welcome Lexie from Shepparton (soon to be local again), Helen from Melbourne & Ken who brought along a beautiful bowl of eggs to share - and also good to see Maggie finally on the mend after her skiing accident!

Nev & Val are very keen gardeners & have made many improvements to the existing garden, adding many ornamental plants & beds under the canopy of existing trees. Nev has planted down the old tennis court with many varieties of fruit trees and has managed to find all the sunniest spots for his thriving vegie garden which was in full production and looking very healthy.

I was most impressed with his innovative way of getting kumera (sweet potato) to sprout. He has the tuber sitting on moist lawn clippings inside a compost bin, and the warmth and dark was perfect for encouraging sprouting. Once the sprout is a few inches long it can be broken off, placed in water till roots form and then planted out (after frosts), or as Nev does, cut the sprout off with a small piece of tuber attached and plant straight out. Liking to experiment, Nev has also tried his hand at grafting onto passionfruit rootstock. Thanks to Val & Nev for their hospitality, it was a beautiful afternoon.

Next meeting will be a Seedy Sunday held at Virginia & Noel's at 10 Tulip Street on Sunday 4 November at 1.30pm. The seed collection will be there to take seeds from, also our collection of books etc to borrow.

Yvonne has begun a database of her books which she is happy to loan out to members, and the idea is for us all to add any of our own titles we're happy to have loaned out, to the list. Many of our books

are under utilised & this is a great way of extending the number of titles we have access to.

So if you're happy to be part of this scheme, please have a look through your books - we'd need Title, Author & Publishing Date - you can either email the info or bring along to meetings.

Virginia and Noel have been flat out in the garden since returning from their travels and have totally redesigned the front yard to turn the space (which once was lawn) - into heavily mulched beds—it's looking great - so hope to see you there.

Bring along any excess seedlings you may have to share and I'd like to get an idea of which varieties everyone's growing this season also.



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Teddy Bears Picnic, Roaming Reptiles and Miniature Railway headline Children's Week 30th Oct – 4th November

Strathbogie is once again getting into the swing of all things fun and launching a great program of events for Children's Week 2007.

Tuesday 30th October

11am at Avenel Maze Teddy Bears Picnic – special price of \$5 per person, BYO lunch. Special guest will be in attendance and lots of fun craft activities and a program of fun events, including singing and dancing.

Wednesday 31st October

12pm sausage sizzle at Violet Town Nursing Home with Trixie the Clown and face painting and cake with the residents.

Thursday 1st November

Avenel Kindergarten – All shire playgroups and kindergartens are invited to attend this unique display from Roaming Reptiles from 10am – 12pm. Free activity but parents must book through Community Services on 5795 0000 as places are limited.

Sunday 4th November

At 11am at the Euroa Miniature Railway will be the place to be with a range of free activities including:

- *Miniature trains – unlimited free rides
- *Special Guest - Trixie the Clown
- *Baby Animal Nursery
- *CFAs Captain Koala
- *Music performance by a special guest
- *Thomas the Tank Engine cake
- *Miniature Police Vehicles
- *Goulburn Valley Health is bringing their reading boat – storytelling boat
- *Face painting, balloons, fun fun fun.

ACCESS TO ACCESS!!

What is the role of Rural Access?

The role of Rural Access is to identify, highlight and promote access, inclusion and equity issues for people of all ages who have a disability. Goulburn Rural Access area includes Strathbogie Shire, Moira Shire and City of Greater Shepparton.

Some Projects in progress

Companion Card Strathbogie and Moira Shires; City of Greater Shepparton. What is the Companion Card? The Companion Card enables carers of people with permanent disabilities to accompany the care recipient to venues, activities and events in the community free of charge. The person with a disability pays the normal concession fee.

What is a Companion Ticket? A person who has a disability which is not permanent, but still requires a carer to accompany them, may apply to Council for a Companion Ticket. A letter of support from a Medical Practitioner is required.

Note : The Euroa Cinema already accepts carers of people with a disability without charge. Services and event organizers across the three Shires will be encouraged to affiliate with the Companion Card.

