

YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

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Pam Ellis 0418 571 419

TIP OPENING HOURS

Saturday, Tuesday & Friday 8.30am to 12 noon

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DOCTOR

Dr. T. Wang

Ph: 5736 6310

Monday—Thursday

8.30am-5.00pm

Friday

8.30am-12.00noon

Market Saturdays

9-12noon

Violet Town Village Voice

April 2011

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No. 351

Violet Town Community House and Strathbogrie Shire proudly present

Ultra Violet

Youth Celebration

All Ages
Drug
Alcohol
Free Event

All Skaters
Scooters
and BMX
Welcome

Skate/Scooter /BMX Demos
Prizes and Giveaways
hosted by the Sanction.

Featuring Live Music and
Kool Skools CD Launch
Bea's Window
(winner Best Band at Kool Skools)

ROES
And more
Workshops in
Drumming - Circus
and Stencil Art

Health and Well Being
Information

Violet Town Skate Park
April 2nd 2011
2.00pm—6.00pm
More Info Sarah 03 5798
1288 Annette 0418 163
699 or Deb 03 5795 0001

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beyondblue.com

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www.freeza.vic.gov.au

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The Face to Go

PRESS RELEASE

To Celebrate Youth Week the Violet Town Community House supported by the Shire of Strathbogrie will be holding a youth event at the Violet Town Skate Park on the 2nd April from 2pm – 6pm. "Ultra Violet" will feature a Scooter and BMX Jam as well as Demonstrations run by the Sanction from Albury with some great prizes and giveaways.

"This is going to be a really exciting day" says event organiser Andie Guerin. "Not only will there be some fantastic scooter riding and BMX Demo's but some great live music from our youth music program and other exciting young north east bands. There will also be health promotion information and other youth relevant services in attendance on the day."

This event has been made possible with the support of National Youth Week & Youth Beyond Blue as well as the Victorian Governments FFreeZA program. If you would like more information on the event please contact Sarah on

5798 1288, Annette 0418 163 699 or Deb 5795 2010.

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VTAG Ramblings

HREP/VTAG have met with Bob Foster from the Shire and at last the tree across the walking track is removed. Thanks Shire. The timber at the top end of Hurt St is shortly to be cut into slabs and thanks to Alan Davies and his crew much of the other wood only suitable for firewood has been removed too, it's looking a whole lot better. Thanks to the residents opposite for putting up with the piles for so long.

VTAG is working on a plan for street trees with the shire. We have a community grant to buy trees. We have had little response from people with suggestions or willing to help and so we assume people will be happy with what we purchase. We still need people to plant and care for the trees in their streets. We will try and match trees to what exists in the streets now within reason.

The area in Primrose Street fronting the railway track needs some work, hopefully VTAG can get it levelled then the residents opposite may work with us, to plant out the gaps and keep the weeds down. What a season for weeds!

The new seats are coming for the front of the complex (and so is the train!) and the shire has asked that the existing bench seats are re-painted so anyone willing to help talk to Jo Beavis. A working bee when the new seats go in might try & get both jobs done all in one day.

The Homescape magazine with a six page Violet Town feature will be out in early April. A number of people have spent a lot of time with the writer & photographer & Josie in the advertising department of the magazine, thanks for your time.

We especially thank those businesses who have taken ads to support the feature. It is great advertising for the town.

We welcome Lorraine Sinclair to the VTAG committee to fill a vacancy. We hope she enjoys her time at VTAG but remember meetings are always open and anyone can come 1st

Wed of the month, 7.30pm in the meeting room. Lastly congratulations to the market committee what an amazing March Market. Was it advertising with Coxy's Big Break, the weather, the long weekend? but it was just great!

HREP News

Happily some actions have been taking place along the walking track and creek. Members of HREP had a very positive meeting with Mark Gordon and Bob Foster (Shire Works Superintendent) to discuss what needs to be done to repair the flood damage. Other general maintenance topics were discussed also. Permission was given for us to access flood repair funds to pay for some of the heaviest work to be done using machinery, which is a great relief to us. Also on that day the Shire removed the large tree across the track near the Men's Shed and put some gravel at the approach to the new bridge to the fill washed away sections. This will need to be rolled in.

Some of the timber that had been placed at the railway end of the Hurt Street park has now been removed and the largest logs will be milled on location soon.

