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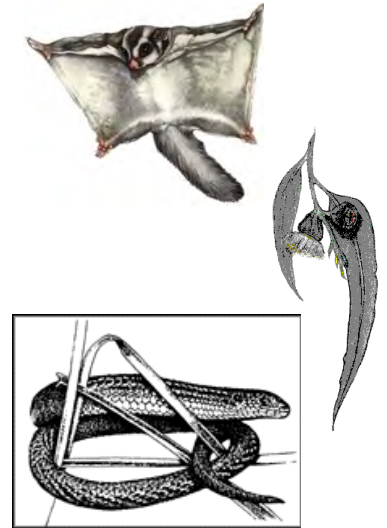
"Priceless"

No. 356

An extra large edition this month—thanks to all contributors! And especially to those 'first timers', great to hear from you.

September is Biodiversity Month and you'll see some of the events on offer in this edition. Space restrictions didn't allow all details to be included, so please contact Jacqui at the DSE for a full program with meeting points, maps etc.

And a reminder that next month is Festival Time! How are those works of art coming along? Will be a great weekend with the focus on our creek, fantastic!



"Beginnings"

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A REMINDER FOR THOSE PEOPLE STILL TO PAY THIS FINANCIAL YEAR'S SUB FOR THE VV POSTAGE! details back page

VTAG RAMBLINGS

Thank you to all who attended the Violet Town Action Group AGM. We farewell Terry Taylor and thank her for a job well done. We welcome Rhonda Hudson to the team, other positions that were up for election were filled by Howard Myers, Michael McLaughlin, Trish Delahey and Lorraine Sinclair who were all re-elected. We look forward to the next 12 months to finish on going projects and the exciting prospect of new ones.

A big thank you to Brian Bamford for his presentation about the interesting project being launched in Euroa—Cradle to Grave to connect communities. A number of members went on to hear Prof Michael Barnard speak in Euroa. It is a challenging project with the aim to increase the well being of the community.

We were pleased to have in attendance our Member for Murray Sharman Stone and our Shire of Strathbogie representatives Steve Crawcour, Annie Ross and Liz Scarfe. After the AGM it was time to enjoy the fabulous spread put on by the kinder mums.

Street Trees

This project is coming along nicely despite the weather being anything but helpful.

Community Complex

The new seating is in, the paving is done and the new complex sign has been erected. We would like to thank every one involved in this

There is a little more to be done to finish this project. We aim to weather proof the notice board so that it can actually be used as a noticeboard! & the Shire have committed to asphaltting from the footpath to meet with the new seating area. We have had many favourable comments but are sorry it has taken so long.

Street Signs

The last of the street signs are currently being made and will soon be ready to erect; this will complete a 14 year long project hooray!

Our next meeting is on 7th September at the Community Complex Meeting room at 7.30pm

EVERY ONE IS WELCOME you don't have to be on the committee to attend.

HREP (Honeysuckle Recreation & Environment Project) News

More rain! More water and more slippery mud over the track! Please take care when walking! This lovely warm weather and the rain has made ideal planting conditions so we have been able to fill out some of the existing planted areas with more plants and also plant some trees in new areas.

Thanks to our trusty working bee HREPer. Pete and Rob Landvogt have done a power of work spraying weeds along the track and in planted areas. Thankyou very much to them.

On a less positive note, with the ground so soft, cars driving behind the tennis courts and football oval are damaging the grass areas. Also in drier times cars compact the soil around tree roots.

This is particularly a problem on market days. Please avoid parking behind the tennis courts and football oval. It is much drier and more open on the other side of the creek and almost as close to walk to the market or sporting sites. Please use these areas for parking if Tulip Street parking is full.

Spring is on its way and we want the area alongside the creek to be vital and healthy for us all to enjoy.

Sue Paton

The Green Thing!!

In the line at the shop the checkout girl told me that I should bring my own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. I apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the 'green thing' back in my day." The checkout girl responded,

"That's the problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment." She was right, our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned our milk bottles, lemonade bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in my day.

In my day, we walked up stairs, because there wasn't an an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the local store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower set of wheels every time they had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in my day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 230 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But she was right, we didn't have the green thing back in my day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of Tasmania. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do

everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. WE exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operated on electricity. But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a tap when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. Were filled our writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one power point in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pub. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful us old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?
Anon



Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

We wish to say that it has been very encouraging to be told by many of the gardeners purchasing our seed at the markets, that they are saving their own seed and requesting information on the required techniques.