Network of Friends Project. This projects gathers together a number of people with disabilities from services across four Shires who attend Day Activity Programs. The aim of this Project is to provide a forum for people to network with other service users from different areas, to form new friendships, raise any issues they may have and have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers. The last meeting was held in Shepparton and was attended by a representative from Goulburn Valley Water who explained how our water is processed, from the time of leaving the river, to reaching our homes. All participants found this very interesting, especially the 'before' and 'after' samples of the water!

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Hall Committee

The painting of the Community Complex is almost finished. (Probably finished by the time you read this.) It has made a great difference to the Complex. Thanks to all who have made positive comments to Kevin Jacka and the Hall Committee.

We have also painted the foyer and across the front of the Community House which was outside the original contract by the Shire.

We look forward to the Community House completing their renovations and the Complex will be improved even more. Thanks to those who worked in consultation with the committee in selecting the colours (never an easy job).

A reminder to all groups that any use of the Complex MUST be booked with Virginia Robinson 57981774 before it is used. It is not good enough just to assume it will be free. The Shire insurers are extremely strict on this and we must have bookings at all times. Please also remember to return the keys after using the complex.

Our next project is to revamp the garden at the entrance to the Complex. Watch out for the changes here & anyone who would like to help please contact the hall Committee.

Lorraine Sinclair Chairperson
Robbie Rae Secretary.

Suunymeade Open Garden Dates

Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th Nov.
Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 December

For more information phone
Irving's 5790 8519



Quilters, Patchworkers, Stitchers

Next & final get together for 2007, will be on Thursday 15th November between 10am & 3pm.

All crafty people welcome. Thank you everyone who has come along this year.

Enquiries Corallea Lindsay 5798 1310 or Marg Block 5798 1214



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Thursday 1 pm—late
Friday 9 am—5 pm

Saturdays by appointment only

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Contact Jo, Jodie & Rob

VicHealth Funding Available



Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to sports clubs/organisations to purchase the following equipment:-

- Sports Injury Prevention Equipment
 - Essential Equipment/Items
 - Volunteer and Club training
 - Portable Sun Shade
- Eligible organisations:-
- Sporting organisations
 - Local active recreation organisations (eg walking clubs, dance groups)

Must be not for profit and incorporated, based in Victoria with activities taking place in Victoria. Your club is not eligible for funding if you have received this funding in 2005 or 2006.

Closing date for applications is

3 December 2007 with applications sent direct to: VicHealth – Active Club Grants Program, Vic Health, PO Box 154, Carlton South 3053.

Application forms and guidelines for both programs are available by visiting the VicHealth website -

www.vichealth.vic.gov.au or by contacting Jodi Bjorksten on 5795 0016, email jodi.bjorksten@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Kevin J Hannagan
Chief Executive Officer

BoHoGie Music Sessions

Friday 30th November
BYO BBQ at 6.00pm

*Come & join in, share, play, listen or sing
All ages & musical abilities welcome
Music, Song, Connection & Dance
At the Boho Sth Hall, Boho Sth*

Violet Town Seniors

Please members, try and attend meetings as it is nearly impossible to arrange our little trips otherwise. In September eight took a short tour to Tatong Tavern for lunch & a visit to the former VT Catholic Church now on private property—still in excellent condition even after being shifted 3 times. Then home via Benalla for afternoon tea. Thanks to Lil for arranging & Alf for driving. In October eleven members went across to Barooga Sporties for Morning Melodies, Toni Lamond, & lunch. Toni was great & lunch was delicious & plentiful. We hope to see more members at our next meeting on Wednesday 14th November when we hope to organize our Christmas function. Thanks to our driver Annette.

Barbara Symes
Secretary / Treasurer

V. T. Community Op Shop

We say this every month—but what a great market day!

So many happy people all taking advantage of our special pricing of \$2 each for all clothes. This month we are having a special on jumpers—all out at \$2 each.

If you have any knick-knacks or jewellery that you want to be rid of, please think of us. We will soon be getting out our Christmas items, so keep popping in to the shop. The Op Shop will be closed over the Christmas break & we will let you know the dates in the next Village Voice. Our volunteers have been working so hard they deserve a break.