Weeds invading the track have been sprayed and it is also planned to roll more gravel in to some sections that have become particularly rough.

However we still needed a working bee on March 27th for basic weed control, flood debris removal, re-installing our washed away bench table and replacing broken bollards.

If you were unable to come to that working bee but would be willing to lend a hand occasionally at working bees, please keep an eye on the community notice boards and the Village Voice. We would love to welcome more friends of HREP. Our working bees are light hearted and mostly involve a BBQ lunch or snacks afterwards.

See the "Honeysuckle Festival" news for more of HREP's activities.

Village Voice Trading Post

Use this page to post your FREE ad

FOR SALE

JAYCO STARCRAFT 15' x 7' Pop-top Caravan, single beds, 3-way fridge, as new annexe plus awning, electric brakes, very good condition, always garaged, 12 months rego. \$14,500 o.n.o. Phone 0438 952 421.

Dorper and dorper x ewes and lambs for sale. Generally good shedders. Prices from \$120.00 to \$200.00 plus GST. Phone 57908562 in the evening or on weekends.

Teak kitchen table with 4 matching 'ladder' chairs in dark green upholstery. Very good condition. \$60 ono
BH 5798 1554

Spinning wheel & Lazy Kate, \$50.
Phone Marg 5798 1214

2009 OZTRAIL camper-trailer with extras, 10 mths registration. \$3,750.00
Phone 5798 1509

Portable cot—only used twice—exc condition, \$30.00;
Folding stroller—brand new, was \$69, sell for \$25.00 (still has tickets_)
Phone 5798 1554 BH

YALCA FRUIT TREES

new catalogue now on line at
www.yalcafruittrees.com.au/ or phone
5868 2101 to request a print version
Lots of new varieties in stock!
Campbell & Tanya Holt

STRATHBOGIE RANGES APS

Next meeting day will be Saturday 30th April with a visit to Goldfields Revegetation Nursery in Bendigo. Bendigo APS members will take us on a bushwalk in the afternoon.

We all loved our visit to Lou Costa's wonderful property this week, one very creative woman!

NOLA WOOD 5798 1410 has the following tubestock for sale at \$1.25 each
Grey box, Red Stringy, broad leaf peppermint, Blakely's Red Gum
Lightwood (A. implexa); A. vestita (Weeping Hairy Wattle 3 x 3m)
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Violet Town Seed Savers and Permaculture Group

Autumn is a busy time of the year, everyone is harvesting and preserving their summer produce.

Seedsavers got together at Dale & Gail Evans' garden on Sunday, 6th March. Most Seedsavers have had bumper crops and brought along top quality excess fruit and vegetables to show, share and sample ie. melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, apples, pears, quinces etc.

Dale & Gail showed us their wick watering system pots, raised vegetable beds, winter growing tomato system experiment and much more. Alf Block gave another excellent talk on the tomatoes he had grown with many frozen samples to view. Judy Wills also gave a very interesting talk on the history, benefits and requirements of WOOFERS.

Thank you to Dale & Gail for their hospitality and to Alf and Judy for their contributions which made a really interesting afternoon.

Our April activity will be at Albury on Sunday, 10th April as the Albury Seedsavers Group have invited us to a Seed Exchange and Garden Tour.

THINGS TO DO:

Plant GARLIC now. Apples which have shown bitter pit (brown dry streaks through flesh) and/or water core (translucent patches through flesh) should have lime applied now to rectify the condition.

Lime brassica and onion beds. Continue to summer prune and fertilize trees which have had heavy crops.

SOW NOW:

Asian Greens, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Cab-

bage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Coriander, Kale, Kohl Rabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Parsnip, Peas, Spring Onions, Sugarsnap and Snow Peas, Radish, Rocket, Silverbeet, Spinach, Swede, Turnip.

SANDRA
Tel: 57 95 1109

PROBUS NOTES

Our AGM in March 2011 elected the following Officers of our Club.

President Ken Byrne, Vice President Carol Hart, Immediate Past President Lorraine Sinclair, Secretary Alice Beaton, Treasurer Sue McNutt, Welfare Officer Fran Byrne, Committee Members Hilda Biach, Public Officer Bill Cumming, Publicity Jevan Dartnall.

The Change Over of Office Bearers was at the Benalla Golf Club on 17th March 2011 when 19 members had a most enjoyable time.

