

YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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Violet Town Action Group,

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

what's on in February

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- 21 Pancake Day, Uniting Church
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date grabbers

- Sunday 3rd March—International Women's Day celebration at the Parish
- 23, 24, 25th March (Friday to Sunday) Strathbogie Arts & Music Festival

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International Women's Day

**AN INVITATION TO ALL LOCAL WOMEN
Come & Celebrate International Women's Day
at The Parish – 7 pm, Saturday, March 3, 2012**

This year's theme is all about women's vital role in enhancing economic prosperity in their families and communities, recognising that *more often than not this is "a real challenge"; political speak for VERY DAMN HARD!! – because women juggle SO many things day-to-day, every day, 24x7 – and often as single parents!*

There'll be opportunity, *if you want*, to talk about the theme and what it means to you, or listen to other women's stories and experiences

Local award winning author, Cate Kennedy, will share with us how she juggles her family life with her professional writing life, *and she'll also read to us from her award winning books*

But Wait, there's more! –
Local Soul Songster *JoJo Smith* will perform for us

We will join in refreshing our vision for Violet Town, in which we women come out to 'play', share, create and inspire

Space is limited to 50 seats, so get in quickly
Tickets are \$10 each,
available from the Community House
or Call Helen on 5798 1381 or Jill on 5798 1796 for tickets

BYO platter to share, and drinks
Coffee and cake for supper!
So come along – solo, with a friend, or in a group – it will be a special night!

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Monday—Thursday
8.30am-5.00pm
Friday
8.30am-12.00noon
Market Saturdays
9-12noon

See centre page for full details of the Strathbogie Arts & Music Festival in March

HREP in 2012

Happy New Year everyone!

The HREP committee and Friends of HREP are looking forward to a great year ahead.

We start the year with a bang at the February market - firstly with HREP being the **February market tin rattle group** (anyone willing to lend a hand for an hour or half an hour on the market morning would be welcomed with open arms – please contact Rob 57981735 or Kate 57 633310.

Later, at 11am, we will begin our new programme of '**Guided creek walk and talks on market days**'. The meeting point for the walks will be at the bowling green end of the market just past the woodfired oven pizzas. The walks at the Honeysuckle Festival were so popular that we thought we should provide an opportunity for more people to be involved. The creek environment is always changing so the walks are open to everyone whether you have been on one of the HREP walks before or not.

Also in February we begin our new system of **regular working bees**. From February onwards HREP working bees will be held on the **3rd Friday evening of each month** starting from 5.30pm and winding up at about 7.30pm with a 'fish and chip dinner' ordered from Anne and David's cafe or BYO picnic.

We trialed this sort of working bee in December and it was most effective and easy. People came for whatever parts of the 2 hour time that they could.

Another thing occupying the time and energy of the HREP group is the Council's decision to conduct **compost trials on a section of the Hurt Street park area**. As this is part of the HREP Project area it is of great concern to us. These trials would be completely incompatible with what the HREP Project is all about, which is to restore as much of the area as possible to

the indigenous vegetation types.

This includes allowing the native grasses to re-establish on the open grassy areas. These grasses harbour native insects and other animals which are part of the whole natural ecosystem.

There is already good coverage of native grasses in this Hurt Street park area which we are hoping will increase. To add compost to any part of this area, even a relatively small trial area of 100m², would kill the native grasses and encourage couch to grow. This would be excellent on sports ovals and golf courses but not where the HREP Project is trying to encourage native grasses to regenerate.

The HREP committee is meeting with the councillors and Shire officers to request that the trial be conducted on another site. So far they have not shown any willingness to do this.

Let's hope we have better news to share next month.

Sue Paton (HREP chairperson)

Violet Town Red Cross



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Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

A short break over the holiday period was appreciated after finishing off 2011 with our Christmas celebration at Noel & Virginia Robinson's home on Sunday 4th, December. New bright decorations had been hung which created a wonderful atmosphere. Maggie Hollins brought along some of her felting and silk dyeing to show everyone, which also added to making the afternoon so enjoyable.