A big thank you to all people who brought in donations—we couldn't do it without you. Warm regards

The Op Shop Crew



SUSTAINABLE FARM FAMILIES PROGRAMS IN THE REGION

Farmers from the Violet Town district have an exciting opportunity to attend a Sustainable Farm Families program at the Violet Town Community House on Wednesday 28th November and Thursday 29th November.

Sustainable Farm Families is an award winning initiative of Western District Health Service, Hamilton, delivered in partnership with the Victorian Department of Primary Industries. Already 600 farmers have participated in the program and 100 per cent of participants recommended it to other farmers and helped shape the program.

Sustainable Farm Families health industry leader said "the program covers a range of areas including cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, women and men's health, stress, depression, farm safety, nutrition and exercise. All participants also have a health assessment and is available to farming men and women."

The Minister for Agriculture, Joe Helper, said "the Sustainable Farm Families program focus is to improve the physical and mental health of farmers and their families".

"This program is about recognising that for many Victorian farming families the drought's impact continues to affect their lives; and helping people get through that" Mr. Helper said.

Farmers who have completed the program have reported that the program enhanced their overall health with everything from better eating to improved farm safety. Some also found that they were able to make better decisions because they had a new perspective of how important their health and families were in their lives.

Farmers interested in attending should contact Jean McKinnon, Community Health Nurse at Hume Corridor Community Outreach Service on 57366366. More information on the program can also be obtained from the Western District Health Service on (03) 5551 8450 or visit www.sustainablefarmfamilies.org.au

Blue Wren Lavender Farm New Season Open Day Sunday 25th November 11am—5pm Artists in the Lavender

Come along & enjoy the lavender gardens while watching artists at work, sculptures from recycled farm materials, garden ornaments, plants etc
Enjoy a Devonshire Tea, sausage sizzle or bring your own picnic.

There will be wine tasting & great music to help you enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

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03 5790 8502 or
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Look forward to seeing you.

Sculpture Entries Invited!!

You are invited to enter a sculpture, scarecrow, or any other item which would suit being viewed in a garden setting—what about a lavender gnome or fairy? Into painting? Feel free to set up an easel anywhere on the property & be inspired by the local scenery. You may exhibit work for sale.

Prizes by popular vote!!! First \$50, Second \$30, Third \$20

Pool 50th Celebration Memorabilia Display

A meeting will be held in the chapel at the Day Centre VT Bush Nursing Centre 1pm – 2pm Friday 2nd Nov to collect memorabilia and information on the building of the VT pool. A display of what has been collected so far will be available to view on the day.

Thanks to those who have contacted us with photos etc so far. Please bring / let us know if you have any other memorabilia. We aim to put together a display for the dinner on Friday 7th December for the celebrations. A dinner was held in the hall 50 years ago on the day the pool opened.

If anyone has contacts with people who were involved with the pool but have left the district could you pass on the contacts. We will send invitations out to as many people as possible.

Please contact Robin Landvogt 57981335 or Robbie Rae if you have memorabilia or would like to help organize the display!

Does anyone still have bathers..... etc from the early years... we would love to include them in the display!! We will be careful with all your precious memorabilia and have facilities to copy photos etc in your home so the material does not need to leave your care.

All welcome,

More information Robin 57981335 or Robbie Rae.



HREP

Thanks to all who have helped at the last 2 highly successful working bees. Especially those that contacted us and have done jobs in their own time. It is great to see people taking care of the HREP Project. Thanks especially to Allan who has oiled all the furniture in the park, Howard who has repaired the seat that was damaged behind the tennis courts and Tony for weed control.

No thanks to the persons or person who felt the need to smash all the reflectors on the bollards behind the oval. We have been extremely lucky with only a very small amount of vandalism in the park but this was a bit disappointing. Thanks to those who keep an eye on things as they walk the track.

The bridge will be opened shortly we are still working on a day with the shire, keep an eye out for notices around town it will possibly be the last week in November.

Like everywhere the plants desperately need rain, it is going to be a long summer of watering we fear!