Here we see Immediate Past Present presenting the New President with his badge of office.



Our next meeting is to be on Monday 4th April 2011 at 10am in the Violet Town Community Hall.

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

Market Report



What a wonderful market we had in March – with 200 stallholders and a huge crowd there was barely enough room to walk between stalls! Feedback has been terrific and the new brochures with 2011 dates listed are disappearing fast. If you have anywhere you'd like to display these (place of work, shop etc), please let me know and we'll get some out to you.

Allan from Xydeco Jump played on stage in March, while young busker Georgia Bromley again had her fans down towards the Football Club end as she strummed her guitar and sang.

The Red Cross were thrilled to raise \$1861.10 in their tin rattle and Dot Rae tells me they've sent a cheque off for more than \$2,000 thanks to some later donations too.

While a long weekend is always harder to attract volunteers, I'd like to pay tribute to our great team who are just such a pleasure to work with. Our March crew included: Pat Glynn, Ro Allen and Howard Myers on siting & set up; Kate Stothers, Fay Whitewood, Darlene Hines, Robena Binks & Robin Landvogt collecting fees & Sandy Garrett who patiently sat at the Information Tent for most of the morning. Thank you one and all. If you'd like to join our happy band, we'd love to hear from you - and you'll still have lots of time to do your own shopping. (And as a volunteer you get a free coffee on us too. Now that's an incentive!) Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to put your hand up for an hour or more. [Tel:0416 233 584](tel:0416233584) or email info@market.violettown.org.au

The April issue of Homescape is featuring an 8 page liftout on Violet Town and I've been liaising on advertising layouts for this edition. Our thanks to Bruce Cumming for his generosity in allowing us the use of his photos for this liftout. Every resident in the township of Violet Town should receive the April issue of Homescape

and I'm told the IGA will also have 30 or so spares too if you live out of town.

LOST at the March Market

- Mobile phone

FOUND (and handed into the Info Tent desk on the day)

Purse (from Feb's market)

Keys (owner has now claimed them)

If you have any information about lost or found items please call 0416 233 584 or email info@market.violettown.org.au

April should be another great market with a special Sustainability theme. Gardening guru Vasili will be filming at the market for his TV show Vasili's Garden. He will be talking with the V.T. Seedsavers Group, stallholders, Councillor Howard Myers, in addition to filming at the Violet Town Eco Living project as well as Robin & Peter Landvogt's eco-friendly newly built house.

Vasili will also be giving a presentation on How to Compost at 10am at the Football Club rooms adjacent to the market. This talk compliments the Compost Bin & Worm Farm Subsidy currently being offered by the SCP & the reduction of household organic waste to landfill message promoted by regional waste management group Resource GV.

The SCP will have a stall at the market so say hello & catch up on the latest workshops & sustainable information. There is no need to book to see Vasili, just come along to the market & enjoy the day. As Vasili says, Yia sas and welcome!

For further details please contact Cathy Koning, Phone 5734 6357 or cathyk@mitschellshire.vic.gov.au. Visit the SCP website at www.sustainable-communities.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you to our next market on Saturday April 9th between 8.30am-1pm. Be sure to remind your friends about it too!
regards Catherine

The HONEYSUCKLE FESTIVAL OCT 9th News

Plans for the Festival in October are taking shape. Events will take place at two main venues - the Community Complex and also near the creek at the new Woodfired Oven between the Football oval and the Bowls Club.

FUND-RAISING INVITATION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Once activities move down to the creek in the afternoon, there will be an opportunity for community groups to fund-raise by setting up food or drinks stalls in the area between 4pm and 8.30pm. Families will be invited to bring a pre-made pizza to be cooked in the oven but other foods would be welcomed during the afternoon and evening and by those who did not bring pre-prepared pizzas.

ART and PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Conditions of Entry and Entry forms can be seen and downloaded from the Violet Town website www.violettown.org.au

Thanks Robin H

A regular group of lap swimmers are grateful for the dedication of Robin Harrison who has voluntarily opened the pool at 7am three mornings a week all summer so we can maintain our fitness programs. Without a local heated indoor lap pool for the winter season we look forward to next summer!

Thanks Robin, from the early am lap-pers.

Violet Town History Group

Next meeting Wednesday 13th April at the Community Centre – 10am

The History Group now meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 am.

