

## YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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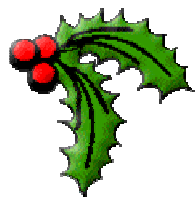
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## what's on in December

- 4 Seed Savers meet, 1.30pm
- 5 Probus meets
- 7 Community House Meet & Greet
- 10 Market Day
- 16 St Dunstan's Film Night
- 16 Sempre Cantare in Shepparton
- 19 Lions Carols by Candlelight

## date grabbers

- 26th January—Australai Day celebrations
- 28th January—Lucie Thorne & JoJo Smith at The Parish



### DOCTOR

Dr. T. Wang

Ph: 5736 6310

Monday—Thursday

8.30am-5.00pm

Friday

8.30am-12.00noon

Market Saturdays

9-12noon

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Sunday 10.00am to 3.00pm

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# Violet Town Village Voice

December 2011

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## Violet Town Action Group News

VTAG working with the Friends of the Pool have been successful in getting a \$4500 grant to put 1.5kw of PV panels on the swimming pool, with 3kw to go on the Football clubrooms. Applications have also been submitted by the Bowling Club and the Tennis Club which we are optimistic these will be successful. Violet Town is leading the way in what a small community can do.

As part of the grants, we have committed to put an update in the VV of the energy use & energy fed back into the grid to the community from each facility. There will also be a community launch of the PV's when they are all installed. VTAG will pay about \$5000 out of its funds as well as the grant to put the 3kw system on the Football rooms and is also paying the money up front as the grants are actually paid after the system is installed.

VTAG understands that the school has also applied for PV panels under the NSSP, and they were also recently installed at the police station thanks to Pat Storer's initiative. It is great to see the state government supporting projects like these.

It has been another busy year for VTAG and we still have projects to complete. Hopefully by the time you read this the new town entry signs will be up and be a feature and certainly a drawcard to the town. VTAG is certainly excited about the installation of the signs.

VTAG is using the Action Group funding from the Shire to put the shading area around the pizza oven in the market site and is working with the Community House and hopefully the kinder and the shire to improve the playground near the swimming pool. There are some safety issues especially with all the cars and people on market days and some of the equipment is getting tired! Watch out for this happening in the new year.

The Christmas decorations will be up when you read this. Thanks to Jo Beavis and her helpers for organising this and getting the town into the Christmas spirit. VTAG are funding a few new decorations to be purchased.

We hope to see everyone at Carol's by Candlelight on Monday 19 December in the market site. The Lions always do a good job putting this night on.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New year to everyone. Take care on the roads and we look forward to everyone helping to make Violet Town the great place it is to live, again in 2012.*



## HREP News

HREP members wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and Happy New Year for 2012. Let's hope nature is kind to us this holiday season and doesn't put on any extreme weather displays. It is good to see the Honeysuckle Creek flowing steadily still and the plants growing well.

At our last HREP meeting we decided to try a new system for working bees. Instead of our usual ad hoc dates we will begin next February, to have regular monthly working bees. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month has been set as the date. This means that the first working bee next year will be on Friday February 21 starting at 5.30pm. Please come along if you would like to give us a hand.

Most of the plants that were planted in recent working bees have been growing very well. However we were very upset to find that someone had amused themselves very shortly after our last lot of planting between the new bridge and the low foot-ball bridge, by pulling over 30 of the grasses up out of the holes they had been put in and throwing them into the creek and the longer grasses. They then yanked about 5 metres of the weed matting up leaving it in a pile in the middle of the planted area.

If anyone sees any damaging behaviour occurring or if you see that damage has been done please report it to the police or at least let one of the HREP members know. We hope everyone who enjoys the area can pitch in and help keep an eye out for unpleasant actions like this.

Until now HREP has relied on grant monies and the generosity of VTAG to fund its planting and track development projects. However we do need some basic operating money and to be a little less dependent of VTAG for everything we need to pay for. We are hoping that our tin rattle at the February market will give us some independence for the smaller aspects of our projects.

