

## YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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## What's on in September

- 28 V.T. Community House AGM
- 2 Community Forest planting
- 2 Seed Savers meet
- 3 Probus
- 5 Tennis Club AGM
- 8 Community Market
- 8 Quilt & Craft Sale
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- 17 Cooina Mystery Night
- 20 Quilters group
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- 22 Jubilee Swamp event
- 24 70's + luncheon
- 27 VTBC Ladies Auxiliary

## date grabbers

- 2 October Customer Service meeting
- 11 October Bereavement Workshop
- 16/17 October Pudding Stirrers
- 23/24 October Pudding Stirrers
- 26 October Quickshears
- 6 November Cup Day Luncheon

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# Violet Town Village Voice

September 2007

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## Biodiversity Month

North-east Victoria  
September 2007

SPECIAL EVENT

### Ecology and Management of Red Gum Wetlands – Jubilee Swamp

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 10am start.

What are the environmental values of a large swamp in an agricultural landscape?

What would these areas have looked like 200 years ago, and how can we manage them now?

Join Keith Ward, Wetland Ecologist from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, for a walk through Jubilee Swamp, 10km north of Violet Town.

The ecology of wetlands and management options for the Swamp will be discussed.

BYO meat for a BBQ lunch – bread and salads provided.

Enter via the property "Deeside", 264 Plozzas Road, Violet Town. Meet at 10am at the house, set 1km in from Plozzas Road.

For further information or any queries on this session, please contact Terry Taylor on phone (h) 57981249.

This event is held in collaboration with the Sheep Pen Creek Land Management Group and Violet Town Action Group.

Full program of Biodiversity Month events is available from Kate Stothers on 57611572 or email [Kate.Stothers@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kate.Stothers@dpi.vic.gov.au)

**LAST REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEIR VILLAGE VOICE BY MAIL – SUBS NOW OVERDUE!!**

Violet Town web site – [www.violettown.org.au](http://www.violettown.org.au)  
updated news on line—check it out!

## Hall Committee Report

The hall has been a busy place lately! The exterior painting has begun, we hope you like the colours we have chosen, it is going to make a huge improvement to the Complex. Spouting and timber work has been repaired, broken windows in the toilets replaced, draught stoppers etc in the supper room have made a huge difference to the efficiency of the heaters in that room, and picture rail has been installed in the supper room to hang exhibitions.

Of course the new airconditioner/heater in the meeting room too has made a huge difference. The RSL are about to install a display case in the meeting room foyer area to securely display their treasures, watch out for other changes in this area, as we aim to set it up as another possible meeting area for small groups. Talking of exhibitions did you see the quilting display market day, if you didn't don't miss it next market day it is absolutely superb! In the supper room.

**URGENT** We are having problems with the Community Complex being left unlocked at times. Please if you are the last ones at the complex make sure all the doors are locked. You need to keep the keys to lock the doors so if you have an evening meeting the keys need to go back to the Milk Bar the next morning. The supper room and the Hall are the biggest problem. It is not enough to assume that others will do it!!!! If anyone finds the complex open can they report it in the books in the supper room or near the copier so we can track down who is leaving it open.

It is vital that all users of the complex have booked and fill in the relevant hire agreement for each use, and of course if you book and you then don't use it a quick call to cancel it will save you being blamed for something that was not your groups problem.

Sorry for this but we do need to meet all the council requirements for insurance purposes!

Remember Hall bookings to Virginia Ph 57981774 and thanks to Pam for taking over this roll for a few months. The keys to the complex are at the milkbar, please sign the book when you collect the keys!

The Hall committee

## HREP WORKING BEE

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September

10am - 2pm BBQ lunch provided

Meet at the bank near the split on the track north side of the Honeysuckle, near the railway line. We are matting and planting the bank, infill planting other areas and oiling the seats and tables.

Many hands make light work, come for an hour or two. If you cant make it that day, jobs can be done on other days. Enjoy the plantings, the park is looking fantastic.

