

## YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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**Violet Town Action Group,**

**C/- 661 Upper Boho Rd, Violet Town 3669.**

## What's on in December

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- Cooinda meets 21st Feb 2011
- VTBNC Ladies Auxiliary meets 24th February 2011

# Violet Town Village Voice

December 2010

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## Lions Club Christmas Carols



Join the Christmas festivities  
on

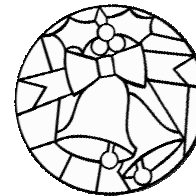
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the  
Violet Town Football Ground.

Free BBQ tea and drinks donated by VTAG.  
Meal commences at 6.45pm

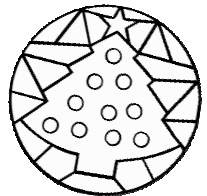
Carols to start at 8.00pm  
Euroa Band and local choir will entertain

Surprise guest appearance, with lollies for the kids

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## All Welcome



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Market Saturdays

9-12noon

A reminder to all our readers that there is no January Village Voice—we're all having a break! Thanks again to all those wonderful volunteers who help get the VV out on time each month. To our folders—Dot Rae and Peg Armstrong; Jevan & Jean Dartnell; Vera Blankman; Glen Berry and Carol Hart and mum Nell. Also to Robbie Rae who always helps out when asked and then Aaran and Dave at the Post Office—what a team! Thanks again everyone!

The cut off date for entries for the February issue (out by the 1st Feb) will be January 20th.

Terry and Frank

## Eco Living Report

Thanks to everyone who has supported our workshops in recent months. The response from the local and wider community has been really pleasing to the committee. We are at present writing our 4th Milestone report to satisfy the Funding conditions from the State Government. Groups from around Victoria continue to come and visit the Community Complex. Our latest groups have been from the Campaspe Shire and the Climate Change facilitators from around Victoria.

You will see the new shelter and the slab for the community pizza oven near the playground in the recreation reserve. Shortly construction of the oven will begin. Watch for progress and early next year a workshop for those wishing to use it!

Thanks to Noel and Virginia Robinson, Gordon and Val Beavis and David Arnold for opening their gardens for the vegetable garden tour.

It was a beautiful day and 3 really different gardens and the feedback from participants was very positive. It really was a great day. Have a Merry Christmas and look out for a new series of workshops early in the new year.

Robin Landvogt  
Education Coordinator  
VT Ecoliving Project.

### Violet Town Calender 2011

Compiled by the VT History Group

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### Violet Town History Group

**Next meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10am –noon at the Community Centre**

We encourage all who have attended meetings throughout the year to come to our final gathering for 2010. A light lunch will follow to wrap up the years activities.

Next year we celebrate Violet Towns 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Major Mitchell's expedition came through and named Violet Town in 1836.

The 2011 Calenders are now available – purchase at IGA and VT Hairdresser.

**Information: Robin Landvogt 57981735 – Darryl Parker 57981858 – Robyn Machin 57981686**

### 'Call the Nurse'

An 85 year history of the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre. \$15

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***VTAG wishes all residents a very happy & safe Christmas and New Year.***



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## Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

Apologies for not having our seeds at the November market, weather conditions looked very bleak early in the morning so it was decided not to attend.

Last month we were treated to a lovely afternoon in Barry & Roberta McLeans's garden where Roberta talked about her herb growing business she had had in Mildura and Barry spoke on his bird watching activities. Thank you both for a very interesting afternoon.

Well its time for all out Seedsavers to catch up at our Christmas get -together. This year it is on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, at 1-30 pm at Noel & Virginia Robinson's home, 10 Tulip Street, Violet Town 90. (Tel: 90 1774). This is the best opportunity to meet up with members who have been too busy to come along to activities throughout the year.

### THINGS TO DO:

Early December would be the best time to sow root vegetables i.e., beetroot, carrots, parsnips before the heat sets in as they require continual moist and warm conditions to germinate. Much more attention to watering will be required after December. Sow more lettuce and rocket in a cool part of the garden to see you through summer.