Sue Paton (HREP chairperson)

## Street plantings

A number of people have asked what is the pretty purple/blue star flowering plant at the supermarket planting (it's also at the library). It's an isotoma, an indigenous plant to this area. It can be perennial if pruned back in autumn but seeds prolifically and is best transplanted from the seedlings.

It flowers much of the year and likes well drained soil, full sun and is naturally found on granitic soils. The plants have all been transplanted from Barb Ramage's garden. They are beautiful. On very poor soil near the supermarket they are thriving!

Thanks to everyone who is looking after street trees outside their houses. If you have one of the red flowering gums the nursery says two buckets of water a week over the first summer!!! Apparently you cannot over water them. After we get the trees through the first year they will hopefully survive!



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Enquiries Terry 5790 8635

One pair of ladies Brooks Ariel runners, size 5, never worn, \$100, were \$150.;  
Epson twin pack black ink T0631 \$31, incorrectly purchased very recently.  
Please contact Leanne Russell-Jones  
5798 1415

## GIVE AWAY

Caravan—useful for storage, on block etc, no leaks.  
Enquiries Terry 5790 8635

## FOUND

at Honeysuckle Creek Festival—a bag with green nylon banners/cloths, May-gars Dressage ribbons, cardigan, phone Helen; 57981381

One bicycle, ph 5798 1447



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**Re-opening January 9th 2012.**

## Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

Another year is coming to a close. VTSS will be joining together at Noel & Virginia Robinson's home on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1-30 pm to celebrate Christmas and catch up with old friends.

Last month we met at Doug Robinson and Sally Mann's property at Earlston. Evidence of their successful re-vegetation program was seen all along their long winding drive. Sally outlined the details of the Mandala System they adopted, initially influenced by Linda Woodrow's Permaculture Home Garden Book. A domed movable cage housing hens which fertilise, weed and cultivate the round garden beds is progressively moved around the twelve vegetable garden beds over a year.

Thank you for a very interesting and informative afternoon.

### SEED INFORMATION:

December is a good time to sow root vegetables before the heat sets in. Coriander, rocket and lettuce should also be sown in a slightly shaded area for summer salads.

WHY NOT save some seed of your favourite lettuce/s? Saving lettuce seed is simple. Remember to select a good healthy plant which is the last to bolt to seed. Lettuce is self-pollinating with a small amount of cross-pollination occurring when 2 varieties are side by side. A distance

of 2 metres, or isolation by a tall crop between varieties, will safeguard against cross-pollination. Small yellow flowers form on a tall spike. In 3-5 days, the flowers develop into fluffy white heads, similar to thistle, containing black, brown or white seeds. The stalk can be cut off and placed in a paper bag or placed on a sheet of paper to collect the seed. The first seed to ripen are the best to keep. Store seed in a cool, dark dry place. Well stored seed remains viable for up to 5 years. If experiencing difficulty in germinating lettuce seed in warm weather, place seeds in refrigerator for 3 or 4 days, then re-sow keeping moist.

### SOW NOW:

Asian greens, asparagus, basil, beans, beetroot, summer cabbage, carrots, celery, coriander, cucumber, bulb fennel, lettuce, melons, mustard, parsley, parsnip, potatoes, pumpkin (last chance), radish, rocket, silverbeet, spring onions, sweet corn, squash and zucchini.

**Plant Out Seedlings:** Capsicum, chilli, eggplant and tomatoes.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

SANDRA  
Tel: 57 95 1109



## Market Report



A warm spring day meant many people were out early for our November market with 229 stallholders attending and a record \$2,500 raised by the RSL in the tin rattle.

Inside the main gates the Violet Town Football and Tennis Clubs sold raffle tickets for their respective fundraising projects, while the Violet Town Fire Brigade had their Fire Truck and Information Tent at the Football Club gate. Euroa Health was gathering signatories for their petition to secure more hospital beds in our shire – located near the Community noticeboard.

The Euroa Secondary College band entertained on the main stage, while classic cars from added some variety on the oval, along with the Jumping castle and kiteman.

