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what's on in February

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- 6 Zumba fitness commences, C/H
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- 10 History Group, 10 am
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date grabbers

- March 4—Women's Day of prayer
- March 8—Uniting Church pancake morning tea

DOCTOR

Dr. T. Wang

Ph: 5736 6310

Monday—Thursday

8.30am-5.00pm

Friday

8.30am-12.00noon

Market Saturdays

9-12noon

VIOLET TOWN HALL BOOKINGS

Pam Ellis 0418 571 419

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Sunday 10.00am to 3.00pm

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VIOLET TOWN

1836 – 2011

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

This year is the 175th Anniversary of our town being named Violet Ponds during Major Mitchell's expedition in 1836. We will have some activities to mark this event during the year as it is a milestone for our town.

HREP Art and Photography Exhibition

"Our Creek"

September, 2011

The HREP committee is in the process of planning a festival to celebrate the improvements that have been achieved over the 6 years since the group was formed.

One major feature of the festival will be an Art and Photography exhibition with the creek environment being the theme.

We are hoping that this early notice of the upcoming exhibition will stimulate people to begin to plan and explore what art or photographic work they might like to exhibit.

Entry is open to everyone with age categories including children. Entry registration forms will be available from the HREP Festival steering committee from March 1st 2011.

More information about the Festival and the Exhibition will be published in the March issue of the Village Voice.

If you would like to be on the steering committee which will plan and organise the Festival please contact Sue Paton on 57981435.

VTAG Ramblings

VTAG and the sub committee members finished 2010 with a very enjoyable evening at the Ellen Frances, the meal was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas carols on the oval was rather cool with even some rain in the morning but the evening was an enjoyable occasion with the Lions Club cooking up a hearty feast. Numbers were down but considering the weather it was to be expected. The most successful carols are always when the event coincides with the school break-up night.

A big thank you to Alan Ericson and his team at the Strathbogie Shire for putting up the rest of "the town of flowers street signs" and it is great to see it nearly completed with just one sign to go. Also for tidying up the road and information signs. These street signs have been many years in coming. We believe it was actually a project of the old Shire of Violet Town at the start. They have been worth the wait!

At present we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new seats for the community complex. They will replace the current pine fencing; hopefully this will take place in February. We hoped they would be in for the Australia Day breakfast but it has not happened!

We look forward to the new year as we have many projects to work on. We have funding to replant some of the street trees that have been removed or have died. We will be working with residents who are prepared to adopt a tree near their house. More details soon, obviously we need to plant in the winter or early spring, but maybe this year we could do it now!

All welcome to our meetings 7.30pm on the First Wednesday of each month. February meeting is Feb 2.

Jo Beavis
VTAG

HREP Report

Anyone who walks along the Honeysuckle Creek track will have seen the dramatic changes that the recent floods have made to the creek. It is important to remember though, that flooding is a natural process and that creeks are constantly changing their courses. The banks on the outer curves are washed away because the water flows more rapidly on the outside of a bend, and the silt and debris is deposited on the inside of the curves where the water is moving more slowly.

Recent heavy rains and the floods have exaggerated the impact of these processes and we can see the changes that usually happen gradually, happening very dramatically.

This is all very well, but in public places natural changes don't always suit us!

So recently the members of the HREP Committee consulted with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority; Steve Collins walked along the creek with us to discuss what could be done. Where the bank has been eroded near the railway overpass, the GBCMA will be putting logs and possibly rocks to form a protective barrier. This will also be done at the other end of the town between the Baird Street and Mitchell Street section. Some other trees that have fallen across the creek in various places will be removed, as the creek 'channel' is too small to accommodate them.

Most of the plants put in by HREP alongside the creek banks were chosen because they are appropriate creek side species - when mature, they can withstand seasonal floods by bending under the water pressure then recovering. This year is really testing them though. Plus the large amount of sand and debris that gets caught on them is a problem, smothering them and bringing weeds.