Time flies when you are a Seedsaver, 12 months ago we decided that we would like to attend the ABC Gardening Australia Expo Melbourne as a group activity, so on Friday 2nd September at 8-00 am we will all be meeting behind the Ecoliving Complex, Cowslip Street, Violet Town to board a Walters bus to take us to the Caulfield Racecourse. I am sure many of us will glean helpful information from the speakers and acquire interesting seeds and plants.

Sunday, 7th August, the weather was bleak but it didn't deter VTSS from attending John & Aileen Dunning's garden at Benalla when we were able to discuss growing techniques to combat frost, view their extensive vegetable garden and then moved through to Richard & Jacqui's very attractive formal garden and well designed vegetable garden. The large group of SS then drove to Goomalibee to Peter & Judy Stewart's property where we organised members who live in isolated areas, to grow pumpkin varieties to ensure pure seed for our Seedbank. All members also collected seeds from our Seedbank for growing this season. We finished off the day with a delicious afternoon tea.

Thank you to all the garden owners who kindly hosted our group on the day.

THINGS TO DO:

Be on the look-out for snails, slugs, earwigs and aphids.
Sow flowers to encourage insect activity, particularly, alyssum, borage, nasturtiums.

Prune, feed and mulch citrus and passion fruit vines – by the time new growth starts the danger of frost should be over.
Mulch to suppress weeds but, keep clear areas for tomatoes to allow soil to warm-up.
Mulch and feed strawberries & asparagus.

SOW NOW:

Asparagus, asian greens, beetroot, broad beans (cool areas) summer cabbage, carrots, coriander, fennel, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsnip, peas (cool areas) radish, rocket, silverbeet, summer spinach, spring onions.

Most warm climate vegetables require 20 deg. to germinate.

Mid-late Sept. capsicums, chillies (under glass), cucumbers, beans, eggplant, tomatoes, pumpkins and zucchini.

PLANT NOW:

Potatoes and herbs.

On children

Children are one-third of our population and all of our future. **Author Unknown**

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. **James Baldwin**

A child enters your home and makes so much noise for twenty years that you can hardly stand it: then departs leaving the house so silent that you think you will go mad. **John Andrew Holmes**

A child seldom needs a good talking to, as much as a good listening to. **Robert Brault**

Although there are many trial marriages, there is no such thing as a trial child. **Gail Sheehy**

Children are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners. **Author Unknown**

HELP WANTED

The market committee would like to hear from any residents with a Level 2 First Aid certificate who would be willing to be listed with the market coordinator as someone prepared to assist at market (if available) in a 'Good Samaritan' role in any emergency.

Please contact Catherine 0416 233 584 or Georgina Toland 5795 3760

WARRENBAYNE BOHO LAND PROTECTION GROUP INC.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND.
WARRENBAYNE HALL.

6 P.M.Casserole Tea,
7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:
JENNY WILSON, Senior Landscape Planner, Goulburn Broken C. M. A..
"Frogs and Farm Dams"

Jenny is an ecologist and will speak about her experience with Longwood Landcare Group, recording frog croaks!

RSVP (for catering) Janet Pruden 5763 2296.
Dru Green 5798 1372.



Violet Town calendar for 2011 has errors

Unfortunately an error occurred on the September page of the 2011 calendar - there are or were two 15s.

This led to a displacement by one day in the months of October and December. For this the Editor humbly apologises.

The corrected pages can be downloaded from the web

<http://www.violettown.org.au/history/images/Pages%20from%20calendar-2011.pdf> and printed for inserting in the calendar. If you are not able to do this please contact the Editor violetto@violettown.org.au for assistance.

Darryl Parker

Violet Town Hall Committee

The Hall and surrounds are looking neat & tidy & the herb garden is an asset to the cooks in the kitchen. Well done.

Would all Hall Complex users please note that doors, windows & lights must be checked to ensure they are locked, turned off or closed. Floors should be swept & washed if spills occur. Please don't leave anything dirty or for 'someone else' to clean. The refrigerator, D/W stove & bain-marie must also be cleaned after use.

The Hall committee has large round white fabric tablecloths also 6 dozen wine glasses & 100 plain glasses for hire.

Please contact the Booking Officer.