Bring your family and friends and join in the fun. All welcome,

For more info Robin 57981335 or Lance and Kate 57981408

## Community Forest Planting Day

Sunday 2nd Sept. 9.30 am

Shadforth Reserve, Shiffner St Violet Town [within the Golf Course, inside the trotting track]

Finish by 1pm, lunch provided by VTAG stage 2 of the Violet Town Community Forest is to plant mainly understorey trees and shrubs around existing Grey Box regeneration at the eastern end of the Community Forest area.

All welcome, enquiries to Howard Myers, 5798 1381

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## GARAGE SALE

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Saturday 8th September

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## RAINFALL TOTALS—VIOLET TOWN

### August Rainfall (to 20th)

	1st	6.0mls
	3rd	2.0
<b>July rainfall total (to 20th)</b>	5th	3.0
26th	6th	.5
27th	12th	.5
28th	18th	.5
<b>July monthly total</b>	<b>August total (to 20th)</b>	<b>12.5mls</b>

## Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

Hi everyone - slight change of plans for spring meetings. Reg will be away in October, so we will be holding the next Seedy Sunday at his place in September on Sunday 2nd. The day will consist of - any entries to the seed collection, recording etc; making a seed raising mix & sowing seeds; FRUIT TREE PRUNING - Reg has a few trees & an espalier that he needs some input on, so there will be a demo of pruning; also of water divining (you may even be able to try your skill at it).

Reg has also built a fantastic fully netted & shaded outdoor area with 2 water features, also some very functional waist high raised garden beds - there are many pots of bulbs which need to be planted in one or more of the beds if we have time.

Address & phone number - 5 Hyacinth St, VT (turn at the Post Office & that's Hyacinth, Reg is 1st on the right.) 5798 1400

October - tba

November - probably a work day at the Townsends (new CSA project at Bogie), will confirm  
December - social get together at Ric & Jen's in Boundary Hill Rd

January - we have a break

February - trip to Shepparton - visit to a Greek family's garden & Launch of the Shepparton Seedsavers Group!!!

What a huge day last Sunday! Great to see Graeme's diverse permaculture system in its jungle setting! He spoke about his seedsaving techniques & how he maintains a few lines of different seeds & tubers etc. We were happy to take some corn seed & sunchokes etc. He walked us around the different 'rooms' set amongst the bush and explained how he managed the vege production area (for sale

at the local Farmer's Market) and his extensive fruit tree collection. After a shared lunch and the arrival of the Heritage Fruit Tree grafting group, we set off to Mt Toolebewong & Moora Moora Co-op & caught up with Amy & Luc.

They gave us an overview of the structure of the cooperative and a CSA and then showed us round their production area. Unfortunately they'd suffered extensive predation only recently by deer getting in & devouring all their carrot beds, parsley etc.

The day finished with a tour of a straw bale house under construction, with many energy saving features, and a look at a clever way of converting a chest freezer to an efficient 12V fridge - lots of great ideas!

A big thank you to Dave for a very safe trip. Hope to see everyone in September at Reg's.

### VIOLET TOWN TENNIS CLUB

**Violet Town Tennis Club** will play again this summer in the Benalla & District competition on Saturday afternoons. It is intended to field 2 teams comprised of 4 men and 4 women each. Our club is always keen to win but players do put a lot of emphasis on having fun – a combination which all enjoy.

Junior tennis coaching always attracts a lot of players and should continue this season – on Tuesdays after school.

New players and members of all ages and abilities are of course always welcome. Tennis is played most Thursday evenings at VT courts. If you would like to play either socially or competition please contact the *Secretary: Sue Piper on 57 981200.*

**New Ball Machine** – our Federal Member for Indi – Sophie Mirabella has informed the Violet Town Tennis Club it was successful in receiving a grant of \$3000 for the purchase of a Ball Machine. This will be a great bit of equipment for all our players to practice and improve skills.

## Shire of Strathbogie Business Directory to streamline communication



Strathbogie Shire Council has developed a questionnaire to improve existing information to develop a more comprehensive business directory. The aim of the directory is to enable all small businesses to have an opportunity to contribute to and benefit from marketing and promotional activities.