We are hoping that our new plantings will recover well and start to provide the protection to the banks that the older plantings have done. Happy creek walking!

Sue Paton (HREP Chairperson 2011)

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Terry 5790 8635

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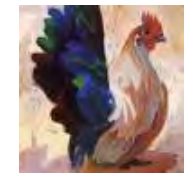
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Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

It was great to catch up with some Seedsavers whom we haven't seen for sometime at our Christmas get-together in December at Noel & Virginia Robinson's home.

In January we met again at the Robinsons where Virginia demonstrated seed cleaning techniques in detail and Alf Block gave an excellent talk on tomatoes and exhibited some of the varieties he is currently growing. Thank you both for a very interesting and informative afternoon.

On Sunday 13th February at 1-00 pm VTSS will be joining SCOFFERS at the Strathbogie Recreation Ground, Spring Creek Road, Strathbogie where John & Yao O'Donahue, former owners of Kialla Solar Dried Foods, will be talking to us on handling, drying and storing dried produce.

THINGS TO DO:

Humid wet weather requires good orchard hygiene practices, i.e. pick ripe or damaged fruit, gather up any fallen fruit promptly to eliminate fungal diseases and pests, such as Queensland Fruit Fly.

Check for pear and cherry slug, spray with pyrethrum with a dash of detergent.

Summer prune berries and fruit trees which have fruited i.e. apricots, peaches etc. Sow brassicas to ensure a large plant prior to winter. Cover seedlings with exclusion material i.e. scrim curtaining to exclude white cabbage moth.

SOW NOW:

Bush beans, beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts,

carrots, cauliflower, celery, kales, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, radish, silver-beet, spring onions, swede, turnip.

SANDRA
Tel: 57 95 1109



Alf talking on tomato growing.

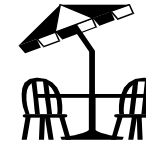


Tomato seed fermenting in water for a few days before straining & Drying. Fermenting ensures no virus disease is passed on through the seed.



Virginia demonstrating cleaning techniques to the group

Market Report



More than 200 stall holders and thousands of visitors enjoyed the January 8th Market in rather hot conditions. As my first solo market as co-ordinator rather than as a customer, I was amazed as always at the wonderful array of stalls and the vital role every volunteer plays in making the Violet Town Market the renowned success it is.

My thanks to Deb George for her comprehensive handover, the committee, volunteers and stallholders and everyone else for being patient with me in these early days. Despite a couple of glitches at the gate early on Saturday morning, we managed to site everyone and despite many people being away in January, most stallholders reported good patronage.

Peter Taylor entertained on the stage with live music, and our thanks to Helen Keighery for continuing to organize a terrific range of talent each month.

The Cemetery trust tin-rattled in January, while the Primary school held their regular drinks stall and Timmy the sheep made a visit as part of Edgar's Farm Mission Sanctuary also.

Regulars such as Sigrid Allen's Ruffy Road Harvest, Pezzimenti fruit and vegetables, Blueberry Haven, Pontis breads, the Cheesemen, and Adele fresh pasta were there, while new food stall holders included Carly's Cupcakes, smoked seasalt, and chemical free garlic, Carrick's cherries and sauces and Young's avocados.

The range of takeaway food options is always expanding too and at the last market we had Indian, Turkish, Chinese, Shaslicks, Yarrallah lamb, fresh juices and more.

Plus a huge range of other products including beautiful mosaics, glasswear, antiques, bric a brac, plants, cut flowers, clothing, furniture, craft, fishing gear, soaps, candles, olive oils,

wines, leatherwork, horse gear, laces and silks, knife sharpening, cards, honey, jewellery, dog products, toys, kitchenware, tools, herbs, massage, tarot, haircuts and even caricatures.

A professional photographer was also prominent at January's market (employed by the regional Goulburn River Valley Tourism board) who took some wonderful shots and was very impressed with the colour and movement of "the famous Violet Town market".