Our community has a fabulous complex and if we all work together we can maintain this useful asset.

Bookings Officer Pam Ellis 0418 571 419

The Honeysuckle Festival Next Month!

What a great weekend the Honeysuckle Festival is going to be! We do need good weather though. It will be so pleasant to be outdoors alongside the Honeysuckle Creek following the Violet Town Market on the Saturday morning, October 8.

Come along a make a day of it –

To begin the day enjoy a stroll through the market and meet up with friends, then, while the market is packing up and clearing away, visit the Community Complex to see the Art and Photography Exhibition or the Eliza Tree Major Mitchell Exhibition, the HREP Display, the Historic photos of the Honeysuckle Display or watch the touching and enlightening interviews with some of our favourite locals – some young, some older – about their lives and their relationship with the Honeysuckle Creek.

At about 3pm return to the Market area – bring your whole family! The Festival Committee will have an information table set up near the colourful Woodfired Oven all day. The action will happen at or close to the Woodfired Oven.

Starting with games and explorations for the children led by Lanie Pearce (– make things, collect things, do things!) the afternoon will continue with guided walks along the creek, food and beverages stalls and musical entertainment.

By 6pm the smell of Pizzas from the Woodfired oven will draw everyone to share in a pizza dinner and then after dinner the children's Puppet Play will be performed. The local children have been preparing and practicing for this since the May school holidays!

As evening comes gather around the camp fire for some Bush Poetry by Don McQueen from Strath Creek Then take a stroll along the creek or join the spotlighting group, or just stay and chat around the fire.

Next day, Sunday October 9, revisit any of the exhibitions and displays at the Community Complex that you did not get time to see on Saturday.

What better way to spend a weekend than at the Honeysuckle Festival, October 8 & 9 !

Honeysuckle Festival Art and Photography Exhibition

There is still time to take photos or to create something artistic that says something about our creek. We are really hoping that this exhibition will be a varied collection of art, craft, photos, compositions, even poetry, from a wide variety of community members expressing their thoughts and feelings about the Honeysuckle Creek – after all it is right at our doorstep – bone dry one year, rushing with water the next, not always charming and picturesque but sometimes distressing and even threatening.

And the plants and animals that live along it too can charm and also frighten or annoy us. Most of us though, have some interaction with the Honeysuckle Creek, particularly our farmers, and art or photography is often the way we capture aspects of that.

Please consider making something that says what you feel and putting it in our exhibition. Contact Sue Paton 57981435 or Bruce Cumming 57981680.

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BE AWARE OF PARKING IN BENALLA.

Whilst having lunch in Benalla this week, I read in the Benalla Ensign that a gentleman had been fined by the council for double parking, In fact he had been waiting for a parked car to vacate a parking space so that he could move into it. It appears that there is a parking law in Benalla that it is illegal to do this. How many people living or intending to shop in Benalla know of this parking law? The article is on page 3. Has it been advertised before now? People I have spoken to since reading the article have never heard of this law!!!. This does not seem a very good way to encourage people to shop or conduct their business or for travellers passing through Benalla wishing to stop for lunch.

A Violet Town Resident.

St Dunstons Hall Film Society

Monthly – third Friday
The Society's next screening is
Friday 16th September @ 7.30pm



“Scent of a Woman” – 1992 (R) 157 mins

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Rising Stars:



Did you know there was a group of young locals who travelled to Euroa every Friday night (during April – August) to be part of the new Euroa Soccer Club?

Of the 67 children registered members ten were VT locals : Ethan, Samy, Lachlan, Brodie, Madison, Chelsea, Pearl, Xanda, Makalya and Ruby. Children played in their age group – Under 6, U8, U10 & U12.

The season has provided the young up and coming future “Beckham” stars, with new skills, (like keeping the hands off the ball & using just the feet) a better understanding of the game and most of all just getting in & having fun.

Last Saturday, the Euroa Club hosted a Gala day, which was also the finale game for the season. This was the 3rd Gala day of the year. Teams from Euroa, Benalla, Alexandra & Mansfield were well represented, along with family and friends.

It was great to see that positive interaction by all the children, showing off their kicking style and supporting each other – showing good sportsmanship.

To top off the season, the Euroa Club presented every child with a medal, which the children gratefully accepted..

Well done again to ALL for their commitment, especially during those cold wet winter nights. See you all next season.