Thank you to Noel & Virginia for hosting another terrific Christmas function.

Our first Seed Packing Day commenced for 2012 in mid-January with SS gathering in the Supper Room at the Ecoliving Centre to sort and pack seed. As always, everyone worked hard, shared information, enjoyed the task and each other's company.

SEED INFORMATION:

It's easy to save carrot seed. Carrots are insect pollinated and will cross pollinate, so allow only one variety to flower at a time. The large white flowers are not only attractive they also bring beneficial insects to your garden. Queen Anne Lace flowers if growing nearby will contaminate carrot flowers. Seed is ripe to harvest when the flower head has dried and turned brown. The central head is the best seed to harvest. Home saved seeds have a beard, the beard is said to aid the seeds to work their way into the

ground. Seed stored in a cool, dark dry environment is viable up to 3 years.

SOW NOW:

Bush beans, beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, radish, silverbeet, spring onions, swede, turnip.

THINGS TO DO:

Prune out dead berry canes. Summer prune fruit trees, apricots, plums, peaches etc. after harvesting the fruit. Prepare beds for winter vegetables such as brassicas, silverbeet, asian greens and leeks.

If you have any queries, there are SS at the market who can help.

SANDRA

Jeff Welsh—Myotherapist
(Remedial Masseur)

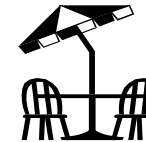


Assoc Dip App Science
(Myotherapy)

**Sports Injury ?
Back Pain ?
Neck Pain ?**

Jeff Welsh 0488 243 636
3 Rose Street 03 5798 1617
Violet Town
Victoria 3669

Market Report



Saturday morning dawned fair and fine as the early shift of the market army swung into action. The bustle and hustle spread out around and across the grounds and along Tulip Street. There was no shortage of stall holders for the traditionally slow post Christmas retailing opportunities and the holiday mode of the public gave rise to a very good sized crowd. The weather was perfect for the day and put to rest all my fears of dehydration and heat exhaustion sufferers testing the capacity of the new first aid centre the market committee is trialling at the main gate.

The Community House had the much sought after tin rattle for January and raised the princely sum of \$2,200 which I know will be well used there as the renovation and revitalization of that institution goes forwards in leaps and bounds. The Violet Town Footy Club ran its mower raffle and this will be drawn on the 21st of April.

Music as ever played it's part at the market. We had the very laid back 'Part Shady' on the podium picking his way through country tunes and a pair of pipers playing in the Pool Garden. The market welcomes buskers and it is particularly pleasing to see the young ones out with their instruments and or their voices.

The crowd still seemed to be there at one o'clock when the market finished but eventually dispersed as the stall holders packed down and the volunteer army went into action returning the Oval surrounds to their usual serene role of parkland reserve.

I have now experienced the market as local shopper, survey taker, volunteer and temporary co-ordinator. In all of these roles I have been aware and appreciative of the volunteers who work without reward so willingly and good naturedly and I am acutely aware of the finan-

cial benefits that this market brings to the community of Violet Town. I hope that the market continues to fulfil this role and be something that the local people enjoy, look forward to and are proud of.

Vikki Lane



**Violet Town
Community House**

Invites applications for the position of
COORDINATOR

20 hours per week
This appointment is for twelve months
and may be extended dependent
upon funding.

Application packages are available
by contacting
Kaye Bradshaw on 0408 096 476.
Applications close Wednesday 15th
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Community & school helpers at the 70's Christmas luncheon

70's+ 3 course lunches are held on the 4th Monday each month & are a great social occasion for helpers & over 70's alike.



Santa & 'big kids' at the 70's luncheon

February 2012 at St Dunstons

Welcome to 2012- and all the year promises us.