These photos will be used in future publications of the Goulburn River Valley Tourism Board (a regional Tourism Board encompassing the four shires of Strathbogie, Shepparton, Mitchell and Murrindindi). So stay tuned for upcoming publications including a holiday planner and touring routes, a regional Official Visitors Guide and regional Events. For more information visit www.goulburnrivervalley.com.au

At the December market the Violet Town Hospital raised \$1236 despite the floods affecting some stall holders and visitors access – but the December market went ahead successfully regardless!

TIN RATTLES – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED

Due to the large number of groups wishing to fundraise, the Committee is asking for Expressions of Interest from any local community groups wishing to tin rattle or raffle at the market in future. This is in order to ensure an equitable selection process is adopted – which may need to run over 2 years in order to ensure all groups get a turn. The "do it yourself wood raffle" is also available from April to August for any groups wishing to cut their own wood to raffle.

Expressions of Interest for Tin Rattles and Raffles for 2011-2012 close 28th February 2011.

Continued over.....

Please send your contact details with the name of the group and if there is a preferred time of year via email to admin@market.violettown.org.au with "Tin Rattle EOI" in the subject line.

FINALLY

We wish our Chair, George Toland, all the best for the next 4 months as she heads to India to complete further training in advanced meditation studies.

We look forward to seeing you at our next market on Saturday 12th February, 8.30am-1pm.

Public Meeting-Advance Notice

Violet Town Fire Brigade invites community members, organisations and businesses to a public meeting to discuss the implementation of a "Town Protection Plan".

The meeting will take place at the end of the fire and flood season; the date will be advised in a future Village Voice.

Currently plans are being developed for the 52 high risk communities across the state.

We feel the need to be pro-active in this matter and look forward to a good response from within our community.

Violet Town Fire Brigade Volunteers.

Thank You

Don and Myrna Warnock
Would like to thank their family, neighbours and friends for their caring thoughts, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and kind help during Myna's hospitalisation.

These were very much appreciated.

Violet Town News Euroa Gazette

Robbie Rae and Robin Landvogt are now writing the Violet Town News for the Euroa Gazette on a weekly basis. Robbie will be at the Gazette office on Mondays & Robin's days will be flexible.

If anyone has news, sporting results, funny stories, events coming up, babies, or anything else we would like to hear from you. The deadline is absolutely Sunday evening but Friday would be even better.

The Violet Town news will also be posted weekly on the Violet Town Website.

PURPLE PHONE BOOK CORRECTION

Dr Tony Courtin, Chiropractor
12 Graves St, Violet Town

Correct phone no. is 5798 1856
Mobile 0409 259 392

ROBBIESWIM

Robbieswim is on Saturdays at 12.00 until school goes back - \$5.00 for a lesson that goes around 30mins but if it's hot and the kids are loving it maybe longer. Starts with the little tackers 3 - kinder, depending on their level of water awareness and then flows on through the ages and abilities every 1/2 hour or so. We languish by the pool on Saturday afternoon at Robbieswim; if the kids are loving it so are we.

Squad this year has changed to Tuesday and Thursday 5.00 - 6.00pm; that's important to note as has always been Monday and Wednesday. Squad concentrates on stroke technique, getting the squaders fit and enjoying the hour. It's \$6.00 per session and all equipment is provided

Meeting

Violet Town Golf Club Inc 2nd attempt for an Annual General Meeting Thursday 17th February at Club Rooms, Shiffner St, Violet Town at 7.30pm

We need your support to keep this club going. Playing members are needed otherwise this club will fold. This would be such a pity with great facilities and history.

Find your old clubs, dust them down!

See you there, put forward your suggestions eg organized fun days, corporate days, whatever.

See how you can help.

G.F. Moore, President

History Group for 2011

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting is on Thursday 10th February-10.00am at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome - bring your old photos and stories of Violet Town families.