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GIRL GUIDES TRIVIA NIGHT



WHEN: Friday, October 28, 2011
 WHERE: Euroa Primary School – School House, Clifton St, Euroa
 TIME: Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm sharp start
 COST: \$12 per individual - Tables of 8-10
 BYO drinks and glasses (soft drinks will be available for purchase)
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Thank You from the Euroa Girl Guides

The girl guides would like to thank everyone who gave their time, support and donations to the Wood Raffle at the Violet Town IGA and the Violet Town August Market. A big thank you to Ian Brown, Peter Basham, Graham Jones, John Trotter & Bronwyn Jacka. Your help is much appreciated. The Wood raffle was won by local Noel Robinson, Chainsaw won by Lance Crocker of Devenish.

VIOLET TOWN PROBUS INC

Future Events

Outing for: -
 September 15th Sept
 Riverview Gardens Tatong
 October 21st Echuca.
 November -
 Kerrisdale Narrow Gauge Train ride.
 Do not forget our general meeting on the 5th September.

Jevan



VIOLET TOWN BUSH NURSING CENTRE INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre Inc. will be held at the Violet Town Community Complex on **Thursday 13th October 2011 at 7.30pm.**

Nominations for the election to the Board close with the Chief Executive Officer at **4.00pm Monday 3rd October 2011.**

Nomination forms are available at the Nursing Centre Office and may be returned to the Chief Executive Officer or mailed to Box 61, Violet Town, 3669.

Nomination forms must be consented to in writing by the person nominated, (who must be a member), and must be signed by two (2) members of the Centre.

Australian Plant Society Strathbogie Ranges Group

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Other Sundays at 9.30am

Strathbogie Service Time -11.30am on
2nd & 4th Sundays

COMING EVENTS

Weekly Craft Fridays 1.00pm except
school holidays

Coffee Morning Wednesday 7th Sep-
tember at 10.00am.

K.Y.B. Bible Studies Thursdays 8.00pm
for more information ask a Uniting
Church member.

Hymn – a – long Sunday 18th Septem-
ber Finger food tea at 6.00 pm
Hymns and Reflections start at 7.00pm

Ecumenical Service

At the Anglican Church on Sunday 30th
October at 6.00pm with Finger Food to
share after.

The collection of \$127 from the last
Ecumenical Service went to buying
10 bibles for the school children.

Operation Christmas Child is a unique
project of Samaritan's Purse that brings
joy and hope to children in desperate
situations. Gift filled Shoe Boxes are
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needy mission but unable to do the
shopping to fill the shoe box could do-
nate towards the \$10.00 postage, which
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VT Community Op Shop Inc

Last Market Day was a mild day & we sold lots of
goods, particularly our half priced jeans & pants,
like it was going out of fashion! Our stock of
winter clothing is still extensive so if you are
feeling the cold, or need to fill in a few empty
spaces on the mantelpiece, come on in & have a
browse in our warm & friendly shop.

An important date to put in your diaries our An-
nual General Meeting. This will be held on Tues-
day, 13th September at 7:00pm at the Commu-
nity Hall. Everyone is extremely welcome to
come along. This is a good chance to meet with
the majority of our volunteers all in one place!!
Supper will be served as well.

September is Kindergarten Month for our Op
Shop. Government funding for kindergartens
has been substantially reduced & therefore our
local kindergarten is in need of our funding more
than ever. So come & browse through our thou-
sands of items & know that anything you pur-
chase in September is helping local children.

We have been able to donate over \$15,000 dur-
ing the last twelve months to the following local
community organisations: Cricket Club, Football/
Netball Club, Bowls Club, Friends of the Pool,
Big Cuppa, Peranbin College, CFA, Community
House, Kindergarten, Stationeers, Cemetery
Trust, Historical Society, Men's Shed, Police
Station (landscaping), St Attrata's Church, St
Dunstans Church & the Uniting Church. We
would be unable to do this without the support of
all those people who donate their excess & un-
wanted goods & clothing. Thank you for your
support – it is most appreciated.

We must also thank our customers too, both
locals, out of towners & from interstate. We are
constantly amazed & pleased how many travel-
lers call in to check out and purchase our stock.

Our customers have been so thorough that we
would appreciate donations of all types of knick
knacks and jewellery.