By midday the crowds had dissipated as the temperature peaked – a reminder that summer is just around the corner and people like to get out early for their fresh produce and then head home.

I am taking a couple of months break to recharge the batteries, but Vikki Lane will be abling filling my role and I wish her all the best. My thanks go to the sensational volunteers who've assisted throughout the year and in particular at the November market including Ro Allen, Pat Glynn, Glenn Berry (siting and set up); Di Hawkes, Fiona Johnson, Robena Binks, and Helen Keirghy (Information Tent); and Pat Storer, Chris Douglas-Byrnes

(sweeping and signs) and Howard Myers (signs) and to the Committee for their time in ensuring this is one of the best markets in regional Victoria – if not Australia!

### Lost in November :

Bifocal glasses – telephone Ray Rogers 0427 020905  
Prescription glasses – telephone Shirley Dash – 5790 5341

### Found in November

Wallet – Telephone Camilla – 0439 329 265

We look forward to welcoming you to the next market on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am-1pm at the Tulip Street Recreation Reserve.

**Kind regards, Catherine Macmillan,  
Market Co-ordinator Tel: 0416 233 584 (message bank) or email [info@market.violettown.org.au](mailto:info@market.violettown.org.au) (and remember to state if you are a VT resident if you wish to have a stall.)  
[www.violettownmarket.com.au](http://www.violettownmarket.com.au)**

## Lions Carols Choir

Calling all interested singers for the Carols by Candlelight.

I am calling on all your wonderful voices to join the choir for this year's Lions Carols by Candlelight on Monday Dec 19th.

We have a band arranged and the program is already formed. They are all the well known carols with no pressure to do anymore than able. We just need your happy faces to make the event happen!

Please contact conductor Helen Rankin on 57981575/ 0427981575/

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS

A reminder there is no edition of the Village Voice in January—we all have a break! Huge thanks to all our volunteer folders—Dot Rae, Vera Blankman, Glen Berry, Jean & Jevan Dartnell, Carol Hart & mum Nell. First deadline for 2012 will be January 20th.

ADVERTISERS—due to space restrictions this month, some ads have had to be held over—inclusion will be made up in 2012. Terry, & Frank

## *Seasons Greetings to all our readers*

### VT Community Op Shop Inc

The weather gods were good to Violet Town Market again. I would say that the day would have been one of the best we have seen for a long time – lots of stallholders and lots and lots of customers. The Op Shop did extremely well and it is wonderful to see a return on all the hard work put in by our volunteers.

The committee would like to thank Alan for all his hard work over the last six months. His efforts added substantially to the maintenance of the garden and lawns around the shop and inside he made a huge difference to the general tidiness. We will miss you Alan.

Australia Day is traditionally the day the Op Shop makes donations to non profit organisations within the Violet Town community. If you know of an organisation, or belong to one, which requires funding of any sort, we would like to

hear from you. All requests are to be in writing in can be handed in at the shop or sent to: The Secretary, VT Community Op Shop, C/- 69 Hurt Street, Violet Town, 3669. We look forward to hearing from you and your organisation.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all those people who leave donated goods for our Op Shop. We would ask when you put items on the verandah that you leave the area in front of the Post Office back door clear as our postmistress needs to have an emergency exit! We have had a run on childrens' toys and would appreciate toys in reasonable condition to replace what we have sold. Our range of men's clothing is also extensive, although not as large as our women's clothing!! We MUST have something you cannot live without – come in and browse to your heart's content – lots of books, magazines, knick knacks, craft items, materials, manchester and jewellery.

Over the Christmas/New Year period the shop will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and also New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Our shop hours are Thursday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As always **THANK YOU** to our many volunteers for giving their time and energy helping out at our community opportunity shop. We welcome all potential volunteers and if you would like to join our happy team and help the community at the same time, please feel free to call into the shop for a chat or give Julie (0417 908 501) or Ronny (0417 160 770) a call. You can choose to work for a couple of hours or put in a full day of five hours.