Mulch, tie up tall growing tomato plants, net cherry and mulberry trees before the birds have a feast, check for black peach aphid - spray with pyrethrum and a dash of detergent if lady birds aren't present.

### SOW NOW:

Bush beans, beetroot, carrots, celery, cucumber, leeks, lettuce, marrow, melons, parsley, parsnips, pumpkin, radish, rocket, silverbeet, sweet corn, squash, zucchini.

**PLANT OUT SEEDLINGS:**  
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## Market Report



We could all have been forgiven for thinking that the November market was going to be totally rained out due to the dire forecast for the day. Add to this some confusion over detour routes, due to the rail crossing closure, and all seemed doomed! Fortunately, the weather was kind to us and the detour problem was eventually resolved as best as was possible on the day.

The Violet Town RSL raised just over \$1200 with the tin rattle, which, considering the above, was a fantastic result.

We had the first of our "christmas" stallholders and look forward to having some more Christmas items at our December market. Some of these will be personalised christmas balls, wooden christmas cutouts, handmade decorations and cards, christmas puddings and cakes.

Of course the market is a great place to do your christmas shopping, due to the interesting and individual goods available. I urge you all to wander around the whole market and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere as well as the diverse range of goods.

We are hoping to have our new market co-ordinator with us by the time this issue of the Village Voice goes to print, enabling he or she to familiarise themselves with the position and also to attend the December market before being thrown in at the deep end!

December will be my last market as co-ordinator and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Violet Town community for allowing me to have played a small role in the history of your market. It is a credit to such a small township that a market of this scale and reputation exists in rural Victoria and that you

have such a picturesque recreation reserve in which to hold the market.

As I was helping to pack up the November market there were bowlers on the greens, a cricket match was underway on the beautiful oval, with a number of spectators sitting on the benches in the shade of the oval perimeter. The tennis courts were full of doubles matches with some very determined and athletic looking players. Here, also, were a number of spectators sitting on benches, under the shade of the trees. During the day we had had representatives from both of the major political parties talking to visitors to the market. We had a tin rattle, two community group raffles, the girl guides selling cookies, the local primary school, as always, selling drinks and the mayor and representatives from our local council assisting visitors with queries about our area. We had locals busking and a young Violet Town resident recently returned from a fabulous achievement in Paris. What could be more inclusive?

So, thank you Violet Town for allowing me to have experienced your community first-hand.

Dont forget our christmas market is on Saturday 11 December and our new co-ordinator will be there for you all to meet.

Deb George  
Market Co-ordinator  
0416 233 584  
info@market.violettown.com.au



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- to Luke & Tanya at VT Garage & Engineering for the design, building and installation of our new hand rail.  
Also to Pete Smith Plumbing for fixing our gas heater  
Please support these local businesses as they help support the community.  
We are working this month to help Peranbin P. School. Thank you to all parents who are helping.  
November market day was a steady influx of shoppers all day which was a surprise due to the weather forecast.  
Please, no electrical goods as we cannot sell them. Anyone with spare time on their hands would be welcome as we always need volunteers. Call Julie 0417 908 501 or Ronny 0417160 770.

### Violet Town Red Cross

Christmas is just about upon us. Oh my, how the year has flown!! At the time of writing this one of our members Val, is sailing the high seas, probably fending off pirates. Val, be on the lookout for Jack Sparrow!

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Christmas and a  
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## RING PULLS

Thanks to everyone who is still collecting ring pulls (all types) for the artificial limbs program in Thailand & Cambodia.

We took 47kg to the centre this month so keep on saving them & dropping them off to 67 Cowslip St.

Margaret Block

## †St Dunstons Christmas

Join our celebrations this Christmas Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm— Christmas Eve Family Service at Violet Town followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. (11:30pm Christmas Eve Service at St Paul's, Euroa.)

There will be no services at St Dunstan's on Christmas or Boxing Day.