Business Development Officer, Lisa Norman said, "The information will not only form an essential directory of services available for the local community but also to tourists visiting the area and people looking to move to our municipality."

Local business owner in Euroa, John Stringer said, "I encourage small business owners to fill out the questionnaire and be part of the directory. It makes sense for us to have a shire-wide directory that we can use as a tool to not only promote the region but also locally as an essential services listing."

You can request a copy and we will send one out to you. Please call 5795 1026 or email [lisa.norman@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:lisa.norman@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

## Thanks to the Shire!

VTAG, the Footy Club & the market committee wish to thank the office & outside workers at the Shire for their assistance in closing off the roads for the June & July markets—your help was terrific and much appreciated!

## Market Helpers Wanted

The market committee are looking for another 1,2 or 3 reliable helpers for market mornings—9am to 12pm. If you feel you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Terry Frewin on 5790 8635

## Strength and Fitness Classes

Join our strength and fitness program Wednesdays and Fridays, 2.30-3.30. Our physiotherapist will devise an individual program for you and supervise your progress. Call 57366366 for bookings and enquiries.

## How to Care, What To Say: The Experience of Bereavement

When we encounter a bereaved adult their shock, pain and anguish can make us feel anxious and confused. We may feel embarrassed by saying things that are inappropriate, or by not actually knowing what to say. Many of these concerns can be addressed by understanding the grief experience, including the diverse ways that the bereaved respond to loss. The How to Care, What to Say: The Experience of Bereavement seminar explores how we can respond sensitively and compassionately to bereaved people.

Designed for:

Members of the general and professional community interested in grief and bereavement.

Aims:

- to equip participants with an understanding of normal grief.
- to assist participants in their support of the bereaved.

**Presenter: Anne Watt, Loss and Grief Co-ordinator with Benalla Palliative Care.**

**When: Thursday 11th October, 7pm-9.30pm**

**Where: Day Care Centre, V. T. B. N. Centre**

**Cost: FREE**

**Refreshments provided**

**Call 57366366 for bookings and enquiries.**

Violet Town Community House  
ing

Annual General meet-

## Violet Town Pudding Stirrers

Well, it's that time of the year when ingredients have to be ordered, cloths cut as we begin to think of Christmas Puddings!

To the new residents in our area, we invite & welcome you to join the Pudding Stirrers, age no barrier! It's an experience.

Cooking days are October Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th in Week 1 & Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th in Week 2—from 8am—12 noon.

All mixing is done in the supper room at the Community Complex. A roster is compiled to suit each helper. We need strong fingers to tie the puddings in the cloth. Men are invited to join us and are made welcome. Please join us! Any enquiries phone Dot Rae 5798 1338

## Quilters, Patchwork- ers,

## Stitchers

Next gathering will be on Thursday 20th September from 10am to 3pm in the Supper Room of the Community Complex. Come and leave when it suits you.

Morning & afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch. Cost \$2.50.

Everyone welcome.

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## Violet Town Kindergarten

Sue & I attended the Lions Change Over Dinner & were thrilled to be presented with cheques for Occasional Care & the Kinder.

A huge thank you to the lions Club for their very generous donation. The Lions work tirelessly for the community: they donate firewood to those in need & the money they raise is all donated back to the local community & charities. With the donations received Occasional Care have bought a little stove, sink & cupboard for the home corner & the Kinder have purchased some new chairs & tables for the children, so we will always be able to remember the Lions' generosity.

Later in the year we will be opening the new building to the community, so everyone can see the results of their donations & wonderful support. We will have more details in the next Village Voice.

We catered for the August Legacy dinner, the second RIST seminar & the Football Club's Goods & Services Auction. Thank you to Sue for helping at all fundraisers & Jane, Janine, Bronwyn & Sonia who all helped at the Auction. We thank Stan from the RSL & Gary from the Football Club for giving us the opportunity to cater for these dinners, making it possible for this money to stay in the town.