Fortnightly Services at 11.30am 12th and 26th Feb.

Enquiries: Rev Patti Matthews 5795 1335.

St Dunstan's Hall Film Society

Monthly – third Friday

The Society's next screening is Friday 17th February @ 7.30pm



'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?'

(1967) 108 minutes.

Stars: Sidney Poitier, Katherine Hepburn Spencer Tracey.

Snack bar open- Enjoy home Pizza

Bring your own chair

New members invited

Details on

www.violettown.org.au/groupsclubs/film-society

Information: Lynn Parker ph 57981858

In Memory of a friend.....

On Saturday 19.11.11, I lost a 'Salt of the Earth' neighbour and friend, Dot Blaber. My family have enjoyed many years of her friendship, hospitality and open acceptance. We have shared many meals, and more than a few 'Harry's Creek Road' celebratory evenings. For my children it was her nurturing qualities which were truly valued.

Over a number of years Dot had also been a warm carer and surrogate grandmother to several young children within the Violet Town district. That was just part of her compassionate spirit.

Dot also made costumes for participants in our March Arts festivals in the days of the Honey-suckle Community Centre, an organization of which she was an active participant.

In more recent years Dot has enthusiastically volunteered in Day Therapy sessions at the VT Bush Nursing Centre. It seemed no task was beyond her. It is so good to have such positive memories of Dot's contribution to our community.

Fay Whitewood



WARRENBAYNE BOHO LAND PROTECTION GROUP INC

'BRUSH 'EM OFF' PROJECT

There is money available to help landholders in the Boho area with the cost of chemical to control blackberries, especially along creeks. Join and benefit! Ring Ken Heywood 5763 2380 or Dru Green 5798 1372.

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Jo & Robbie

Violet Town Library

**The new telephone number
for all Goulburn Valley Libraries
is 1300 374 765.**

All staff will be able to answer your enquiries,
reserve or renew items. etc

If you wish to speak to Library Staff (eg for an internet booking), follow the operator prompt , select 3 for Strathbogie Shire Libraries, then select 3 for Violet Town Library.

If the library is closed, or the line engaged, you will be directed to administration.

Thank You

**2012 is the National Year of Reading.
Visit the library monthly and
'get caught reading!'**

Firewood Collection Reminder

Next firewood collection season begins on **1 March 2012**. Firewood collection areas will be published on the DSE website map www.dse.vic.gov.au/firewood by 1 March 2012.

RULES FOR COLLECTION

- Collection is only authorised if official signs and boundary tape are present.
- Only collect firewood for personal use and abide by maximum volume limits.
- Only collect fallen timber
- Leave logs with hollows and logs growing moss and fungi.
- Do not collect firewood within 20 metres of a watercourse.
- Do not cut, break off, or harm standing trees or shrubs (living or dead)
- Do not drive your vehicle off roads or tracks
- Do not use chainsaws on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Do not enter the forest on days of Code Red Fire Danger rating.
- Only use chainsaws fitted with a proper exhaust and spark arrester.
- Do not use heavy machinery such as log splitters, tractors or vehicles & trailers with a carrying capacity over 2 tonnes.
- Do not tow or winch timber along the ground.
- Refill chainsaw oil & fuel in your trailer or tray of your vehicle.
- Take all litter with you when you leave.

DSE conducts regular patrols of designated firewood collection areas, so please ensure you abide by collection conditions.

SMALL CONCRETING JOBS

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VIOLET TOWN PROBUS INC



A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE READERS OF THE GREAT VIOLET TOWN VILLAGE VOICE!

Probus has started with a luncheon at the Longwood, White Hart Hotel'. Twenty members attended and had a most enjoyable time together. The new owners made us most welcome.

Whilst there we met two Probus members from Wangaratta checking out places for their monthly lunch. They gave us a couple of names of Hotels they have found very good.