The group is working on the next book on the Businesses in Cowslip St which we hope to launch at the Community Complex in conjunction with the Honeysuckle Festival on Sunday 9 October. We will also celebrate 175 years since Major Mitchell camped by the Honeysuckle Creek or by the Violet Ponds as it was known then, hopefully with a display.

Also ideas for marking VT's 175 years since Major Thomas Mitchell and his expedition camped on the creek at High Street and named our town.

Currently we are working to put a pictorial history together of some of VT's landmark buildings and scenes – your input would be very welcome.

We have a large collection of photos of businesses in Cowslip Street and members are writing the stories to go with the photos. If you still have photos we are happy to accept more. We can copy and return the originals to you almost immediately. The book will be a collection of photos. It is important these photos and their stories are not lost to the town.

Thank you to the people who have contacted us with material they would like the town to have as memorabilia. We are able to store it in the Community Complex in tubs for safe keeping and to display at various times.

Contact: Robin Landvogt 57981735, Darryl Parker 57981858, Robyn Machin 57981686

All welcome at the meetings, it's very informal.

St Dunstons Hall Film Society Successful Start

The inaugural meeting of a newly formed local film society was held on Friday 18th March with solid support from the Violet Town community. This information gives details of the Film Society, its purposes and operations as an affiliate of the Victorian Film Societies.

This not-for-profit film society will provide a congenial environment where members of the community can meet on a regular basis: to view films often lesser known yet critically acclaimed, that will be conducive to discussion and social interaction, have people join as members, and much more.

Aim of Society:

- to present members' choice of films in a comfortable cinematic environment, regardless of the medium, that ensures the screenings are social events and promote interaction between members and with the local community;
- to encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium of information and education by means of the exhibition of a wide range of quality cinema selected from all countries and all genres and;
- to promote the study, discussion of and appreciation of film by means of lectures, discussions, exhibitions and publications.

Type of Films:

- It is intended to screen films that are cinematic but not necessarily 'box office' and will not include films that involve extreme violence or pornography. They may be only a few years old or very old and may even be black / white. Films will be proposed by members and lists added to where necessary from lists compiled by other societies so that for a 12 month period members will have the option of voting for, up to a maximum of 12, the films they would like to see during the next 12 months. The most popular selections are those most likely to be screened.

Source of films:

- Films can be those owned by members, owned by the Society or borrowed from organisations that lend films. Because we are a non-theatrical society we are able to screen films from the Non-theatrical Loans Catalogue at the National Film and Sound Archives in Canberra

Members of the Film Society should click on the [Film Selection](#) link to help the committee decide on the program for the next 12 months.

More details of the Film Society and how it will be operating into the future will be posted on the website soon, so keep checking www.violettown.org.au/groupsclubs/film-society
Contact: [Lynn Parker ph 57981858](tel:57981858)

BIRDS & BANTAMS

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Masks	Silver Pencil
Fishers	Black
Peach Face	Cuckoo

Phone Ivan 5798 1485

Water Efficient Gardening Tour
Monday 18 April organised by the Eco living
 project in partnership with the
Violet Town Garden Club

Meet 9.30am behind the Community Complex.
 Bus and garden entry provided—no charge.
 Bring your own lunch or purchase in Rushworth.

A tour to Louise Costa's fantastic water efficient
 garden in Rushworth and a visit to the Rush-
 worth Community House Garden.

Booking essential to Barb Ramage 57981421 or
 Robin Landvogt 57981735 or Sue Paton
 57981435.

This is the last official workshop for the Ecoliving
 Project so come and enjoy Louise's wonderful
 garden which has featured on numerous garden
 programs including Gardening Australia on the
 ABC. Louise will talk to the group and there will
 be time to wander. The Rushworth Community
 House Garden was also designed by Louise
 and maintained by volunteers. Lunch in Rush-
 worth, a lovely old gold mining town.

**All welcome but you MUST book by Monday
 11 April.**

Thanks to everyone who attended the "How are
 we changing our energy use" workshop. Almost
 50 people attended and the catering by the Kin-
 dergarten parents using local produce was su-
 perb! If you need some catering keep them in
 mind.

Neil Garrett is continuing the construction of the
 pizza oven, we look forward to the first firing
 shortly and hopefully it will be in action at the
 April market. Neil has done a huge amount of
 work and research to get the oven to this stage.

The project is nearing the end of its term but we
 still have final reports and evaluation to complete
 but the workshops and building are complete.