## Violet Town Garden Club

We enjoyed a film showing an English Lavender farm - you could almost smell the perfume of all those acres of plants in flower.

Our Cup Day Luncheon with lots of competitions and sweeps will be held at "Barbs Place", 11 am 6th November - \$30 for the day. Tickets to be booked from B. Ramage (Sec.) ph. 5798 1421. Bring a friend or arrange a party for a great day out.

The next meeting will be at Lorraine Ralston's, 9.30 am on 17th Sept. All welcome, just bring a

## From Tinsel Town to Violet Town! Wilbur the celebrity pig rocks in!

Wilbur the celebrity pig earned his title having accompanied Hollywood starlet Dakota Fanning down the red carpet last November at the world premiere of "Charlotte's Web". And when not swinging it with movie stars the mild mannered porcine is crusading for his not so lucky cousins, who will never know the delights of sunshine & soil, making a nest in straw, wallowing in the mud or the touch of human kindness. All things that are really important to a pig.

"Most people are passionate about preventing animal cruelty" said Pam Ahern guardian of Wilbur the celebrity pig at the August Violet Town Market. "Yet sadly many do not realize that they are the unwitting accomplices in the suffering of millions of animals each year simply by the dietary choices they make".

Wilbur the celebrity pig has been travelling Victoria, visiting markets & community events encouraging people to think, to think about how what they do in their lives impacts upon gentle animals just like him. August saw Wilbur & his human companions descend on the Violet Town Market.

"Wilbur has proved to be an incredible ambassador for pigs. Charming people with his friendly & intelligent nature & blowing away the myths that pigs are dirty animals" said Pam. "Today has been truly uplifting, so many people caring about what is happening in the world right now and wanting to know how they can make a difference. Really it is up to all of us, one bite at a time, to reflect on factory farming & live our ethics of compassion, justice & treading lightly on the planet.

It is not so much about animal rights it's about righting human wrongs. And the enthusiasm

and interest being shown by the young gives me great hope that their generation can undo the wrongs of the past" concluded Pam.

Media contact: Pam Ahern 0408 397 301

Useful websites: [www.edgarsmission.org.au](http://www.edgarsmission.org.au)

[www.savebabe.com](http://www.savebabe.com)

\*Edgar's Mission is a not for profit sanctuary for rescued farm animals, our outreach centre aims to expand the public's circle of compassion to encompass all animals.

"If we could live happy and healthy lives without



### Wilbur greets Debbie Bratchie

harming others why wouldn't we?"

### ATTENTION VIOLET TOWN CHOIR/ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

The Lions Carols by Candlelight will this year feature the Community Choir as usual, but a new and exciting development is that we will be forming our own orchestra to accompany the singers and audience.

Rehearsals will commence in October so if you are interested in joining the choir or the orchestra please contact:

Helen Rankin 57981575

John Dunn 57981406

Please understand that a genuine commitment to regular rehearsals will be required for a suc-

## FOOD MILES

Has that bunch of bananas on the kitchen bench travelled further than you have?

According to a study being launched today, the food in a typical Australian's shopping basket has travelled a staggering 70,803 kilometres to reach Melbourne — equivalent to almost two trips around the world.

And those "food miles" take a toll on the environment, through greenhouse gas emissions from road, air and sea freight.

The study is one of the first of its kind to have been done in Australia. It was compiled by researchers from CERES Community Environment Park, Brunswick, which based its findings on data from big food producers.

Co-author Sophie Gaballa said there were a few surprises, including the long journey needed to get a popular brand of sausages onto Melbourne plates.

"We generally looked at the most commonly bought brands," she said. "And when we looked at Hans sausages we found that a lot of their pork is shipped from Denmark, so on average, the sausages had to come about 25,000 kilometres to Melbourne." The sausages were among four imported items out of the 29 covered in the study. Those imported goods contributed more than two-thirds of shopping basket's total food miles.

Lipton tea leaves grown in several countries but packaged in India and Indonesia had typically done about 8259 kilometres, while Heinz tinned baked beans were shipped from New Zealand (3131 kilometres).