Info contact:

Darryl Parker 57981858; Robin Landvogt 57981735; Robyn Machin 5798168

History calendar Corrections - we are sorry, in the February photo it's Frank Keating not Barry, and of course it's St Attractas Church not St Attractus.

First prize goes to Janine Palmer who was the first to spot that mistake, we actually knew that! We were just checking you were reading the captions!

Election results for your interest, the count on the night way back in November was

Cordner Hunt (Greens)	54
Hunt (Country Alliance)	52
Rowena Allen (ALP)	107
Nicholas Williams	6
Bill Sykes (NAT)	359
Two party Preferred	
Rowena Allen	126
Bill Sykes	452

St Dunstons Hall Film Society

We invite you to the next screening on Friday 25th February @ 7.30pm

"Fried Green Tomatoes" - 1991

Comedy drama based on novel by Fannie Flagg. It tells the story of a depression era friendship between two women, and a 1980's friendship between Evelyn, a middle aged housewife and Ninny, an elderly women who know Ruth and Ildgie.

Gold coin entry

Snack bar open

Bring your own chair

Details on notice boards around town

Information: Lynn Parker 57981858

COOINDA GROUP

First meeting for 2011 will be on Monday 21st February at 7.30pm and will be held at the home of Alf & Margaret Block.

Guest Speaker - Alf Block

Topic - Heritage Vegetables. This will include a tour of Alf's gardens.

Annual subs of \$1 will be due, along with monthly subs of \$1.

Interested non-members or visitors are most welcome to come along - you don't have to be a woman.

Enquiries Margaret Block, Coordinator

A Letter of Thanks

I would like to thank publicly Kevin and Shandy Grenville, who opened their house to me at 6am last market day, when I was being viciously attacked by a feral kangaroo.

Without their intercession I would not be writing this letter.

Their kindness in my hour of need was greatly appreciated.

Frank McMahon

Eco Living Project

The final series of workshops are being planned for February/March. Not all dates are finalised so look out for flyers around town, on the website, notices will go out on email.

Retrofit your Shearing Shed and Farm House Tuesday 8 March

This workshop will be held at the Dunster's Farm at Upotipotpon where Wayne Steward, from Eco-Insulation in Shepparton, who is also a trained energy assessor will assess the Dunster's shearing shed and farmhouse and make recommendations for energy improvements. A BBQ tea will proceed the evening. This is being organized in conjunction with the Sheep Pen Creek Landcare group. All welcome. More details soon.

Water Efficient Gardening - A tour to Lou Costa's fantastic garden in Rushworth is being planned with the Violet Town Garden Club

Using your Excess Produce in the Garden—Robena Binks will be the presenter.....get recipes and tips on how to use your excess produce from the home garden! Zucchinis, tomatoes, cucumber etc

Community Behaviour Change Review, How are we changing our energy use?

This workshop is planned for Monday 21st March, the autumn equinox, at the Community Complex. It doubles as a celebration of the project. We plan to have the ceremonial handover of the Building User Manual to the Violet Town Hall Community & to the Shire of Strathbogie, provide a meal, and then conduct a facilitated workshop to review & reinforce the achievements of the project, & review the extent to which the project has influenced personal energy use and behaviour. All members of the community and participants in the project will be invited through public advertising and through the email addresses we have collected. The workshop will engage small groups in discussion and reporting back on changes in energy use behaviour. We will discuss what people are doing, what they have changed since the EcoLiving Project began, and reasons why they might not be doing what they would like to do.

For these event(s) we will especially invite participants of previous workshops, and this workshop will be used to record changes that people have made to their own behaviour, and the influence of the ELP.

Data collection of energy use changes

Robin Landvogt intends to revisit the homes of pensioners that participated in audits conducted by Uniting Care Home Energy Audits between May and July 2010, facilitated by the EcoLiving Project, to offer a compost bin, and ask how their energy use, use of their home and energy efficiency practices has changed since the audit.