**Linda & The Volunteers**

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## V.T. Red Cross

Firstly I would like to say thank you to my fellow Red Cross members for all their hard work this year Mum & I wish the Violet Town community a peaceful Christmas and a safe 2012.

Once again thank you to Trish & Mal Delahey for their kindness.

Carol Hart



*Ho, Ho, Ho!*



22 Cowslip Street,  
Violet Town 3669  
Ph: 5798 1427

*We wish you all a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.*

Thank you for your support during 2011.

Please book your Christmas  
appointment early to avoid  
disappointment

### VIOLET TOWN PROBUS INC

What a great lunch and company we enjoyed at the Benalla Art Gallery, 17 members came along to enjoy the company together. It was great to have Rosemary and Fred with us again.



Do not forget our general meeting on the 5th December which will be the last for the year and we wish all our members and people of Violet Town a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

New members are always welcome to join us and come along to see how friendly we are. For details please contact our Membership Secretary Carol Hart.  
Jevan 59781668

### VIOLET TOWN BOWLS CLUB

Social Bowls are played every Thursday night (weather permitting) at the club, from 7PM. \$5, Flat shoes are all that is required and a hat and mozzie spray is recommended.

We also have a BBQ nite once a month which we promote around town, bring a small salad and the cost is an extra \$2.

Young or old, come and join us for a fun night.

### V. T. COMMUNITY COMPLEX

As Bookings Officer for the Hall Complex Pam Ellis wishes to hear from those groups who are able to cater, at short notice, for funeral wakes held at the Hall. Pam often receives inquiries regarding this matter.

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For further info please call  
Birgit 57981384

## 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

Strathbogrie Service Time -11.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

### Christmas Services

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Sunday School & Youth Group & Service before going to the VTBC for Carol Singing

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Hymn-a-long, Readings + Carols

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30pm Christmas Service

### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am RE breakup at church all welcome.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kids Youth Group Break up.

Weekly Craft Fridays 1.00pm except school holidays

Coffee Morning Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am finishes till March

K.Y.B. Bible Studies Thursdays 8.00pm for more information ask a Uniting Church member. United we sing practice 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7.30pm at the church

Come along and join us for Services + Social Events you will be made most welcome

***Violet Town Uniting Church takes this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Christmas Season.***

### Christmas Rhyme and Story Time

10.30am-11.30am

**FREE and no bookings required**

Come along and join in Christmas songs, play instruments, listen to a Christmas story and make Christmas bells.

Thursday 1 Dec at Violet Town Library

### St Dunstan's Hall Film Society

Monthly – third Friday

The Society's next screening is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December@ 7.30pm



### 'Blue Valentine'(2010)

112 minutes.

Stars: Ryan Gosling, Michelle Williams, John Doman. Dean and Cindy Pereira are a young working class couple with a young daughter, Frankie. Dean, a high school drop out from a broken home, doesn't have any professional ambition. Cindy also from a dysfunctional family, believes she has so much more potential. Despite their relatively tender ages, they are both ravaged by the life they have eked out together.

### Snack bar open- Enjoy home Pizza

Bring your own chair  
New members invited  
Details on

[www.violettown.org.au/groupsclubs/film-society](http://www.violettown.org.au/groupsclubs/film-society)

Information: Lynn Parker ph 57981858

Cancelled movie 'Life is Beautiful' will be screened early in New Year.

### Goulburn Valley Regional Library

Enter our Christmas colouring competition

Entries to be returned to your library by 20 December

### Join in the Summer Reading Club

called The Amazing Read. Starts 1 December 2011 and ends 1 February 2012 Register at your library and collect your Reading Kit. Just by registering you go in the draw to Win an ipod

Choose a Preschool, Primary or Secondary Kit

Collect Reading Rewards along the way

For more information please contact

Anne Tomietto 5832 1622 or email [annet@gvrlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:annet@gvrlc.vic.gov.au)

## LUCIE THORNE RETURNS TO THE PARISH

Saturday 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY!!! 7 .30 pm

Lauded for her unique voice, poetic lyricism, and tender to-gutsy electric guitar playing, Lucie Thorne has earned her place as one of the most striking lyricists and voices of Australian contemporary song. Her new album, Bonfires In Silver City has been receiving extraordinary praise across the country, described by many as her best work yet, and sees Thorne further hone her spacious, gritty, "exquisite miniatures of distilled emotion" (The Canberra Times), with that signature warmth and intimacy for which her live shows have become so renowned.. (google her for a taster!)