Steps Of Hope

Joseph's Walk

Around 2,000 Australians die by suicide each
 year, affecting families, friends and communi-
 ties. In 2008 I lost a close family member under
 these tragic circumstances.

"Steps Of Hope" is a walk to create awareness.
 I encourage anyone who has had their own per-
 sonal experience to walk together in our third
 year.. Let's reach out to our loved ones and
 send a clear message to:

"Walk through the Darkness and into the Light"

Where: The Strathbogie Cemetery and walk up
 to Mt Wombat

When: Sunday 17th April 2011

Time: 10.00am

The walk is approximately an hour and a
 BBQ lunch will be provided.

A gold coin donation would be
 much appreciated.

Raffle tickets will be sold on the day for a selec-
 tion of great prizes donated by the community.

All proceeds will go to –
 Hume Corridor Community Outreach Health
 Service in Violet Town—to assist with their
 mental health programmes in the community.

Contact Katrina 0414 539 737
katrinaconder@hotmail.com

URGENT HEATER WANTED!

**Our Men's Shed men are looking
 for a wood heater for the shed.**

**A chilly spot now with winter
 coming on, so if you can help
 please contact John on 5798 1626**

Violet Town Men's Shed (Ladies always welcome)

Open Wed & Thurs morn 8am—1pm. If you
 have a couple of hours to spare we would love to
 see you, drop in for a coffee or chat.

There has been a great response to our request
 for the use of a wood lathe, thank you so much
 to all the people involved, your generosity was
 amazing.

Maybe there is a metal lathe covered in dust in a
 shed & desperate for use that we could borrow
 too?

Thanks also to Strathbogie Floats for donating
 their offcuts; this is the material we use for our
 nesting boxes. Due to demand we are sold out
 but more are in production. We make other
 things as well and do a lot of repairs to various
 things.

We are always being asked why we make the
 boxes & when we tell people they are for Sugar
 Gliders, Squirrel Gliders & Brush-tailed Phasco-
 gales we get "What are they....?"

Well if you didn't know, meet your neighbours:

Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*

Gliding possum common in the Ranges but en-
 dangered near towns & farms due to predation
 by domestic cats & loss of habitat (This is where
 the boxes come in). It feeds on insects & nectar,
 is nocturnal & has two young & can be found in
 tree hollows. It glides by the use of a membrane
 between its legs & can glide up to 50 m. Barbed
 wire fences are a major problem to all gliding
 possums.

Squirrel Glider *Petaurus norfolcensis*

Same as sugar glider only bigger, being about
 25cms head & body, white tummy & black GT
 stripe on head & top of back (very cute)

Brush tailed Phascogale *Phascogale tapoatafa*

Not as cute as the other two. Prefers dry forest
 & woodland, can be mistaken for a large rat.
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entirely on large insects & makes a nest of
 leaves in hollows the same as the gliders but has
 a much larger litter, usually around eight.
 John Broadhurst 5798 1626 0407 812 489



Sugar glider



Tuan or
 Phascogale



Squirrel glider

535 Art & Music with Altitude

PROGRAM

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th &
Sunday 10th April, 2011
Main Street Strathbogie

Friday 8th April

6pm Art Exhibition
(Official Opening 8pm)
"Toms Garage"
Main Street Strathbogie

Saturday 9th April

10am-5pm Art Exhibition

11am – 1pm "Writing your Life"
Workshop with Robyn Betts
at "Toms Garage"

1pm -2pm Music Workshop with
Paul Wookey, Strathbogie Church

3pm – 5pm Lino Cutting
workshop with Dana
Mosaic workshop
with Susie , "Toms Garage"

5pm – 8pm "open mike music session"
at the Strathbogie Hall

6pm "Love Letters" performed by
Tom Long and Rachael Maza Long
(Bookings essential) \$12.00 pp
Supper also available in addition to
Theatre tickets. \$15.00pp

In the Church Main Street Strathbogie

6.30pm – 7.30pm African Feast

8pm Dance "Afrobeat" African Beat
Band

Strathbogie Memorial Hall \$10.00 pp

Sunday 10th April

9am Wu Dao
Meditative Dance workshop

10am – 3pm Art Exhibition

10am Gospel Singing in the
Strathbogie Church
Grass Weaving Workshop

1pm "The Big Sing" Strathbogie
Memorial Hall

JOIN US,
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!!!