Chocolate from Cadbury's Tasmanian factory combines cocoa beans from Indonesia via Singapore, sugar from Queensland and Tasmanian milk, adding up to 14,479 kilometres.

Even locally grown produce can cover huge distances. In winter, tomatoes bought in Melbourne come from as far away as Queensland

and Western Australia, while in summer they only have a short trip south from Shepparton and Bendigo.

But Ms Gaballa stressed that the study was not about trying to make people feel guilty. Instead, she said its main aim was to encourage people to think more about the environmental impacts of their consumption.

"Looking at food miles is just one way to measure the sustainability of what we eat, but what we really need are full life-cycle assessments, taking into account other things, like the embodied energy and water involved with producing our food," Ms Gaballa said. "In some cases it may actually be more efficient to buy food produced in another country.

"For instance, one recent study found that producing meat and some crops in New Zealand and sending it to the UK may be more energy efficient and generate fewer greenhouse emissions than producing that food locally in the UK because of factors like soil quality."

There have been similar studies overseas, particularly in the UK. Earlier this year, the British Government and the UK's biggest retailer, Tesco committed to look at "carbon labels", similar to calorie counts included on packaging, showing greenhouse emissions involved in producing, transporting and disposing of a wide range of goods.

## G.M. Water Draft Water Plan

Mr Gleeson said that the draft water plan 2008-2013 and an executive summary is available on the Corporation's website to download [www.gvwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.gvwater.vic.gov.au) or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting our Public Relations Officer Mary Connelly-Gale on 5832 0471, or e-mail [maryc@gvwater.vic.gov.au](mailto:maryc@gvwater.vic.gov.au). All comments on the water plan are to be submitted in writing and must be received by Friday 14 September 2007.

## Violet Town Seniors

At our meeting held 8th August only ten were in attendance. After our meeting it was decided not to go ahead with our tour to Woos point etc, owing to not many going. Instead we asked Lil to organize for us to go to Tatong on Friday 17th and nine members had a lovely fish meal at the Tatong Tavern, then out to Kevin Smith's to have look at the original Violet Town Catholic Church which has been shifted twice—still in excellent condition & still used for church (mixed) services & weddings etc. We also looked at Holden vehicles, from the first to almost the latest models. Thanks to Lil for organizing this outing at such short notice and to Alf our obliging driver who then took us on to Benalla for tea, coffee & cake. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th September. New members are welcome.

Barb Symes, Sec/Treas

## Violet Town Red Cross

August meeting was well attended. A very successful tin rattle at the August market. A big thank you to all who donated & to our tin rattlers. Next meeting 3rd September at 2pm in the Meeting Room of the Community Complex. New members most welcome.



## FROM THE LIONS DEN

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of our "fund raising BBO" at the Violet Town Market. We have been located at a number of different positions at the market and a study of our takings confirms to us that 'location' is everything.

We will be approaching VTAG for a more favourable and hopefully permanent position. This will allow us to maximise our takings, which in turn means more money being returned to our community and those less fortunate than ourselves. So do not despair if we have moved because we will still be there somewhere and need your support by purchasing a snag, hamburger or cold drink.

At our recent 'changeover dinner' our new BOARD was inducted. We had a fantastic meal at the Ellen Francis Hotel with thanks to Denis and his staff. We presented another round of donations totalling over \$4000 to amongst others; the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre, Kindergarten, Occasional Care, Bowls Club, Benalla Rose City Band and various other LI-ONS sponsored projects.

These valuable donations to the various groups are in jeopardy unless we can recruit new members, so if you like helping others, please give this your consideration.

We also inducted new member Harry Daley, a



hearty welcome Harry. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month usually at the Ellen Francis Hotel. Any queries to our ongoing and tireless Secretary Nick on 57633250.