HREP committee

Coinda Group

Members and friends enjoyed Val Davis giving us an interesting talk on Inter Country Adoption, a long & expensive road to take. Thank you Val.

The November meeting will be held on Monday 19th at 7.30pm. Distribution of money & next year's program will be discussed.

The Christmas break –up will be held at the Violet Town Café on 3rd December at 6pm. I need names ASAP please to finalise the booking.
Enquiries Marg Block 5798 1214

Violet Town Kindergarten

We have had a busy start to term 4. We catered for the Violet Town Football/Netball presentation and congratulations to the 3rds who won the grand final. Jane, Sue, Janine, Kate, Glenise, Bronwyn and Sonia did a wonderful job serving 130 meals on the night. Our next fund raising job was a clearing sale and the Lions Club very generously cooked the BBQ all day for the Kindergarten. A huge thank you to the Lions men Nick, David, Ken and Mick for doing an incredible job of keeping everyone fed on the day and Jane, Sue and Glenise for serving drinks and slices. The Lions donate all the money they raise back to the community, so every sausage and hamburger you buy helps a worthy group. We finished the month with the final RIST lunch and thank you to Sue and Janine for preparing this.

Frank McMahon donated a beautiful framed print to the Kindergarten. Thank you very much Frank and we hope every one will take the opportunity to view the print when they attend the Public Acknowledgement day on Thursday the 8th November 2007. The building will be open between 10.00am to 12.00pm and everyone is welcome to drop in and see the new building and allow us to say thank you to all the individuals and businesses who have given the Kindergarten so much help and support.

The Kindergarten was very pleased to hear VTAG was successful in applying for funding under the Community grants scheme to research the Districts needs for child care.

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VTBNC Ladies Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is hosting a Christmas afternoon for Nursing Centre residents at the Nursing Centre on Thursday 29th November at 1.30pm.

'Mike, Margo and friends' will be providing music, singing and humour. Members look forward to this afternoon.

At the December market on Sat 8th, Auxiliary members will be 'tin rattlers' so please donate your coins to enable the Auxiliary to purchase some much needed sturdy outdoor furniture for our Nursing Centre.

Auxiliary members, VT school, Kinder and friends have been busy stirring Christmas plum puddings—available at the November market.

Pam Ellis,
Secretary

VIOLET TOWN PROBUS

Our General meeting will be held on November 5th (Which if you were in England would be Guy Faukes Night when he tried unsuccessfully to blow up Parliament, and the Brits celebrate it with fireworks going off). Why not come along to see if you would like to join us to listen to our speakers and go on our outings. If you are retired or working part time you will be most welcome. We do not do any fundraising as it is a time to relax.

At our meeting last month our speaker was Stewart Davidson Region Manager of the Consumer Affairs Hume Region based in Wangaratta.

His office handles enquires and helps to resolve problems but if need be they can call on the Ombudsman for expertise with any difficult matters.

Stewart's main message was to emphasise the difference between deciding to buy something and doing our own research before we buy. When we are phoned or doorknocked with an offer of goods or services we are unprepared, vulnerable and more likely to make a bad decision. The seller is prepared with their spiel and they know they have the advantage.

When we have chosen to make a purchase we get our information from the retailer on a more personal level and, retailers rely on goodwill to advance their business.

It is crucial to know that by law there is a 10day cooling off period for all phone, door to door and party plans sales of \$50 or more. If you wish to back out of a sale of \$50 or more it should be within 10 days and in writing and if mailed register the letter. It is a good idea to always ask for details in writing if agreeing to a purchase of \$50 or more.

We were encouraged to join the "Do Not Call" register to reduce the nuisance telephone calls, the number is 1300-792-958, or www.donotcall.gov.au

(When calling the 1300 number your phone number will be automatically noted when the answer machine receives your call.) Charities are exempt but remember that donating in response to a call means some of your money goes to pay for the call centre.

After a good question session we were given an information pack.

The outing in October was to the Goulburn weir for a BBQ and treasurer hunt.

This was won by Lorraine White with Fran Bryne second.

On November 15th we are off to Ruffly to see "The Odd Jug Collection" and have a light lunch there.