Some Dates

February 16th Tabilk Picnic Lunch Organiser Hilda

March 15th Oaktree Restaurant Organiser Lorraine

April 19th Waaia Heritage Home Organiser Hilda

May 16th and 17th Overnight Healesville Area Organiser Sue

May 23rd Showstoppers of London's West End At The Benalla Performing Arts & Convention.

June 21st Kerrisdale Mountain Railway Train
December 14th, Christmas with Dennis Walter. at The Benalla Performing Arts & Convention.

THE COMMITTEE HOPE THAT SOME OF THE ABOVE WILL WET YOUR APPE-TITE DURING THE YEAR.

Jevan

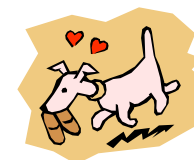
Probus group after New Year lunch



Cooinda Group

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th February. Please note that we will be meeting in front of the hall, leaving at 7pm for a Mystery Excursion, travelling by car. We need a couple of volunteers drivers please. Wear sturdy footwear as there is a small amount of walking. We will be returning to Violet Town for supper.

New members or visitors always welcome.
Enquiries Marg Block
5798 1214



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Birgit 57981384

VTAG Ramblings

VTAG hope everyone enjoyed the new venue for the Carols by Candlelight. It was a beautiful evening with both the Lions barbeque and the Community House pizzas being extremely popular. Once again the Euroa Band and the choir did a great job and Violet Town was fortunate to have Renee Rankin lead the choir, with Helen Rankin conducting and Renee delighted the crowd with her amazing voice. We would also like to thank our talented mother and daughter team Helen Keighery and Ella Hooper who sang to us beautifully before the Carols.

VTAG finances the carols night with VTAG volunteers helping set it up, and enjoys providing this as a Christmas gift to the community

At last the new town signs are finished and hopefully up by the time you read this. They will be a feature and a talking point for visitors to the town. Thanks must go to Michael Leunig for his fantastic contribution to the town. The sign has been painted by Marty Burke of Burke Signs in Benalla who enjoyed the challenge to use some of his skills rapidly being lost to his profession as computers and printers take over.

New residents to the town are pleased to receive VTAG's Welcome Pack. VTAG committee members Jo Beavis and Trish Delahey do a great job putting these together and getting them delivered as they meet new families to town. They are now running short of materials for the bags so if any businesses are able to supply information or samples for the bags please contact Jo at VT

Violet Town Garden Club

2011 was a good year for gardeners and our members saw the old year out with a Christmas bus trip to the King Valley. We visited a lovely garden with magnificent views in every direction and then had our lunch outside at Cucina Winery.

Thanks Barb for arranging a great day and Gwenda & Jacqui for our presents; & Lorraine S., Sheryl T. & Linda R. for all the extras that made our day.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be at I & S Taylors, 7 Pitt St., VT. on Monday 20th Feb. at 9.30 am. You are Welcome to join us, just bring a chair and a cup and maybe a hat.

Hair or Trish at the supermarket.

VTAG meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month 7.30pm in the meeting room. The next meeting is Wednesday 1 February. Everyone is welcome.

UNITING CHURCH NEWS

Service times for February

Violet Town Sundays at 9.30am
Strathbogie Service Time -11.30am on 2nd & 4th Sundays

COMING EVENTS

Youth Film Night will be held First Friday of Month. Friday 3rd February, available for all school age children
Tea provided \$2.00 charge – starting at 5.00pm
Coffee Morning + Craft Group starting again in March

United we sing practice 2nd + 4th Mondays at 7.30pm at the church
Hymn – a – long Sunday 19th Feb at 7.00pm
Pancake Day Tuesday 21st Feb. at 10.00 am in church yard.