For more information, bookings and
artists or musicians who are interested
in participating phone Lisa 0488 1731
143 Robyn 57905 364 or
Annabelle 57905 277
Or email shenton.rlh@gmail.com

V.T. Community Op Shop Inc

We held a community meeting on
March 8. Thank you to all who at-
tended. Our new lease was discussed
& it was passed unanimously to renew
for three years.

Peranbin College will be presented
with a cheque to help with their Can-
berra Camp; a big thank you to all the
parents who have helped this month to
make this possible.

We had a very busy market day & our
Mad March sale is a big success so we
will be continuing our summer clear-
ance until the end of April, so come in
for some good bargains.

A big get well to all who have been on
the sick list.

We have bags of rags for sale, small
\$2, large \$5.

Our volunteer numbers are down due
to various reasons. We are always
looking for volunteers, be that for a
couple of hours or a full day. Please
contact Julie 0417 908 501 or Ronny
0417 160 770.

Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery Sunday 3rd April

When you change your clocks back for the end
of Daylight Saving, Victoria's fire services to-
gether with Duracell are urging all Victorian
residents to change their smoke alarm batteries
on Sunday, April 3.

MFB and CFA RECOMMEND YOU:

- Test your smoke alarms regularly by press-
ing the test button with a broom handle
- Vacuum your smoke alarms monthly to
clean the vents
- Replace the battery annually with a long-
lasting Duracell alkaline battery
- Install smoke alarms in positions that will
wake all occupants in the home and give
them time to evacuate. Eg: outside each
sleeping area with additional smoke alarms
installed inside bedrooms where doors are
closed at night and along evacuation routes
if bedrooms are located upstairs



Cooinda Group

Next meeting will be held
on Monday 18th April,
7.30pm in the Meeting
Room.

**Guest Speaker—Jo Bell,
Archaeologist**
**Topic—Local archae-
ology.**

New members or visitors
very welcome.

Enq Marg Block
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St Dunstons Hall Film Society

Monthly – third Friday
The Society's next screening is
Friday 15th April @ 7.30pm



“Cassablanca” – 1942

Set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of
WW2: An American expatriate meets a former
lover, with unforeseen complications....

Staring **Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman**
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Bring your own chair
New members invited

Details on notice boards around town
www.violettown.org.au/groupsclubs/film-society
Information: Lynn Parker ph 57981858

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERING IN VIOLET TOWN

National Volunteer Week, May 9 – 15

2011 is the 10th anniversary of the United
Nations International Year of Volunteers –
IYV+10. To celebrate this milestone, and to
also celebrate the great volunteering spirit
that is Violet Town, **the Community House
and Men's Shed are running a week of
special activities for volunteers**

The highlight of the week is a **Volunteers
BBQ at the Community House** – 6pm, Saturday, May 14 (Market Day) during
which **Certificates of Appreciation** will be presented to all VT volunteer groups.
There will also be a guest speaker, AND
**an extra-special award will be presented to the Violet Town Volunteer Group of
the Year**

Please contact Margaret at
mhvt3669@gmail.com or 5798 1885

to register your group so that it receives its certificate and is in the running for the
'Violet Town Volunteer Group of the Year Award'

Watch the May VV, posters and flyers around town, and the VT website for further de-
tails about National Volunteer Week activities and events at the VT Community House
& Men's Shed – 5798 1288

EVERYONE'S WELCOME – SEE YOU THERE!



UNITING CHURCH NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

First Sunday of the month at 11.15am a family
service with finger food lunch to share
Other Sundays at 9.30am
Strathbogie Service Time -
11.30am on 2nd & 4th Sundays

COMING EVENTS

Weekly Craft Fridays 1.00pm
except school holidays
Coffee Morning Wed. 6th April at
10.00am.
K.Y.B. Bible Studies Thursdays 8.00pm
for more information ask a Uniting
Church member.
Hymn – a – long 17th April
Hymns and Reflections start at 7.00pm

Social Afternoon
at The Uniting Church Hall
on Monday 9th May at 1.30pm
Guest Speaker -- All Welcome
Come and join us for Services +Social Events
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Violet Town Community Hose News

Office Hours:

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

Ph 57981288

April at the Community House:

April 2nd sees Youth Week kicked off at the Violet Town Skate Park (front page)

April 11th – 19th is the School Holiday program. Call into the office to pick up a program or email us requesting the program. Some of the fun includes: A Mosaic 2 day workshop suitable for all ages; Make your own Easter eggs; Easter Bonnet making; Children's Creative meditation workshop; and much more!