Why not come along and see what we get up to.

Regards Jevan



† November at St Dunstons

November services return to our normal rhythm as we welcome Father Roger back following his well deserved leave.

11.15am each Sunday of the month. Your family, friends and visitors are welcome.

Many thankyou's:

*Thank you to Father Warrick Winsall-Hall who conducted services during September and all those who lent a hand.

*28th October 6.00pm at St Pauls Euroa - a special ecumenical service is being held for Emergency Services Volunteers of CFA and SES in recognition of and thanks for their efforts on behalf of our community. We will pray for their safety in the coming season.

*Thank you for your contributions to St. Dunstan's tin rattle and raffle at the October market. These proceeds will contribute directly to the restoration of our church. Winner of the raffle - a wheelbarrow full of gardening goodies donated by local VT businesses was Julie Flack of Baddaginnie. Happy gardening Julie.

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VIOLET TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch Trailer was in attendance at the Market Day 13th October and we were very successful in distributing 300 of the Number Plate Safety Screws for a gold coin donation. We still have a number of the safety screws available, which will be available at our next meeting.

Our next General Meeting on the 31st October at 7-30 PM in the meeting room at the Community Centre. This will be followed by our AGM when all positions are declared vacant and an election held.

This meeting has been moved to accommodate as many of you as possible who wish to attend the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre AGM that has been arranged for the 24th October.

We are therefore to have our meeting on the 31st October at 7-30pm. We hope, as many of you will attend our AGM. You may raise any problems you have encountered whilst living in Violet Town, with Trevor Saker our Senior Police Officer.

You will be made welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes afterwards for an informal chat.

Yours sincerely,
Jevan Dartnall

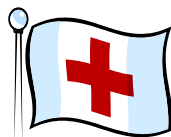


Violet Town Red Cross

The October meeting was well attended.

Tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be selling outside Delaheys starting Tuesday 4th December. 1st & 2nd prizes—\$1 a ticket.

Next meeting will be on Monday 5th November at 2pm in the meeting Room of the Complex. If you can spare an hour please come along.



SHOP NEWS—NOVEMBER

Gas Price Increase

*On October 1, our gas supplier increased the price of 45kg LPG gas by \$4

*We put off passing on this increase to our customers for as long as possible, but –

*As of October 16, it became necessary for us to increase the price of 45kg gas to \$99

*We are sorry for any concern that results from this unavoidable increase

Gas Bottle Deliveries

*Delivery days are Mon, Wed, and Fri after 5pm

*For same day delivery, please place your order with us by 3.00pm. Orders received after this time will be dropped off on the next delivery day.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when we went across to Daylight Saving? If you need a hand to do this, just let us know – we're happy to assist

PRODUCTS OF THE MONTH

*Sugarcane mulch – \$14 per bale (\$14.80 and \$16 elsewhere in the district)

*Garden umbrellas – special buy – \$25 – while stocks last

*Bird netting – \$1.65 per metre

*Redback boots – see our new range of standard and safety boots from this renowned brand

*Micro-irrigation watering systems – everything you need to effectively water your garden and conserve our precious water

*Grey water products – from buckets to hose extensions and diverters

We're committed to ranging the products you want, at fair and reasonable prices – all backed up by great service from people you know and who live in and support our community. If what you want isn't in store, we'll do our very best to get it in for you. So next time you're after hardware and plumbing products, come and see us – because shopping locally is good for us all!

Looking forward to seeing you in the shop soon. Happy hardware-ing – Pat, Margaret & Kathleen

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VIOLET TOWN AUTUMN COMMUNITY STREET PARADE 2008

Arts Violet Town would like to thank all those groups who supported them in the application for a grant. We have been successful in obtaining a small grant from the Shire's Festival & Events rounds.



So let's get together and have fun!!! all community groups, schools, kindergarten, businesses, and musical bands etc, are invited to participate in the parade.

Get your thinking caps out and help make this a splendid community celebration.