## Oak Tree Restaurant

**MEXICAN NIGHT**  
**Saturday 27th October**

**Bookings essential**  
**Phone Olga 5790 8510**

## Quilt & Craft Exhibition & Sale

10am—3pm

Saturday 8th September  
Violet Town Community Centre

Admission Free

### Strathbogie Shire Community Services Violet Town 70's Plus

Luncheon Dates: Monday 24th Sept

Monday 22 October

11am for a cuppa, or 11.30am for a delicious  
3-course meal.

Sincere thanks to all helpers, students & drivers  
who assist with the monthly lunches at the VT  
Supper Room. Eligible participants—any per-  
son aged 70 and over, or people with a disabil-  
ity, their carer or volunteers are welcome to  
contact the Shire 1800 635 956 for details.

Bookings are essential.

An outing is planned for Monday 29th Septem-  
ber.

## OAK TREE RESTAURANT Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Thursday 18th October  
10.00—12.30pm

FUN & GAMES



### SEPTEMBER 2007

#### SHOP NEWS – SPRING CATALOGUE SALE

- \*Keep your eye out for our Spring catalogue -  
sale starts 26 September thru to 21 October
- \*Great bargains for your garden, DIY pro-  
jects and outdoor entertainment

#### WATER SAVING TIP

- \*Spring's the best time to improve your soil's  
water absorption and retention by adding  
mulch, organic manure, and water storing  
crystals. See our garden section for a range  
of these products

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- \***Ryobi Power Tools – special buy at spe-  
cial prices - while stocks last**
- \* Come in and have a look at our range of  
this popular brand – includes impact drills -  
\$58, routers - \$81.60, angle grinders - \$58,  
and mitre saws - \$158

Looking forward to seeing you at the shop  
soon.

And in the meantime,  
Happy Hardware-ing from Pat, Margaret &  
Kathleen at:

Violet Town Hardware & Plumbing  
31 Cowslip Street, Violet Town, 3669



## History Group

The History group is meeting in the meeting  
room at the Complex Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at  
2pm, so an update next month.

We have almost sold out of the second printing  
of the book on the local schools which has  
amazed us all. A few Copies are still available at  
the IGA supermarket for \$15, or from Doris Mul-  
lavey.

There have been many informal discussions of  
our next project, a group is working on the his-  
tory of the pool for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebra-  
tions.

Thanks to Ian Chanter for the great photos of  
the construction of the pool and opening day,  
and others who have made suggestions and  
comments. I'd still be interested if anyone has  
information and especially photos of swimming  
in the creek. Apparently the original swimming  
hole was near where the new bridge has been  
put in behind the oval.

We have some documents outlining when the  
recreation reserve was proclaimed . 32 acres  
was set aside for recreational purposes in  
1884 . this was reported in the Advertiser May  
21 1884. Later the same year (Nov 28) it was  
reported.. "that the recreation reserve has been  
closed in with a 3 rail fence and the whole of it is  
cleared."

In the same report it mentioned.. "that the  
school children at VT, if they wish to wash their  
hands have to do so at the creek as there is no  
convenience at the school. One of the children  
escaped drowning last week."

How times have changed!

Anyone with any information or is interested in  
helping casually please contact Robin 57981335

The History Group, a sub Committee of VTAG

### More History Help Wanted!!!!

Charles Edwin Williams from the old Commer-  
cial hotel on the old Hume Highway was killed in

action in the Boer War. The Memorial in the  
front of the Community Complex has his name  
on it. Does anyone have any information on  
Charles Williams. The RSL hold a very valuable  
piece of history, a Memorial Dedication to  
Charles Williams. A grant application to heritage  
Victoria has been written by Barry Thomas from  
the Antique Arms Guild, with the support of the  
local RSL and VTAG. The document has been  
taken to the archives and restoration depart-  
ment at Melbourne University by Barry and  
needs approx \$2500 work to restore it. We  
thank Barry for his work so far to get this done  
and hope the grant application is successful. If  
anyone knows anything of the men involved in  
the Boer War and especially Charles Williams  
please contact Robin 37981335, Darryl Parker  
57981858, Loretta McPherson at the Euroa  
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Sustaining and Expanding Business Opportunities