Tony Nicholas has used the power bills to review the electricity consumption of the Community Complex and Early Childhood Centre. At this stage these reviews raise a lot of interesting questions. We knew that reviewing on the basis of simple consumption would be problematic, in particular for the community complex where use is sporadic, and usage patterns have changed since the retrofit has made the building more comfortable.

Pizza Oven

You will see the pizza oven taking shape near the swimming pool playground, thanks to the hard work and skills of Neil Garrett. When it is finished a training day will be held as we would like as many groups and individuals as possible to learn how to use it. It will be used on market day as well as for fundraisers for community groups.

For more information on any of these activities please contact Robin Landvogt 57981735, Sue Paton 57981435 or any of the Ecoliving Project team.

VIOLET TOWN PROBUS INC



We send a Happy New Year to all readers of Village Voice.

Our First General Meeting for 2011 will be held on the 7th February 2011 at 10am. Come along and join us. We gather in the supper room at the Violet Town Community Complex in Cowslip Street. If you are retired or semi-retired and would like to join others of your own age at social occasions. We at Violet Town Probud are active retirees. We have monthly general meetings on the first Monday in the month; this comprises of Club business followed by a break for tea or coffee and biscuits, and a chat for approximately half an hour before resuming our seats to listen to the chosen speaker of the month. The meeting concludes at 12 noon.

A guest speaker talks on a topic of mutual interest.

Outings (between meetings) to places of interest to members, theatre, social or sporting occasion. We decide where we might go on the third Thursday each month for our regular outings, either by bus or cars depending on numbers of members wishing to go.

If you would like to come along please do so. Jevan 57981668.

Violet Town Railway Station

It's looking a little more hopeful that trains might be running again sooner rather than later. More gangs are working on the lines (can't see what they're doing though!) I spoke to one of the chiefs who was inspecting the station, he said it will be repainted, all repairs done including the seat so it doesn't 'wobble', so I took this as a good sign. The garden is picking up after a couple of working bees in between the heat and the storms & it will have a good makeover when we celebrate the return of our train.

Dot Rae

Violet Town Skills Shed (Men's Shed)

Since the last VV we have had our new veggie patch go under water when the Honeysuckle flooded. It didn't do serious damage; it seems the whole country is under storm threat at the moment. A branch just missed taking out the shed kitchen yesterday.

We have been given the use of a machine centre; this has enabled us to expand our projects & the quality of our work. Thank you so much to Ken, and to all the people who have donated or lent us equipment. A special thanks also to Ron Goad for his endless efforts at the shed.

People wanting nesting boxes can collect them now; they are made for sugar and squirrel gliders, but can be adjusted for parrots etc.

Don't forget everyone is welcome; some people just come for a chat and Ron's coffee.

Happy New Year to all, hope you have a wonderful year.

John Broadhurst
5798 1626 0407 812 489

VIOLET TOWN GARDEN CLUB

We finished year 2010 with a great Christmas celebration. Thanks to organizers for gardens open in Euroa, competitions, presents, and supper catering by Debbie Ellis.

The rain has been just right for our gardens and everything is green and growing. I bought a grafted Grosse Lisse and I spend my time tying it safely, the tomatoes are so heavy.

Our first meeting for 2011 will be at Ivan & Sheryl Taylors, 7 Pitt St., Violet Town, Monday 21st Feb. at 9.30 am. We hope to see all our old friends and any new people interested in gardening. Just bring a chair, hat and a mug
Kath Utber.

UNITING CHURCH NEWS

We hope you all had a great festive season and looking forward to a Happy + Healthy 2011

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

COMING EVENTS

Weekly Craft Fridays 1.00pm starts in March

Coffee morning Wed 2nd February at 10.00am.

K.Y.B. Bible Studies

recommence Thursday 3rd February 8.00pm

Hymn – a – long 20th February at 7.00 pm

Hymns and Reflections

Guild A.G.M. + Luncheon

Monday 14th February at 11.00 am.