School Children will be attending and business house orders will be taken day before.
Proceeds from this day go towards Uniting Care. "Supporting People who are doing it tough"

Ecumenical Service

Sunday 29th January at 6.00 pm at Catholic Church – Finger Food to share.
Come along and join us for Services +Social Events and meet our Minister Mark Blackwell.
You will be made most welcome

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WORKS FOR SALE: Local artist & photographer Julie Kelly did a great job taking Santa's photos at the pub & will be back again next year. Julie has some of her excellent works displayed for sale at the pub. Come along & support this great local talent.

POOL TEAMS/PLAYERS WANTED: It looks like we may get 3 teams entered into the Benalla Pool comp this season, with extra players showing keen interest from far & wide. If you are interested or know someone, get them to contact us or just call in to find out more.

"KNACKERS NEEDS YOUR HELP:: Violet Town's ("love him or hate him") Shane Abley's dog Knackers has fallen ill & is undergoing a series of operations at present to hopefully help him to enjoy the few years he has left.

This has quickly become a very expensive exercise & therefore we have decided to assist Shane & Knackers by setting up a collection point for donations at the pub. A series of fund-raising events & funny dares have been planned to assist also.

Please if you can help, donations small or large will be greatly appreciated.

Good Luck Knackers!!
woof woof

Violet Town Men's Shed

Open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 8am to 1pm

The shed didn't shut down for the Christmas period; we had great support from our regulars & saw some new faces as well. We want to thank the ladies who provided us with cakes & treats over this period.

We have almost got the permit to go ahead with the wheelchair access. After a long delay things should move along quickly now. There will be a ramp along the front of the portable with a deck between the 2 buildings. Thanks to all groups who have made this possible.

It was good to have Ron back after his argument with the ground after diving off a ladder face first. His injuries are improving (He fared better than Molly Meldrum).

We have moved on from just making nest boxes & do repairs on almost anything that is requested, within reason. This has come about through having more equipment.

Smoko is always at 10am. Come & have a cuppa & join the group —we're a drop in centre, no skills are needed, and stay as long as you like.

John Broadhurst
5798 1626
0407 812 489





Community House Update

It's not true that it's all happening at the MCG! In fact, it's all happening here at the Community House!

Where to start? Well, first up, **we're looking for a new Co-ordinator for The House** following Annette's resignation and Sarah's decision to return to Melbourne, at the end of her 12 month contract, to be closer to her family. We've put a lot of thought and effort into reviewing this vital community role – we want to be sure we get the right person with the right skills and experience to work with us all to review what we want and need our Community House to be, and to then work with us all to make it happen

Have a look at the **job ad for our new Co-ordinator** – it's in this edition of the VV; on the VT website; and will be in the Euroa Gazette in the next few weeks. Are you the right person for this role, or do you know someone who is? Have a think about it, and if you want to have a chat about it, just give us a call or drop by

In the meantime, we've appointed, **Lisa Jensen as Interim Co-ordinator**. By the time you read this, Lisa will have started in the job, so if you haven't met Lisa already, please drop in to meet and welcome her

The other big thing we've been working on is **giving The House a makeover**. A re-paint was needed because of rain damage, so we decided to really go for it and give the place a new look while we were at it! Thank you to Sandy for her colour consultation, and to both she and Neil, in particular, for making sure the painting project was a success. Thanks, too, to Helen for the entertainment involving chilli red paint, chilli red footprints, and fast work with a bucket and sponge! We topped off the job with

a re-sand and oiling of the timber floor – it looks beautiful! Do drop in and have a look at the result, and have a cuppa and a chat while you're at it. Thank you, too, in advance, to Sarina's Mum, Dorothy, who will be making curtains to complete the project

The Community House had the **January Market Tin Rattle**, and we were thrilled and very grateful to take a record \$2,230! Thank you to all who dropped coins into the tins, and to the Tin Rattler Team – Ro A and Alexandra, Glenn B, Marg B, John B, Jan D, Dottie, Pammie E, Neil G, Pat G, Carol H, Margaret H, Barry McL, Sue P, Barb R, Kate S, and Liz T – love your work, folks!