Donators of second hand items are reminded
that we would appreciate it very much if these
items were not damaged or dirty. A large per-
centage of goods have to be discarded and this
incurs an expense & lowers the monies donated
back to the community. Would donators also
note that our volunteers are not necessarily in
the first bloom of youth &, if at all possible, use
medium size garbage bags & boxes that are
more easily handled & not as heavy & awkward.

If you would like to join our happy team & 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
could choose to either work for a couple of hours
or put in a full day of five hours. You get to meet
lots of interesting people, both volunteers and
customers. Our shop hours are Thursday to
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last month I
said we were open on Wednesday – we would if
we could, but we do not have a large enough
volunteer base to man the shop for this extra
day!

Finally a big **THANK YOU** to our hardworking
and dedicated committee and volunteers for
giving us their time and expertise to continue the
smooth running of our community opportunity
shop.

Linda & The Volunteers





Would you like to be paid to manage your woodlands?

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) advises landholders in the Violet Town area of a new incentive program - the **Bush Returns Woodland Tender**.

The project offers landholders payment to manage several nationally threatened grassy woodlands. Woodlands eligible for funding include:

- Grey Box Grassy Woodlands
- White Box, Yellow Box and Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodlands
- Buloke Woodlands

Violet Town and surrounding districts have some excellent woodland remnants and landholders with eligible sites will be able to enter a bid for funds to carry out agreed actions. Works may include weed control and grazing management.

Information kits including an Expression of Interest form are available from Dave Smith at DSE Benalla on 57 611 514 or dave.smith@dse.vic.gov.au or for further information visit Goulburn

Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) website: www.gbcma.vic.gov.au.

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at St Dunstons**
**Fortnightly services 11th & 25th
at 11.30am**
 1st VTBNC Chapel at 2.30pm

St Dunstons Hall Film Society
 Friday 16th September at 7.30pm
"Scent of a Woman" 1992 ®

VIOLET TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We shall have the NHW Trailer at the market on the 10th September with information, numberplate safety screws, and engravers to mark your goods at home. Come and have a chat and let us know of any problems you may be having in your area.

Regards (Jevan Dartnall) Violet Town 57981668

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

VT Garden Club

We all appreciated the heating at our last winter meeting in the community centre. There was a good roll call too. Special thanks to our own policeman Pat who gave a very good dressage demonstration. In the garden – some shrubs suitable for our climate are Buddleya, Cistus, daphne, lavender, oleander, roses, viburnum, lilac. All can stand a degree of drought but are better with summer water and a good mulch.

Garden Club meets on the third Monday each month. On the 19th September we will meet behind the hall at 9.00am to car pool to Cheryl Welsh's on Boho Church Road. Don't forget your chair and mug. Kath Utber

My brain is a great gift.
Using all of it increases
its value.
Anne Schaefer

**GET READY FOR THE
COMMUNITY HOUSE & MEN'S SHED
INAUGURAL WOODFIRE AGM!**

Yes you heard it here first, folks - the Community House and Men's Shed Teams are planning to set a new standard for Annual General Meetings!

We all know we have to have them, and we all know they can be deadly dull and tedious, so we've decided to do something completely different for our AGM

We're still working on a date, but we can confirm for you that our AGM will be

- at the Community Woodfired Oven
- a free community event including pizza and lots of fun
- on a Sunday in the next couple of months
- an opportunity for everyone in the community to
 - hear about what's been happening at the Community House in the past twelve months
 - share their ideas and suggestions for the Community House
 - hear about our ideas and plans for the next year

Watch the October VV posters around town, the VT website and the Euroa Gazette for final details for the Community House and Men's Shed **INAUGURAL WOODFIRE AGM**

Everyone's Welcome – See You There!



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Cooinda Group

The Mice bag raffle we held on 12th & 13th August raised over \$300 for the Occasional Care Centre. Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying tickets or making a donation.