### ACCELERATE YOUR BUSINESS – FREE Workshops in VIOLET TOWN

**Finance & Planning for Business Success** the first of three business workshops was held on August 9 at The Parish. Colin O'Brien, workshop facilitator, challenged the seventeen people who attended to think hard about their financial goals, the turnover they would need in their business to achieve them and the cashflow they required throughout the year to sustain the business without stress. Reports were that it was well worthwhile attending and almost everyone felt they had work to do as a result of attending. If you are interested in knowing more about what happened and/or would like access to the workshop materials call or email Christine Nunn StreetLife Coordinator. The next two workshops are being held in September and October.....read on to find out more about the next two FREE workshops....

**WORKSHOP 2. Marketing & Promotion**  
Thursday 20th September

**Workshop 3. Customer Service is for Everyone!**  
Tuesday 2nd October

### Buying locally - an ethical issue?

Ethics is about answering one of the simplest questions imaginable: "What should one do?" This question crops up whenever choices and decisions have to be made as part of daily life. The real 'enemy' of ethics is unthinking custom and practice. The other thing about ethics is that it draws attention to the nature and quality of our relationships with others. In particular, it forces us to be clear about who counts and who does not. In some cases, people want to draw a very tight boundary around them. For such people, ethical obligations may only exist in relation to themselves and their nearest family. Others draw a wide circle - recognising ethical obligations to all people (whoever and wherever they are). So, ethics is about identifying basic values and principles and then consciously applying them across a range of relationships.

Which brings us to the topic of buying locally.....The question is this: "to what extent should we support our local businesses rather than shopping around for the lowest price, best value, etc.?" In the case of people living in Violet Town and the surrounding small communities...do we support local businesses or make use of the facilities in regional or metropolitan centres?

This is an especially difficult question when times are tough. With limited income, it might seem sensible to maximise purchasing power by taking advantage of the lower prices able to be offered by the big players. However, this may force local businesses to reduce staff numbers or close for want of an income and in some cases will have an impact on the very business that has made the decision to shop out of town. So why do you think it is sensible to "buy locally"? Watch the next edition for some good reasons.....

### Violet Town Business Network Meeting

The next Business Network meeting is being held at the Violet Town Hotel on Wednesday 12 September 2007 (6pm for networking before a 6.15pm start). People involved in all types of businesses are welcome to come along. Light refreshments will be available.

Contact: Christine Nunn Violet Town StreetLife Coordinator [c.nunn@bigpond.com](mailto:c.nunn@bigpond.com) or 0418 106 199

## Violet Town Uniting Church News

A 9.30am Service is held at St Andrews every Sunday.

Sunday School is held every week in the Church, beginning at 9.30am. All children of any denomination most welcome. Contact Kathleen Gibbs if you require more information.

Hymn-a-longs + entertainment at the Church are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7.00pm. Sing hymns of your choice & enjoy Fellowship & a cuppa.

Ladies' Guild will be having a pleasant afternoon at the Church Hall on Monday 10th September at 2.00pm. Guest speaker "Teaching in Korea" followed by afternoon tea. Everybody welcome.

Coffee mornings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am. Next coffee morning on September 5th. Bring old Bibles or Hymn Books to 'show and tell'.

Craft is held on Fridays at 1.15pm at the Church Hall, except during school holidays. Bring along 'what you are doing' & enjoy a chat while your fingers are busy.

A reminder to anyone with Christmas Child boxes, please return them to the Church to Margaret or Fran before September 20th. Thank You  
Fran Byrne 5798 1632

## COINDA NEWS

We traveled to Wangaratta on our Mystery Outing to see Barb McCabe's fabric art. She is a member of Wangaratta Centre Quilters, and is very talented.

The September meeting will be a mystery craft night with Marg Block. At the moment it's a mystery to her too. Monday 17th September, 7.30pm

Enquiries Marg Block 5798 1214

Violet Town

## Community Op Shop

Market Day was once again a great success with lots of satisfied customers. What a great bunch of people came through our doors. We had many comments about the new look op shop with more space, and how clean it all looked—a big thank you to the volunteers once again—we couldn't do it without you.