The Community House will be closed on Monday the 25th & Tuesday 26th of April for the Easter Holidays.

Regular Programs:

Zumba @ The Violet Town Community Complex every:

Sunday 4:30pm-5:30pm
Wednesday 10am-11am

Zumba @ The Strathbogie Memorial Hall every:

Sunday 6:15pm-7:00pm

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

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

Yoga in The Ranges: Three YOGA classes are currently being offered in Strathbogie at the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays 9:15 am start, Thursday's 6pm start & Friday's 6:30am start.

BYO Yoga mat & blanket, cost is \$5 per session.

Call 57981288 for more information.

Scrapbooking: Traditional scrapbooking

workshops held on a Wednesday next one is on the 13th of April.

Digital scrapbooking classes will be held fortnightly on a Saturday afternoon. Call for more information.

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 to you! \$5 per session.

Reiki & Homeopathy with Karen: Come and have your own private and confidential session with a 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.

Youth Group: Every Wednesday from 5pm – 6pm at the community house. 12 years and over.

Expressions of interest for:

- Starting school Term 2- Children's Creative Guided Meditation class suitable for children 3 years +. Day & Time to be confirmed
- Mosaic classes for adults
- Mosaic classes for children
- Music & Movement for children
- Chainsaw maintenance and operation course:

Course description: This program includes manual: The Course in Chainsaw operation (Level 1) provides instruction in the safe operation and maintenance of chainsaws. Topics covered during the program include: Safe use of chainsaws, The bush worker, the work site, Personal protective equipment, Occupational hazards of bush work, The Chainsaw, Chainsaw safety features,

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Sustainable House Tour

10am - 2pm Sunday 3rd April

- Visit 4 comfortable energy efficient houses in Violet Town and Strathbogie
- See how these houses are performing with the Autumn sun
- Enjoy a lunch of local produce, no cost

Meet at Violet Town Community Complex at 9.50am

For catering purposes pls RSVP to Robin 5798 1735 or Sue 5798 1435
The Violet Town Action Group EcoLiving Project is supported by the





Positive Parenting Program Parents and Carers of children aged 2 to 6

Venue: Violet Town and District Early Childhood Centre, Hyacinth St. Violet Town.

Starting Date: Monday 2nd May 2011

Time: 9.30am -11.30am

Total Cost: \$10.00 per person

(A limited number of child care places, if required, will be available at the venue)

Bookings are essential as places are limited. To book and for more information:

Contact: Jane Davey (Maternal and Child Health Nurse) at Strathbogie Shire. Tel: 58 95 0001

Brought to you by:
Strathbogie Shire MACH Service
Goulburn Valley Community Health Service
Hume Region Parent Education Service

Neighbourhood Watch Violet Town

At the Violet Town Market in Saturday 12 March 2011 which very large, a reminder to all motorists of "Lock Up or Lose IT" was distributed by us to some 250 motor vehicles.

We did notice that the majority of cars did not have any items on show.

We ask all residents to continue locking up when working in the garden or leaving your home.

We shall be having our next meeting on Tuesday 19th April at 71, Tulip Street, at 7-30 pm.

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

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Left to Right Lions Ray Novosel, Ken Byrne, Pat Storer, Stuart Outhred, Nick Palmer with Bea Anderson

The Violet Town Lions market BBQ "early shift" had the pleasure of presenting Violet Town stalwart Bea Anderson with a Lions Certificate of Appreciation Award. Bea through her op-shop has been a major sponsor to the Violet Town Lions Club in many of their projects and was the first to contribute to get the "Lions Quick Shears" shearing event off the ground. Bea's continuous support over the years has certainly been really appreciated by all members of the Violet Town Lions.

Easter at St Dunstons

Services each Sunday at 11.30am.

April 3rd 10th 17th 24th

17th 11.30am Palm Sunday

21st 6.00pm Maundy Thursday

22nd 7pm Good Friday Ecumenical

Service at St Dunstons

24th 11.30am Easter Sunday

25th Anzac Day RSL Dawn Service at Memorial

7th VTBNC Chapel 2.30pm Thurs



St Dunstons Hall Film Society

Friday 15th - 7.30pm

"Casablanca" 1942

BYO Chair- snack bar open.