Winners were

1st Noel Robinson, 2nd Roger Hanson

The next meeting will be on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Hall meeting Room

Guest Speaker Babbara Too-good will tell us about her recent trip to Egypt. Visitors Welcome

Enquiries Marg Block
5798 1214

Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank 10 Year Celebration

Friday, 16th September, 10.00am onwards, University of Melbourne, Dookie

The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank is 10 years old, and invites you to join in celebrating the achievements of the Seedbank over this time. Anyone who would like to tour the Seedbank is welcome to come along and find out more about Seedbanks and how they work. All are welcome. A BBQ lunch will be provided. RSVP/Enquiries Seedbank Coordinator, Liz Evans 0428 770 030

Walk on the Wildside – Night Adventure

Friday, 23rd September, 6.00pm, Euroa

The biodiversity staff of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority welcomes you to join us in search of our amazing nocturnal wildlife, such as squirrel gliders, sugar gliders, insectivorous micro-bats and possibly many other night creatures. First we will have some damper, bush tucker and a BBQ followed by spotlighting and checking harp-traps. If you don't know what that is you'll have to come along to find out! Contact—Jenny Wilson (03) 5820 1115 or jennyw@gbcma.vic.gov.au

'Trees and Climate Change' a talk by Greg Moore

Saturday, 24th September, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Sheans Creek (near Euroa)

Greg Moore is a much sought after and engaging public speaker with an extensive knowledge of arboriculture. He also has expertise in plant science, revegetation and ecology Greg will address a range of issues associated with the impact of climate change on the trees of our rural landscapes. In what ways will climate change impact upon the trees that characterize our rural landscapes, from old paddock trees to the regeneration of seedlings in patches of remnant vegetation? What will be the effects on biodiversity? What actions can landholders and other landscape stewards undertake to minimize the adverse effects of climate change on trees? Afternoon tea provided. Where Fernhills Conservation Park, 254 Fernhills Rd, Sheans Creek.

Enquiries and RSVP Penny Algar 0439381 132 or landscapeart@fernhills.com.au

Granite Hills, Wildflowers and Sand Slugs

Saturday, 8th October 10.00am– 5.00pm, Euroa/Strathbogie Ranges

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network invites you to come for a wander amongst the great Strathbogie granite outcrops with Neville Rosengren, a knowledgeable & passionate geologist, & Sally Mann, well known for her local plant knowledge. Further details please contact Penny Algar 0439381132 at landscapeart@fernhills.com.au or Shirley Saywell on 0427 246 900.

Wallaby Gully Wildflower Walk

Sunday, 16th October, 10.00am start, Longwood East

Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network invites you to explore the mossy rock terraces of the 'hidden gem' of Wallaby Gully Flora Reserve at Upton Hill near Longwood East.

Grassy Woodland Discovery Field Day

RSVP Cathy Olive 0429 127 399

Saturday 22nd October, 10.00am, Burgess Reserve and 'Billygoat Hill', Gobur

Come explore a grassy woodland environment with the experts and enjoy a family friendly day exploring bird life, lizards & frogs, wildflowers & a cultural heritage experience. Burgess Reserve and 'Billygoat Hill' have been managed to encourage wildlife & native vegetation for the past five years. The results are stunning with a wonderful array of wildflowers promising this year.



Biodiversity Month

September 2011
Full program of events/details from Jacqui Slings (03) 5761 1616 | 0419 271 814 | jacqui.slings@dse.vic.gov.au

Birds on The Boulevard, Shepparton

Saturday, 3rd September, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, Goulburn River Shepparton
Hosted by the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, join wildlife biologist Ian Davidson for an afternoon walk and talk, in particular looking at woodland birds, their habitat and the ecology of this beautiful area along the Goulburn River within Shepparton.
Contact - Wendy D'Amore at GMLN on (03) 5821 3530 or 0407 331 376.

Warby Ranges Hike with Benalla Bushwalking Club

Sunday, 4th September, 9.00am, Warby Ranges. Join Benalla Bushwalking Club for a hike in the nearby ever popular Warby Ranges. The bush land should be alive with spring wildflowers including grevilleas, wattles and some of the earlier orchids.
RSVP/Further information Laurice Kneen on (03) 5721 2892.

Regent Honeyeater Planting Weekends Campout & Bush Dance 2011

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September, 9.00am, Lurg Hills
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September, 9.00am, Lurg Hills
Activities Tree planting both Saturday and Sunday across several farms. A camp out and Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic. Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon after planting. See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting. Please let us know in advance the number of people coming, so we can cater appropriately.
Contact - Ray Thomas (03) 56711515 or email ray@regenthoneyeater.org.au

Woodland Birds and More at Dookie Bushland Reserve

Saturday, 10th September, 10.00am to 4.00pm, Dookie
Visitors are welcome to join wildlife biologist Ian Davidson and local bird observers for a day enjoying the features of the 270ha of grassy woodlands at Dookie Bushland reserve with a focus on woodland birds and their habitats. We plan to have a picnic lunch in the woodlands.
Contact Wendy D'Amore (03) 5821 3530 / 0407 331 376 or Mike Kerr (03) 5763 3349 (MGBOCA).