FISHLADDER THEATRE presents

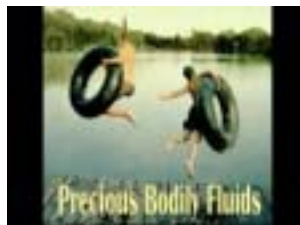
"Precious Bodily Fluids"
November 15th BPACC
Benalla Performing Arts Centre

This year Fishladder cannot bring their play to Arts Violet Town as the set is too big. However you can purchase tickets for \$17—a saving of \$5. To secure cheap tickets payment is required by the 7th of November. This can be paid at "The Parish" Primrose St to Helen Keighery 5798 1381

Story Line

Charlie is 11 years old in Albury in 1961, growing up at the family hotel, being schooled by the Unchristian Brothers and watching the town debate on fluoridation of the water supply. Is it a communist plot by Khrushchev to contaminate our precious bodily fluids? Will it be the worst thing to come to Albury since the Standard Gauge rail affected the pub turnover? Based on

Charles Waterstreet's memoir, *Fishladder* brings this Australian classic to the stage with an original adaptation written in collaboration with Charles himself



!! Well Done !!

Those fortunate enough to have purchased last week's Euroa Gazette would have seen on the back page the story of Violet Town's Golden Girl, Rhondda Dundas. A resident of Violet Town for the last 6 years, Rhondda competed in the recent Masters' Games in Adelaide in six events. She came home with six Gold Medals.

The wonderful coloured photograph of her showing her medals to John & Joan McDonald & Nell Brodie is a joy to behold. Congratulations Rhondda on an incredible effort!

Friends of mine who came from Melbourne especially for Violet Town's last market were amazed at its size & the variety of its stalls. They have exhibited at many Melbourne markets but say nothing eclipses Violet Town's wonderful market. Congratulations to the organisers—your efforts are really appreciated.

Frank McMahon

To the person who weeded the triangle garden opposite the garage—congratulations & well done! Many were talking about doing it, and you just did it!

Many thanks,
Lorraine Sinclair

FROM THE LIONS DEN

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of our "fund raising BBQ" at the Violet Town October Market, with good weather and crowds. Hurrah Hurrah we appear to have secured a permanent location for our BBQ at the monthly market (well at least until to our next grizzle, thanks Howard), so make sure you come and say hello and purchase one of our fantastic snags or hamburgers. At the time of going to print our QUICK SHEAR event had not yet been held so look forward to a Full Report in the next Village Voice. Please don't forget this year's Violet Town LIONS Xmas Carols which will be held with support from VTAG on Monday 17/12/2007. Following last year's success it will once again be held on the footy oval, more details in next Village Voice. We are still looking for members, all queries to the big fella Nick on 57633250.

Operation Child Christmas Boxes

32 boxes of beautiful gifts were sent away, plus extra postage money—a great effort. The Uniting Church would like to thank all who contributed to this 'mission' in any way—it is all greatly appreciated. There has already been interest shown for next year's collection from people who couldn't contribute this year. God Bless those little happy faces this Christmas & Bless you all who helped to make it happen.



Strathbogie Shire Violet Town's 70's +

Another year of lunching and socializing for the 70's + is nearly over! Monday 26th November will be our Christmas meal. Thank you to the V.T. Nursing Centre Kitchen Crew for our 'yummy' meals; our volunteers who help set up the hall, serve meals & clean up; VT Campus students who help serve the meals—a great community effort! Please RSVP by Tues 20th for lunch on the 26th at the VT Hall at 11.30am.

Pam Ellis Coordinator
Community Services 1800 635 956

VT Uniting Church News

A 9.30am Service is held at St Andrew's every Sunday & followed by a cuppa & fellowship. You are most welcome to join us. Sunday School is held every week in the Church beginning at 9.30am. All children of any denomination most welcome. Hymn-a-longs & entertainment at the Church are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm. Sing hymns of your choice & enjoy Fellowship & a cuppa.

Coffee mornings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am. Next coffee morning on November 7th—anybody most welcome.

Craft is held on Fridays, 1pm at the Church Hall except school holidays. Come along 'stitch & chat'.