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## Farmers protecting wetlands makes good cent\$

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is offering a unique opportunity for farmers that own a wetland (swamp, bog, billabong or marsh) in the plains of the Goulburn Broken Catchment.

The Goulburn Broken CMA is calling for Expressions of Interest for the Plains Wetland Tender from private landholders that think they may have a wetland within the designated project area (see map below).

Under Plains Wetland Tender, the Goulburn Broken CMA offers the opportunity for financial payments to land managers to look after their wetlands through a competitive tender process. Landholders are able to nominate their preferred conservation management actions and price, and then successful contracts are

awarded to those offering the best conservation value for money.

"The Goulburn Broken CMA recognises more than one third of Victoria's wetlands have disappeared since European settlement and some 80 per cent of wetlands remaining are in private ownership," explains Goulburn Broken CMA CEO Mr Chris Norman.

Described as the kidneys of our countryside, wetlands are one of the most biologically diverse and productive ecosystems on earth, but under increasing threat of pugging and grazing by stock, drainage, fertilizers, cropping, weeds and pest animals.

"Goulburn Broken CMA realises that protection and conservation of these vulnerable wetland areas takes both time and money," continues Mr Norman

"Conservation markets, such as the Plains Wetland Tender offer, are an opportunity to generate an alternative income from privately owned environmental assets as part of the farming business," says Mr Norman

Farmers who make a formal Expression of Interest will receive an obligation-free site assessment to determine the significance of the wetland, improvement opportunities and management advice.

Expressions of Interest will close when participation levels are considered sufficient, so register soon to avoid missing out.

For further information or to register your Expression of Interest contact **Kate Hill** on **03 5820 1136** or email [kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:kateh@gbcma.vic.gov.au) or go to [www.gbcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au) .

Plains Wetland Tender is funded by the Victorian State Government.



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## STAYING HEALTHY IN THE HEAT

Every year we get 'hit' with the hot weather, so – how prepared are you for it? Looking after yourself and others during hot weather is one of the most important things you can do for yourself and your loved ones.

### Preparing for Hot Weather

Check that your fan or air-conditioner works well. Have your air-conditioner serviced if necessary.

Stock up on food, water and medicines so you don't have to go out in the heat.

Store medicines safely at the recommended temperature.

Look at the things you can do to make your home cooler such as installing awnings, shade cloths or external blinds on the sides of the house facing the sun.

### Top tips for keeping cool

It is best for your health to avoid getting too hot in the first place. Remember to think of those who are more at risk from the effects of heat. Below are some tips to keep yourself and others cool –

Keep windows closed when the room is cooler than it is outside. Open windows at night when the temperature outside has dropped.

Try and stay out of the sun as much as possible.

Reduce heat from sunlight coming through the windows. External shading, like shutters, is best. Metal blinds and dark curtains may absorb heat and make the room warmer – it is best to use pale curtains or reflective materials.

Have plenty of cold drinks, avoid excess alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks.

Have cool showers or baths, put a loose, cotton, damp cloth or scarf on the back of the neck, spray or splash your face with cold

water frequently to help keep your body cool.

Look after yourself and others

**Information provided by  
Hume Corridor Community  
Outreach Health Service  
(a service of the Violet  
Town Bush Nursing Centre)**



## Violet Town Men's Shed Open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 8am to 1pm

The shed has reached the one year old stage now & we marked the occasion with a party come BBQ on the last week in October. We had a large turn up & a good time was had by all. The cooking was shared around by the guys and everybody helped out.

Thanks Margaret for the great cake and also Simon for the photographs.