Annual Legless Lizard Hunt – On Again!

Sunday 11th September, 9.00am– 3.00pm, Ghin Ghin/Homewood
Come along for half or all day searching for the rare Striped Legless Lizards. We'll be checking up on the health of several rare, but known populations of this gorgeous & threatened reptile in the Ghin Ghin & Homewood districts on the Upper Goulburn catchment. RSVP/For more information contact Bertram Lobert, on (03) 5790 8606 or email bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au **CONT'D**



Gig at The Parish

Friday 16th September

Described as "Australia's PJ Harvey... possessing the punch of Cat Power and the wise words of Joni Mitchell" (Courier Mail), Lucie Thorne has earned her place as one of the most striking lyricists and voices of Australian contemporary song. Thorne's new album, 'Bonfires In Silver City' will be released in Australia on August 8th, and she'll be touring nationally through the spring to celebrate. The tour will include a concert evening here in Violet Town, at the beautiful 'Parish Perfumery' on Friday 16th September. For this show, Lucie will be joined by one of Australia's most treasured soulful talents – and new Violet Town local – the one and only Jo Jo Smith. Lucie and Jo Jo will be performing solo sets each, as well as joining together for a duet finale.

Lucie Thorne's last CD, *Black Across The Field*, garnered extraordinary attention from leading critics, including being awarded 'Best Roots Album of 2009' in The Sydney Morning Herald and was short listed for the prestigious Australian Music Prize. Lauded for her unique voice, poetic lyricism, and tender-to-gutsy electric guitar playing, Thorne combines spacious, gritty rock n roll and startlingly original dark-folk with that signature warmth and intimacy for which her live shows have become so renowned.

Lucie Thorne plus very special guest Jo Jo Smith
FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2011 The Parish
41 Primrose st Violet Town BYO drinks and supper platter cost \$20
Coffee and cake \$5 Please book early/ seats limited
Ph: 57981281
hveleel@mcmedia.com.au

This is one of the finest female vocal albums released by an Australian in the last few years. The whole album - from her band, to production, to the songs - is first-rate... make the effort to seek this fine album out". [Readings Monthly]
"Australia's PJ Harvey... possessing the punch of Cat Power, and the wise words of Joni Mitchell" [Courier Mail]
"This gentle chanteuse has delivered quiet perfection. There is such an intensity of feeling here... moody folk, country noir... a collection of stories that speaks small but resonates much bigger. One of the finer albums of the year so far... Thorne marks out her space with some fabulous sensuality." [B Zuel, Sydney Morning Herald]
"Thorne's songs are exquisite miniatures of distilled emotion, her melodies and harmonies are sublime, and the way she pits grinding guitars against that ethereal, sensual voice is like watching a thunderstorm in the distance. By turns dark and tender, *Black Across The Field* is a beautiful album." [David Curry, The Canberra Times]
"Thorne cuts her own niche from the acoustic masses by specialising in gently percolating nocturnes that could be penned by PJ Harvey after waking in a Tasmanian poppy field. A bright star rising, and one worth all the attention she receives." [Andy Hazel, Inpress]
"This is music that can be tender and taut, full of the subtle nuances of real life as opposed to the black-and-white world of simple pop. There's tough guitar and autumnal shades, haunting slow-mo rock, Neil Young-esque guitar lines... And right up front is a voice with a quality that keeps drawing the listener in." [Noel Mengel, Courier Mail]

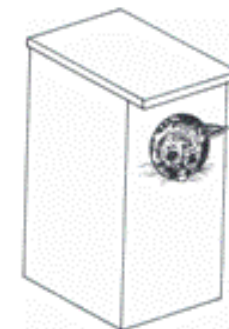
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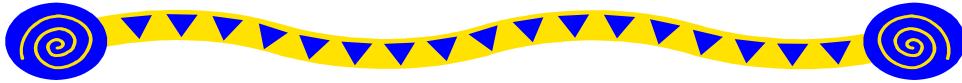
Open Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8am to 1pm

The Hearing Test and Medical Check days were well attended with 18 coming for the hearing test and 14 for the medical check. Thanks to the people of Australian Hearing Shepparton for running the hearing tests, and a big thank you to Jean, Diana and Ivan from Community Health at the VTBC for the medical checks; also to all people who helped make it happen.