The **Community Woodfired Oven** goes from strength to strength. Having established itself as a regular and popular feature at the Market, plans are now under-way for a three month trial of a 'Cook Off' on the Sunday after the Market. This will enable us to make use of the remaining heat to cook food brought to the oven by the community. The food can be taken home to eat, or eaten on site. The trial will start at the February Market – food cooked between 3-6pm with the oven closing at 7. There will be sufficient heat to cook the likes of a roast of meat and vegetables; casserole; braise; and cakey-type desserty things.

So, all up, **our Community House is off to a really positive start for 2012!**

The House hours are **9.30-3pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**, and we're on 5798 1288 and at violettowncommunity-house@gmail.com. We'd love to see you at The House – the kettle's always on and there's always someone there for a chat!

VT Community Op Shop Inc

The weather for last Market Day was perfect. After days of over 40 degree heat, this day could not have been nicer. Lovely and mild and sunny. The Market itself was well attended and had a huge number of stalls. We at the Op Shop set up our nature strip with all sorts of low priced goodies, including beds, sound systems, screen doors and shoes. All clothing, other than specially marked items, were priced at a \$1 an item and this will continue for another four weeks. We had to have this sale because we still have hundreds of summer clothing items which are not even out on display as yet, due to a lack of space!! This is a wonderful position for the Op Shop to be in and a big thank you must go to all those who donate their excess clothing and other goodies.

As a result of our being able to spread out all our goods we had a very busy day. All this helps the end result which is the monetary donations to various local community organisations who are in need of financial assistance. We would ask that you do NOT leave us your unwanted analogue television sets. These are almost impossible to sell and the cost of disposal at the local tip eats into the profits we are trying to get back into our community.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our committee and volunteers, without whom our Op Shop would not function. A special thanks go to Ray and Ronny for helping out, particularly when the shop was closed. They help keep the grounds and nature strip mown and tidy and the drop box and verandah cleared of donations. At one stage between Christmas and New Year while the shop was closed they had to take home a car load of donations as there was no room in our storage areas!! Ray has often been seen in the early mornings mopping the sweat from his brow as he slaves away behind the mower!

Sandra also deserves a special thanks for maintaining the garden beds. These jobs are the essential unseen ones not always noticed and carried out uncomplainingly by our volunteers.

Helping the community by joining our team, is an enjoyable experience, and you can visit the shop for a chat or give Julie (0417 908 501) or Ronny (0417 160 770) a call if you wish to help out. We need helpers who are available for weekend work. It would be a shame if we have to close on the occasional Saturday or Sunday due to lack of helpers. You could choose to either work for a couple of hours or put in a full day of five hours. This is a great way to meet people from our town and visitors from all over the country. Our shop hours are Thursday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

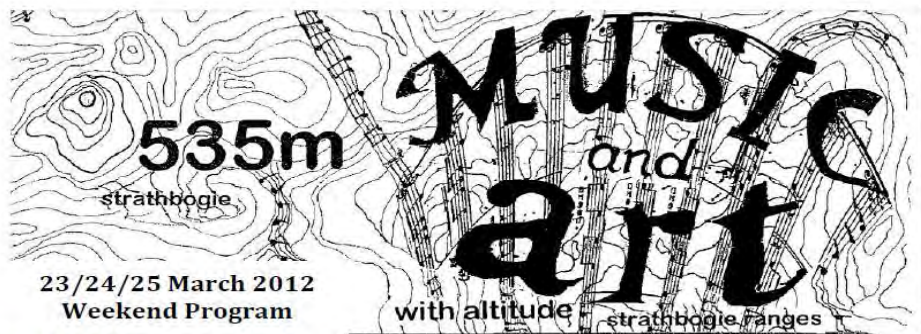
Linda & The Volunteers

History Group

The Violet Town History Group will be back meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 10 am in the meeting room. Another busy year is planned.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased our History Calendar. A great collection of photos of Violet Town. There are a few calendars left if you have missed out. They are available from Mal and Trish at the supermarket for \$10 each. Thanks also to Jo at Violet Town Hair and David and Ann at the VT Cafe for also selling the calendars.