The mini creek planting has started but we may not be able to complete it until next year due to moisture levels.

Thank you Robin for the native grasses, plants & planters.

We have to thank Harold Weaver for the fantastic combination saw & smoother he donated to the Shed. We have restored it to as new condition & it will be a feature of our equipment.

Also a big thank you to the Cooina Group for their very generous donation of \$600-it will go towards the wheelchair ramp & decking.

John Broadhurst  
5798 1626  
0407 812 489



## Violet Town Community House News

**NEW Office Hours:** Mon, Tue & Wed 9:30am-3pm

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### December at the Community House:

New office hours. We will now be open Mon, Tues & Wed from 9:30am-3:00pm

A Special Christmas Meet & Greet for the community will take place at the community house with a delicious morning tea provided from 10:30am on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

This is a chance to come along and make some new friends and chat with some old ones. On this occasion we will also have a chance to celebrate Sarah's time with us and farewell her.

Do you have any spare evenings and are willing to teach some of your skills/hobbies to local community members? You don't have to have any formal teaching qualifications, just great people skills and a desire to share your skills! We would love to hear from you, so many people in our community would love to learn new things.

Music & Movement for Children 3-6 will be continuing on Tuesday's. 10:15am-11am. Cost \$5 per child.

Come and visit us at the Pizza Oven December the 10<sup>th</sup> on Market Day. Would you like to experience what it's like to be one of the superstars that are producing these most delicious Pizzas? Get experience in food handling & customer service, students and young people are welcome. Call Sarah on 57981288 to register as a Pizza Oven superstar volunteer or call past on Market Day.

Do you have any of your handcrafted goods, artwork, produce that you would like to display at the Community House? We would love to help you sell your goods in our new gift shop proudly displaying and selling our local craft.. Get them into the craft shop just in time for Christmas!

Did you know that we offer Photocopying services, Fax services, Email Services, A4 Laminating and Resume writing and an internet café at the Community House?

### Regular Programs:

**Tiny Tumblers:** Exercise program for children aged 2-6 @ the Violet Town Community Complex on Mondays 11am-11:30am. Register your interest for Term 2 classes. \$5 per session.

**Music & Movement: Instruments, Voices and lots of Action!** Children aged 2.5-6 are encouraged to express themselves through the art of Music & Movement. Sessions held weekly on Tuesdays 10:15am-11am at a cost of \$5 per child.

**BYO Laptop or use one of ours!** Come along on a Tuesday from 12:30pm-2:30pm and learn how to get the most out of your laptop or desktop. Keep up with the grandchildren and learn all about FaceBook, You Tube, Twitter, Skype and so much more. Patient tutors and fun are promised! \$5 per session.

**Reiki & Homeopathy with Karen:** Come and have your own private and confidential session with Karen, a qualified consultant. Karen has the amazing ability to make you feel relaxed and

safe when you spend your time with her. Please call the community house for more information or to make a booking. Appointments are available every Wednesday from 4pm-7pm. **The Community house will be closed for a period during the Christmas season, for more information please call the office.**

So much happening, we would love to see you join in! You're always welcome at the Community House!

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**EUROA GIRL  
GUIDES** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2011 Trivia Night held on 28th Oct 2011. Your attendance and donations are greatly appreciated by all the girls.



### **V.T. Australia Day Celebrations Thursday 26th January 2012**

This year we are the host town to celebrate Australia Day in the Strathbogie Shire. There will be the usual free breakfast cooked by members of the Lions Club, commencing at 7.30am to start the day off.

We are very fortunate to have as our guest speaker & ambassador Vici Funnell who is the C.E.O. of the Make-a-wish Foundation Australia. Vici has had 25 years as a CEO in health & community services. She will give a short talk on her work with sick children & what Australia means to her.

There will be music by the Euroa Citizens Band & VT Stringbusters, presentation of local awards then the Shire awards by our Council. There will be bags and flags for the children present.

The committee will appreciate any help to set up the tables for breakfast + clearing up afterwards—it all helps to show our Australian spirit.



Dot Rae

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