### Christmas Day:

9.30am St Paul's, Euroa

### Boxing Day:

9.30am Combined Service at St Paul's, Euroa

St Dunstons Services each Sunday at 11.30am  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>

**VTBNC Thursdays 2.30pm service 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**



*"Peace on earth,  
..... goodwill to all"*

## Violet Town Skills Shed (Mens Shed)

Our title mentions skills but this is not only what we're about; we're there to also provide a comfortable meeting place where anyone can just drop in & have a chat for as long as they want. (No skills required—you can even bring your dog)

This is an abilities stress free meeting place for anybody; you can be part of its development just by dropping by.

We are in the restoration phase at present, having got the hot water service worked out & the outside taps & irrigation working so we can water our new veggie patch, the proceeds of which will go to the community.

We have been given the use of a bench drill so our inside projects can continue too. We will be producing all kinds of endangered species houses when our material shortage eases.

Thank you Dot & Tony for your kind donations. We still have 4 computers to give away with XP. We have all the computers & paper we can handle at the moment, thanks for your help in this

## Thank You Violet Town

We would like to thank the very warm and friendly community in Violet Town that made the last twelve months so wonderful. We take away with us many cherished memories.

We apologise to all of those that we didn't get to say goodbye to as in the end our move was a month ahead of schedule!

But we will be back for visits to the north east and we hope to catch up on those trips. Thank you to Trish and Mal for their kindness. Denise for her patience and understanding at the library when the boys came to borrow their weekly books!

To all of you who happily shared the footpath with Oscar while zooming along on his bike... To Janine and Lorna for the always welcome stop off spot, on our way back home.

To the wonderful mum's and children at the playgroup. To Alf and Lil who always had time for a chat and a gift for the boys. To everyone who from day one made us feel so welcome and at home in Violet Town. Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a happy and prosperous new year.

Take care, warm regards

Tom, Donna, Oscar and Charlie Blake

area. We are however interested in veggie seedlings for the new patch if there are any spare.

So if you just want to get off the farm or out of the house for a couple of hours, come along—we're there every Wed & Thurs morning from 8am to 1pm at the old Scout Hall.

Our coffee must be getting better, people are starting to come back.

John Broadhurst

5798 1626 0407812 489

## UNITING CHURCH NEWS

### SERVICE TIMES

First Sunday of the month at 11.15am a family service with finger food lunch to share  
 Other Sundays at 9.30am  
 Strathbogie Service Time -11.30am on 2nd & 4th Sundays  
 Boho Sth Service Times -11.15am on the 3rd Sundays

### COMING EVENTS

Weekly Craft Fridays 1.00pm except school holidays  
 Coffee morning Wed 1st December at 10.00am.  
 Hymn – a – long + Family gathering 19th December, 5.30pm children, 6.00pm tea and 7.00pm Hymn-a-long.  
 Peranbin Primary College – Religious Education Breakup at the Uniting Church at 10.00am on Thursday 2nd December. Everybody most welcome to come and support children + teachers.  
 Strathbogie Carols 19th December 8.00pm  
 2nd January 11.15 Service bring a 'Happy New Lunch' to share.  
 Ecumenical Service 30th January at Anglican Church 6.00pm bring tea to share.

*Uniting Church would like to wish everybody a Happy and Safe holiday as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. God Bless you all.*

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**MAINS—** Roast turkey & ham, roast vegetables, cranberry sauce & gravy  
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## Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre Ladies Auxiliary

We will have a tin rattle at the December market (11.12.10) to complete our fundraising for the year. We look forward to seeing you there.  
 A big thank you to the ladies of the auxiliary who have worked so hard throughout the year to raise money for the VTBNC, and many thanks to all who donated.

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas & New Year from the Auxiliary*

Our next meeting to be held at the VTBNC in the chapel on 24th February 2011  
 10am for morning tea and 10.30am for the meeting.  
 All welcome.

Anne Holden  
Secretary



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### Violet Town Garden Club

The November meeting took the form of a bus trip to Marysville. Our Club was joined by members of the Mooroopna Garden Club who car-pooled to V.T. and then we all transferred to Walters comfortable big bus.