Don't forget the op shop when you are looking for pre-loved clothes. Dresses are still \$3, jumpers \$3, blouses \$2 & for that special occasion we still have our \$5 rack. We have lots of ornaments & china.

Our thanks go to Sue for her help & expertise with the china. Once in a while we receive really good quality items which are priced accordingly. Soft toys are also in abundance as are children's clothes.

Our prices have not been up dated for some years & will continue to remain the same—so pay us a visit.

Please join us in wishing Lillian a belated Happy Birthday!

Warm Regards, The Op Shop Crew

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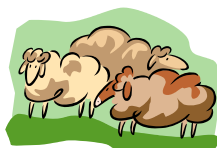
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Where: Violet Town Football Club-rooms & Oval  
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What: Open, Senior, Local & Novelty events  
Entries: \$20 to David Kemp on 0427315951



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**Violet Town  
Tennis Club**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 5th Sept. @ 7.30pm**

**At the Violet Town Café**

All members, players & new players welcome  
Secretary: Sue Piper 57981200

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**Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre Inc  
A Thumbnail History**

A brief glance at our history will show that the Bush Nursing Association (BNA) commenced as a single nurse Bush Nursing Service in Violet Town on 10th November 1925.

In June 1928 a public meeting held decided to proceed with the building of a cottage hospital. By October the following year (1929) the hospital was commissioned.

The critical year however was 1927 when a drama occurred with two babies born in the same 24 hours. The mother of one baby was ill and the baby of the other, also ill. This posed a problem and the nurse had to take the ailing baby to the home of the ill mother, as she could not stay at both places.

That year a committee of locals (NOT THE VBNA) was formed to look at starting a cottage hospital. The year 1927 saw the people of Violet Town and district take control over the health services and its future direction, which culminated in the commissioning of the Violet Town Hospital in 1929.

Other milestones and defining points in time include –

- ◆ Violet Town's "last" doctor leaving in 1957.
- ◆ Closure of the hospital – 1985.
- ◆ Commissioning of the 15-bed Nursing Home – 1985.
- ◆ The establishment of the Day Care Service – 1987.
- ◆ The complex was formerly recognised as a Commonwealth Multi-purpose Centre (MPC) – 1989.
- ◆ Commissioned 21-bed Hostel – July 1992.
- ◆ Rebuild and extended the 15-bed Nursing Home to become a 21-bed Nursing Home, plus a palliative care unit in March 2003.
- ◆ Became a Commonwealth Regional Health Centre in September 2001 (Community Health) with a 2,000-sqk catchment.
- ◆ Renovated and commissioned the old nursing

home to become the Community Health Centre – 2004.

◆ Renovated and extended the 21-bed Hostel to 31beds in January 2005.

◆ Established the Violet Town Health and Fitness Centre (Gym) in 2004.

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**Watch This Space**

**We aim to establish a medical practice**

**PROBUS NEWS**

We had a good turn out of members for the August meeting, being a bit nearer to spring is encouraging, and it was good to welcome back some of our travellers.

The speaker was Mandy Brown from Benalla, to tell of her experience with International adoption. It is almost impossible to adopt an Australian baby so many couples are seeking to adopt from overseas.

Mandy projected photographs of Meiya (her adopted daughter) and scenes from China where Meiya was born, to illustrate her talk.

As one might expect, adoption involves a great deal of red tape & counselling & information sessions. The advantage is forming friendships with other couples going through the process & these supportive bonds seem to persist after the adoptions are completed.

Mandy and her husband were eligible to adopt from China where almost all the babies available are girls.

The whole process took three and a half years, and now Meiya is 20 months old and thriving in her new home. The pictures showed us a happy family.

Our August outing is to attend the Annual Lunch held by the North East Probus Group, this year in Wangaratta on 31<sup>st</sup> August

The next meeting will be on 3rd September at 10am in the Community Hall Supper room and we always welcome visitors and prospective new members.

*Janet Mather*