Sunday School is starting Advent this year with weekly Advent/Christmas Craft beginning at 9.30am each Sunday morning at the Uniting Church from the 18th of November and run throughout December. This is not just for the kids! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun. Look forward to seeing you there.



Violet Town StreetLife Project

Sustaining and Expanding Business Opportunities

Finalising the Violet Town "Business Directory"

As part of the StreetLife project I have been preparing a business Directory for Violet Town and District. The collection of information for this directory is now almost complete. If you operate a business and have not been contacted, it is because I do not know about you and your business. If you would like your business listed for free in both a hard copy directory which will be similar to the Violet Town phone Book and on the Violet Town website, please give me a call as a matter of urgency so that you can be included.

The inclusion of your business in the directory not only tells others in the district about your business but also informs people who are thinking about moving to the area about the different types of businesses operating here and what might be possible for them.

Business Celebrating Christmas in Violet Town

Like last year the Violet Town Businesses are coming together to offer you a great chance at winning one of a number of hampers which will be drawn at the Violet Town Christmas Carols. ENTRY IS FREE when you purchase \$10 worth of goods or services from participating businesses. Winners need to be at the Christmas Carols to collect their prize. This promotion will commence on Saturday 17 November.

The Business Network also has a prize of \$100 for the house with the best and most innovative Christmas decorations in Violet Town. An independent judge has been secured from outside the district to advise the Business Network of the winner.

Three more thoughts on why it is sensible to "buy locally"

Buying locally is an investment in our community: Local businesses are owned by people who live in the Violet Town community, these are people who are less likely to leave, and have more invested in the community's future.

Buying locally helps to reduce environmental impacts: Using locally sourced products and services assists in reducing the use of fossil fuels and consequent carbon emissions as a result of traveling long distances to access them.

Buying locally helps create more good jobs: Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally and in our community.

Contact: Christine Nunn Violet Town StreetLife Coordinator c.nunn@bigpond.com or 0418 106 199

Violet Town Business Network Meeting – BREAKFAST MEETING

The next Business Network meeting is being held at **the Sunnyside Oak Tree Restaurant on Wednesday 14 November (6.30am – 8.00pm) – RMB 3074 Bonnie Doon Road, Boho South (3kms past the Boho South Church, Hall and Tennis Courts).**

This provides time for a brief visit to the Blue Wren Lavender Farm operated by Irene and Ron Jones which is opposite the restaurant.

People involved in all types of businesses are welcome to come along.

Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP by Tuesday 13 November for catering purposes.

Hot Avocado, one of the few ways of using avocado in a hot dish.

This recipe calls for eighty to one hundred grams of dry salt cod per person, but as you and I know well, the fisheries which nourished the world for hundreds of years are now fished out. A few salt cod are still available, but at a price which reserves their use for very special occasions. Fortunately, there are substitutes.. Rock ling is a good starter, but we tend to purchase whatever looks good in the market.

To serve two or three

Salt Cod 250 grams or 2 or 3 portions of fresh fish
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium sized onion finely chopped
75 gm. smoky streaky bacon, diced
1 small red pepper, diced
1 small hot red chilli pepper, seeded and finely sliced
1 avocado peeled and diced



Soak codfish overnight in a large bucket of cold water Drain the codfish. Place in an enameled or stainless steel saucepan. And bring very slowly to simmering point. Remove from the heat and allow the fish to rest for 10 minutes in the cooking water.

If using fresh fish cook about five minutes in gently boiling salted water

Drain and then flake the fish discarding the skin and bone. Cover and keep warm.

Heat the oil and sauté the onion until quite soft and starting to colour. Stir in the bacon and red pepper and sauté, stirring until the pepper is soft and the bacon is crisp. Stir in the fish and chilli, and when hot, the avocado and stir to mix.

This makes a nice lunch with toast, or serve with rice for dinner.

Barrie Mather

ACCESS TO ACCESS!!

..... continued

8 Mile Project. This project is presently based in Shepparton. The Project is aimed at young Indigenous people in Shepparton and surrounding areas who are considered 'at risk.' A number of volunteers and service providers worked intensively workshopping with these young people and assisting them in producing a CD. The songs were all written and performed by the participants. This program was deemed a great success and further plans are being made for a similar Project to run in 2008.