The group has a grant to do signage on some of the older building in town and to get more of the Violet Town Sentinels copied. It will be a busy start to the year. Everyone is welcome to our meetings. It is a very informal group. For more information ph Darryl Parker 57981858 or Robin Landvogt 57981735.



23/24/25 March 2012
Weekend Program

FRIDAY

- 3-6pm Building the labyrinth **Toms Garage**
- 6pm Art Exhibition Opening **Toms Garage**
- 7pm Official Opening
- 7.30pm Music by JoJo Smith & Tony Buchanan

SATURDAY

- 9am Yoga **Strathbogie Hall**
- 10am Belly Dancing **Strathbogie Hall**
- 10am Art Exhibition open **Toms Garage**
- Textile/ Fibre Workshops
- 11am Beginners Crochet workshop
- 1pm Felting Workshop
- 2pm Poetry Performance **The Church**
- 'Nanna doesn't like Emus'

BOGIEWOOD

Dress: Bollywood

- 6-7:30pm Indian Feast **Strathbogie Hall**
- 8pm 'Bombay Royale' Bollywood Band **Bar open/no byo**
- \$15/\$25 inc Feast**

SUNDAY

- 9am Wu Tao with Rick **Strathbogie Hall**
- 10am Meditation with Julie **Strathbogie Hall**
- 10am Exhibition/workshops open **Toms Garage**
- 11am Crochet Workshop **Toms Garage**
- 11.30am Singing Workshop **The Church**
- 2.30pm Jazz Soul and Blues on the Green **Strathbogie Golf Club**
- With JoJo Smith and Friends **\$20/ bar open/ no byo**

Plus all weekend

The Chai Tent: Delicious Chai and atmosphere

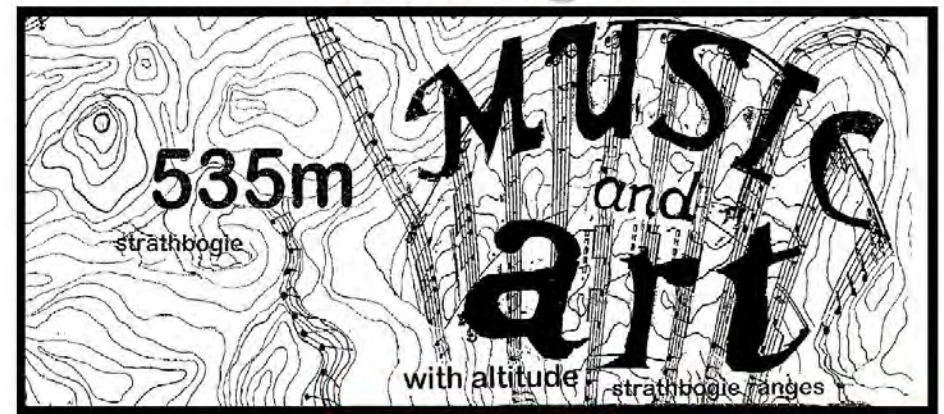
The Strathbogie Store: For great food and drinks

Open acoustic sessions: Outside Toms Garage (Bring your instruments)

Junior CFA BBQ, Bridge to bridge Art as Nature walk, Camping

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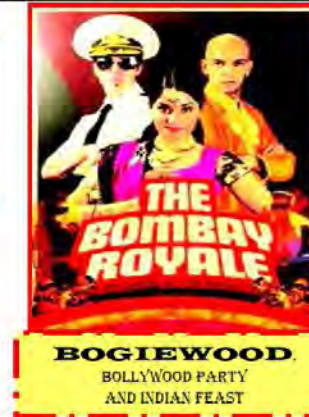


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