New Members most welcome, please call secretary Margaret Down for further information.

Ecumenical Service 30th January at Anglican Church 6.00pm followed by finger food tea to share.

Pancake Morning Tea - Tuesday 8th March at the Uniting Church at 10.00am Cost \$5.00

Business houses – orders will be taken and your pancakes delivered for your morning tea. School Children are coming to join in so come and enjoy a morning out with friends while supporting Uniting Care who support those in our communities who are doing it tougher than most.

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Happy New Year to all the readers of Village Voice

Our meetings for 2011 have been changed to the fourth Tuesday every other month commencing in February. The only exception will be April when the fourth Tuesday falls on Anzac Day see below. Our meetings will be held at 71 Tulip Street starting at 7-30pm.

The dates are:-

February 22nd

April 19th (this is because of Anzac day falling on the 4th Tuesday)

June 28th.

August 23rd.

October 25th, Our Annual General Meeting.

December 6th (last meeting for the year)

Please remember to have all new purchases marked with your drivers licence number; this may deter would be opportunists helping themselves. Please put a "V" in front of the drivers licence number for "Victoria"

We have engraving tools available which you may borrow at any time..

We do not have any annual fees to be a member so please come and support Your Town Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Regards (Jevan Dartnall) Violet Town Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.



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Mission of kindness comes to Violet Town

While the sign said "no dogs allowed" there was nothing mentioning no sheep. But anything but sheepish was the affable Timmy as he happily greeted market goers and posed for photographs at January's Violet Town market. Hailing from Kilmore's famous Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary, Timmy and his band of loyal volunteers had come to town with a special message of kindness for all beings.

"Animals really do have a way of changing hearts and minds" said Timmy's guardian, Pam Ahern. "And Gandhi put it well when he said the greatness of a nation and its moral progress is determined by the way it treats its animals"

Everyone loved meeting Timmy and were amazed at how friendly and placid he was. Pam is quick to add that "most sheep, given the chance are every bit as interesting, intelligent and fun loving as our beloved domestic pets, it's just that we don't get the chance to know them". Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary provides people with just that chance, it provides a fun, educational and hands on learning experience about the lives of farm animals. They are open to the public for visits by appointment and are currently home to over 250 rescued animals once destined for the dinner table.

Useful website: www.edgarsmission.org.au
Media contact Pam Ahern 0408 397 301



"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?"



Abby from Violet Town with Timmy the sheep



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FURTHER NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

There was movement at the station . . .

In addition to Annette taking unpaid leave for twelve months (effective December 2010), and Sarah Hamill being appointed Community House Co-ordinator for this period, there have been some other changes as well at the Community House.

At December's monthly meeting, Kaye Bradshaw & Margaret Healy were co-opted to the Committee of Management for a period of one year & two years, respectively. Kaye's contribution to the Community House will be through her extensive strategic and operational experience in management, and the delivery of services in the community sector. Margaret's focus will be on developing a strategic communications, promotion and marketing plan aimed at strengthening the relationships and communications within the Community House, its Committee of Management, and its membership, clients and the wider community.

January's monthly meeting saw the following new Committee of Management elected

Chairperson Kaye Bradshaw
Deputy Chair Jo Wagner
Treasurer Sarina Kerss
Secretary Andie Guerin

Ken Douglas was co-opted from the Community House membership to join Kaye and Sarina on the Finances Working Group.

The Community House Committee of Management meets in its Youth & Arts Space at **7.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month**, and all Community House members are welcome to attend. Membership is \$2, and everyone is

welcome to join and participate directly in the development of the Community House and the contribution it makes to our community.

In addition to the monthly overview of activities at the Community House and Skills Shed, watch this space for updates on the work the Committee of Management is doing to support the Community House to be an integral and valued part of our community and a driving force in its development and prosperity.