Disability Advisory Committee. DAC would welcome any applications from people with disabilities, their families and other community members who would be interested in having a position and a voice on the Committee. See contact details below.

Well, that's all for this month. If you have any issues you would like to raise, questions to ask; or would just like to know more; please don't hesitate to call Pam at Rural Access Strathbogie Shire on 57950001. Access MATTERS.

The Village Voice is printed on recycled paper and is folded each month by the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre Day Care clients and community members.

Violet Town Action Group

Violet Town and District Community Plan 2007-2010



The Violet Town and District Plan 2007-2010 is now available for public comment. It is the result of considerable work by members of the community who have taken their lead from the Community Opportunity Workshop (COW) held in February this year. Some 80 people who live and work locally attended the COW. We went through a process which saw each table group identify the really good things about our town and district, improvements we would like to see, and then identified 5 priorities which they presented to the whole group. On the evening the eight most sought after improvements or requirements identified were:

- ☛ Strategic Plan for the Town and District
- ☛ Water conservation and recycling
- ☛ Increased Market options
- ☛ Doctor in the town
- ☛ Piped Natural Gas supply
- ☛ Improve street and general signage
- ☛ Increase Violet Town water supply / Honeysuckle dam
- ☛ Better looking landscaped main street

However in total 76 ideas and suggestions were collected. From these, 10 themes were subsequently identified which have formed the basis of the Community Plan, the purpose of which is to:

- ☛ Enhance the Violet Town community as a wonderful place for people to live
- ☛ Improve the co-operation between people and groups within Violet Town
- ☛ Embrace diversity of opinion
- ☛ Promote the development of the suggested initiatives into action.

These themes were developed by Theme working groups and finalised by VTAG. Each theme has identified a vision, objectives and a series of key actions to achieve these. The following are very brief outlines of these themes and what they would like to achieve.

1. **Planning and Development:** Community participation in the development of a Strategic Plan for Violet Town and District, that addresses present and future changes to climate and energy supply
2. **Arts and Recreation:** Raised awareness, increased diversity and broader participation in a range of activities and facilities that supports ongoing arts and recreation development in Violet Town.

3. **Food and Energy:** Working toward greater self-reliance in local food and energy.
4. **Marketing:** Violet Town recognised as a place to live; place to establish and grow a business; and visitor destination.
5. **Infrastructure:** Access to major infrastructure improvements for Violet Town to improve amenity, safety and liveability for residents, increase the capacity of existing business, and attract new business
6. **Local Services:** A vibrant mix of sustainable businesses within Violet Town and district.
7. **Major Roads:** Enhanced roads infrastructure, road safety and amenity that contributes to community growth
8. **Water:** A secure and reliable water supply for the township of Violet Town, and assist out of town landholders to secure their own water supply.
9. **Youth and Community:** Improved opportunities for young people in Violet Town and District.
10. **Reconciliation:** An increase in the understanding of issues, and greater connection with indigenous people from the Violet Town district and from the wider community.

The draft Community Plan is now available for members of the community to comment on prior to finalisation and adoption by VTAG. There are a number of locations where you can view a copy. These are the: Violet Town Library, Violet Town Community Centre, and www.violettown.org.au Alternately email David for a copy to be emailed to you. Feedback on the Plan is welcome and you are encouraged to send this by 30 November 2007.

Contact: David Arnold 5799 1679 or 0428 981 679 email arnold.vt@gmail.com

Laundromat for Violet Town: the laundry at the Honeysuckle Caravan Park has recently been fully refurbished. Visitors and locals are welcome to use the facility.

Prescription Pick-up ~ helping those out of town: did you know that you can fax your prescriptions to Violet Town Health and Beauty (formerly Violet Town Pharmacy) before 2pm daily and then pick them up after 4pm? Your original prescriptions need to be presented when you pick up your prescriptions. Phone/Fax: 5798 1647. Please ring after you have sent your fax to ensure it has arrived and is legible.

Violet Town web site — www.violettown.org.au
updated news on line—check it out!