We were met by a Tour Guide who showed us all around the old town and it was good to see so many new houses and other offices (School, Info. Centre, Sports Pavilion etc.) being built. Of course some residents have chosen to move on.

We joined the Benalla Garden Club today for a Seminar with Holly Kerr Forsyth as guest speaker.

Next meeting will be the Christmas Special - car-pool from behind the Hall at 10 am Monday, 20th Dec. for a happy day out.

As usual, please bring a chair, cup and hat. It would be appreciated if those going would let Lorraine or Barb. know the week before for catering purposes.

Kath Utber

### St Dunstan's Parish Hall V.Town Film Society

*Holiday Comedy Favourite*

**Wednesday 29th December  
7.30pm—Gold Coin Donation**

### It's a Beautiful Life

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### Cooinda

Our end-of-year breakup will be at the Benalla Golf Club this year on Wednesday 8 December. We will meet at the P.O. at 6pm. Anyone who has not given me their name please do so ASAP so I can finalise numbers.

The Money Raised from this year's weekend bake raffle will be donated to the Violet Town Fire Brigade group.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21st February at 7.30pm at the hall Meeting Room.

Margaret Block,  
Facilitator  
5798 1214



## Violet Town Community House News

Over the last month the community house has been a hive of activity, which is lovely to see.

The Sunday afternoon & Wednesday morning Zumba classes are proving very popular and will continue through till December the 19<sup>th</sup>. Don't fear, Zumba will return in February next year, make sure you register your interest for these classes!

Thank you to all who popped in to have a look and purchased the great books from our book fair, thanks to your purchases we have received some funds from the book company to use on our upcoming school holiday program in January.

Karen our Homeopathy & Reiki practitioner has been very welcomed into the community by the huge response we have had for bookings for her services.

Karen is at the community house every Wednesday from 4 pm – 7 pm, cost of a consultation is \$15 with the first consultation lasting 1.5 hours. Bookings are essential and can be made directly through the community house.

Kool Skools recently held their annual music awards in Melbourne & Sydney. We are fortunate to have some local youth music talent who enter every year from the support of the community and the community house. Beas Window & Risk of Electric Shock both attended the evening as well as being one of the entertainment acts for the night. Beas Window were thrilled to receive the award for 2010 Kool Skools Best Band, well done! A compilation CD of the band's music can be purchased from the community house with funds once again helping out these young musicians.

Annette has been enjoying her long service leave with many wonderful & exciting things happening to her & her family during this time. Annette is extending her leave by having 12 months leave of absence, Sarah has been capably filling in at the community house for the duration of Annette's long service leave and will be continuing on as the coordinator, please drop in and say hello!

Santa is collecting children's Santa letters from the community house and he has promised to reply! All Santa letters must be in by **Monday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Do you want to be on our email mailing list or snail mail list?**

You will be the first to find out about exciting courses and events that are planned for the community house. Email [info@violettowncommunityhouse.org.au](mailto:info@violettowncommunityhouse.org.au)

**Or call the office on 57981288 to provide your mailing address.**

Register your interest now for our courses starting in February:

- Children U 5 Music & rhythm classes
- Children U5 Tiny Tumblers Gym class
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Calling Volunteers! I would love to have anyone who can come and help out and offer your skills at the community house during different events and programs, all ages welcome!

Helpers needed for school holiday program to be run from Monday, January the 17<sup>th</sup>, once again all ages welcome, Working with Children's check essential. The school holiday program will be available from mid December through the Community House.

The Community House will be closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec and reopening on January the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the staff & committee members of VTCH.!

## VIOLET TOWN PROBUS INC



Our November outing to Longwood White Hart Hotel who

kindly donated a bottle of wine which was won by Ken Bryne. The lunch was most enjoyable.

We did miss a couple of sickies but we raised our glasses wishing them a speedy recovery.

Our last General Meeting for the year will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 10am. We gather in the supper room at the Violet Town Community Complex in Cowslip Street.

Please bring along a plate for the Christmas Break up morning tea.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year to all

Jevan 5798 1668

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