We'd love to see you at the Community House and Skills Shed – you're always welcome to drop in to see what's on and to have a cuppa and a chat, and we're always keen to welcome new volunteers. We're open Mondays and Tuesdays: 9.30am-3pm, and Wednesdays: 4pm-7pm at the Community House, and the Skills Shed is open Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8am-1pm.

Looking forward to us all sharing in the good things at the Community House and Skills Shed!

Kaye Bradshaw, on behalf of the Committee of Management



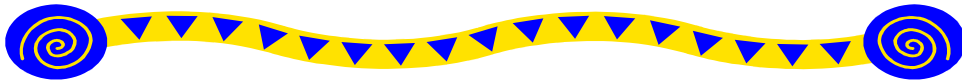
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What's happening at the Violet Town Community House?

January saw a very busy Children's holiday program; Acrobatics was declared the most fun followed by the Teddy bears picnic. Over 50 young children were entertained at the community house in a safe and secure environment. February will see the commencement of some old favourite programs/courses and some new ones.

If you would like to join the scheduled programs please contact Sarah at the community house by dropping in, phoning or email violettowncommunityhouse@gmail.com

Starting February:

Zumba Fitness @ The Violet Town Community House: Sunday 4:30pm - 5:30pm & Wednesday 10am-11am Cost \$5 per session. Start date Sunday 6th of February.

Zumba Fitness @ the Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Strathbogie: Sunday 6:15pm-7:00pm Cost \$5 per session. Start date Sunday 6th of February.

Tiny Tumblers: Tiny Tumblers is a program designed for children 3-6 years of age. This program encourages the children to develop their gross motor skills doing a variety of acrobatic activities with a qualified dance instructor. The sessions are for 30 minutes and have proven to help develop the skills of young children readying them for Kindergarten & School. Cost is \$5 per child with the program beginning on Monday the 7th of February at 11:00 am at the Violet Town Community House. **Bookings Essential.**

Traditional Scrapbooking Workshop: This begins on February the 16th starting 9:30am- 4:00pm. Come and join Phillipa from Creative Memories in a fun & relaxed environment, share your photographic memories with the group while discovering new and exciting ways to display these memories to friends and family. Cost \$10pp.

Digital Scrapbooking Workshop: This will commence in March please call for more info.

Basic Laptop/Computer Classes: Bring your own laptop or use the computers at the community house to learn the basic in's & out's of how computers and their programs work. This program is delivered by patient & encouraging tutors on a Tuesday from 12:30pm-2:30pm starting February the 8th, cost is \$5 per session.

First Aid Level 2 (Workplace First Aid): Provide first aid response, life support, management of casualty, the incident and other first aiders until assistance arrives. Minimum qualification required by Workplace Health & Safety Legislation for workplace first aiders. This will be delivered by a two day workshop late February. Cost TBA & Date TBA. **Bookings essential.**

Homeopathy & Reiki Sessions: Come and see Karen on Wednesdays from 4pm and discover natural healing ways for your health conditions. Bookings and information are provided by the office.

Youth Group: This is a chance for local youth to come together and discuss issues that are important to them in a safe and secure environment. It's a place to be encouraging, supportive and creative in thinking. This group starts Wednesday the 9th of February at 5pm-6pm.



Oliver, 3, from Benalla, with Timmy at January market

† February at St Dunstons

Welcome to 2011- and all the year promises us.

Services in Feb are at 8am on 13th & 27th

Evensong on 20th Feb, 6pm is a special service to dedicate trees & unveil a plaque to mark the work of St Dunstan's Ladies Guild 1901-1986. The Guild members were an extremely active part of our coefollow this with supper & slide show in St Dunstan's Parish Hall. All are invited, particularly past guild members & their families.

Film Society

Friday 25th February @ 7.30pm
 "Fried Green Tomatoes"

VTBNC 3rd & 24th

Looking Ahead—March

Friday 4th—Annual Women's Day of Prayer— in 2011 we pray for Chile - at St D's at 11am followed by a light lunch. This is a community event & we encourage you to attend.

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