We must also give a big thank you to the Lions for their support in donating five hundred dollars to the Men's Shed. It will be spent on materials and equipment to make us a better shed. Thank you again.

John Broadhurst
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0407 812 489





Violet Town Community House News

Office Hours: Mon & Tue 9:30am-3pm, Wed 4pm-7pm
violettowncommunityhouse@gmail.com Ph 57981288

Now on Facebook! - Search for [violettowncommunityhouse@gmail.com](https://www.facebook.com/violettowncommunityhouse) or Violet Town Community-House. Great way to see what's happening at the house.

September at the Community House:

New & Exciting Tiny Tots Gym program for children 2+ will commence on Mondays from 11am – 11:45am \$5 per child.

September 10th will see The Violet Town Community House running the Community Pizza Oven, come along and support our great centre by buying a piping hot wood fired pizza! Or just pop by to say G'day! Volunteers are always welcome to help on the day, great fun, learning and yummy pizzas to eat are your rewards for volunteering with us. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the office.

"Change of Season" Meet & Greet at the community house for new & old residents of Violet Town to come along and make some new friends or catch up with old friends. A decadent afternoon Tea will be provided for this Meet & Greet. Come along from 1:00pm on Tuesday the 13th of September.

September School Holiday Program will be available through the office shortly, but see below for a taste of what's happening.

Music & Movement for Children 2-6 will be continuing on Tuesday's. 10:15am-11am. Cost \$5 per child. Can't make a Tuesday? With enough interest a Monday morning class could be run as well.

Fitness/Program passes are now available for purchase to use in any of the Children's or Adult movement classes. You pay \$45 which entitles you to 10 sessions, which is a saving of \$5! Do you have any of your handcrafted goods, artwork, produce that you would like to sell from the Community House? We would love to help you sell your goods in our new gift shop proudly displaying and selling our local craft. Please call for more information. Limited space and it's filling up fast!

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

Regular Programs:

Zumba @ The Violet Town Community Complex every:
Sunday 3:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday 10am-11am

No bookings required just come along and join in the fun for \$5 per session.

Zumba now in Euroa on Sunday's at St Pauls Anglican Church 2pm-3pm.

Music & Movement: Instruments, Voices and lots of Action! Children aged 2-6 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.

Scrapbooking: Traditional scrapbooking workshops held on a Wednesday please call for dates **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. Patient tutors and fun are promised! \$5 per session. Incorporating topics such as how to get around Facebook, Twitter, emails, surfing the net safely, uploading photo's from your digital camera and more!

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. She brings her experience and time to you at a special community discount rate of \$15 per session. Please call the community house for more information or to make a booking. Appointments are available every Wednesday from 4pm-7pm.

School Holidays

The Community House will have special opening hours for the September/October School Holidays please contact the office for these hours.

A more detailed School Holiday Program will be available from the office closer to the holidays, but here are some activities that you can book in for now:

Children's Mosaic Workshop with Jan: Two day workshop for only \$5 per child. The children will create their own unique pieces and work on a group mosaic with the help of Jan. This workshop will be held on Wednesday the 28th of September & Thursday the 29th of September 10am-12 noon. Bookings are essential.

As part of the Honeysuckle Festival we are fortunate to have the very talented Helen Keighery running a two day puppet workshop. These workshops are for parents and children who are interested in performing on the day of the festival the 8th of October with their handcrafted Froggy puppets and a little song. The workshop will run on Thursday the 6th from 9:30am-12pm for Puppet making and Friday the 7th from 9:30am -12pm for rehearsal of a little song. The performance will be held on dusk. More details can be obtained by calling the office. Bookings are essential. The Violet Town Community House is proud to be a part of the Honeysuckle Festival and we hope that you will be a part of the fun on the day. What a great way to finish off the school holidays with many children's activities being held during the day.

Expressions of interest for:

Mosaic classes for adults

Mosaic classes for children

Workplace First Aid Level 2

Supervisors Food Handling Certificate and Food Handlers.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course

Felting Classes

Meditation workshop

Youth photography workshops

Adult photography workshops

Tutors Wanted: Can you teach any of your skills to a small group? If you have a skill that you think you'd like to share please contact the office to discuss this option. Example- Art & Craft, Drama, Dance, photography.

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