New members invited.

Red Cross News

The Red Cross Calling March Tin Rattle was a great success with over \$2,000 raised. Thank you to our tin rattlers, and a big thank you to all who donated. What a great result for such a needy cause. WATCH OUT FOR BOGUS PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE SAYING THEY ARE COLLECTING FOR RED CROSS.

Dates to note—Casserole luncheon in June; AGM in July; Blume's Fashions in September—details in future Village Voices.

How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful & safe place & what a sad time people elsewhere are experiencing—floods, fires, cyclone, earthquakes—let's all hope that nothing further disastrous happens.



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Community House News continued.....

Starting procedure, Chainsaw control, Tools and equipment, Trimming, cross-cutting, ripping, Chainsaw maintenance – power head and guide bar, saw chain and drive sprocket, carburettor tuning.

- Autumn excess Produce preserving workshop with Robena Binks: A fantastic workshop to bring all your excess fruit & veg and learn how to turn it into Jams, pickles, chutneys and more....Call for more information.
- First Aid Level 2
- Supervisors Food Handling Certificate
- Learn how to Massage- Certificate courses available
- Register interest now for a Family Fun Day to Mt Buller! when the snow season starts.

So much happening in April and May is going to be just as busy!

Australia Day 2011

I have recently received a letter from our Shire congratulating our effort to celebrate Australia Day.

It has grown from when we first began celebrating the day. However without the help of the Lions cooking the breakfast, the ladies in the kitchen & so many helpers setting up tables & chairs outside, it wouldn't be such a successful event.

The Euroa Band and now our own Stringbusters were appreciated for their music. Once again the weather was kind to us & an enjoyable morning was there to be had by all.

Many thanks
Dot Rae

Benalla Rural City Environment Strategy to be developed

Benalla Rural City's environmental management activities will be a topic of discussion this year as Council develops an Environment Strategy.

Funded by the D.S.E. the strategy will address key environment issues, outline a long term approach to environmental management for Council and will include a number of activities to be carried out over the next five years.

Consultation on the strategy will start in April with the release of a discussion paper identifying key environmental issues in the Benalla Rural City. The discussion paper will include results from an on-line survey currently being undertaken on Benalla Rural City environmental issues.

To complete the survey, visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au and click on the link under "Latest News".

For further information, contact Sustainability and Waste Management Officer Verita Stewart on 5760 2600 or email

verita.stewart@benalla.vic.gov.au





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The Honeysuckle Festival October 9th, 2011

Art and Photography Exhibition

'Our Creek'

How do you relate to the Honeysuckle Creek? What do you see? What do you feel? What are its moods, its gifts, its dangers? What part does it play in your life?

Exhibition Entry Form

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. (BH) _____ (AH) _____

Email _____

Title of art or photographic work _____

Brief description of **style** (eg textiles, sculpture, unframed photograph) and **size** of art work

Is this art work or photographic work for sale? Yes No

If Yes, what price is set for it? _____

A 10% commission will go to the HREP committee as organizers of this exhibition, the HREP committee.

I have read, understood and agree to abide by, the Conditions of Entry for the Honeysuckle Art & Photography Exhibition

Signature _____ Date _____

Conditions of entry

- The purpose of this exhibition is to provide an opportunity for us to express, in an artistic way, our enjoyment of the Honeysuckle Creek and the part it plays in our daily lives.
- All standards and types of entries are invited to participate in the exhibition. Our aim is to share ideas and impressions. The exhibition is not a competition. However there is scope for those interested in achieving high standards. Awards of Commendation will be presented to those art and photographic works deemed by the judges to excel in the categories of :
 - technical qualities - composition - representation of the theme
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- Submitted works should be delivered to the Violet Town Community Complex by arrangement with Sue Paton (57981435) and must be received no later than 6pm Friday October 7th, 2011
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form signed and dated by the artist.
- If possible art and photography works should be presented ready for hanging or exhibiting, but materials will be available to provide temporary mounts and hanging for unframed work.
- Entries may be made available for sale if the artist chooses with a 10% commission going to the organizers of the exhibition, the HREP committee.
- Payment of sales must be completed within 7 days of the close of the exhibition unless otherwise arranged with the organisers.
- At the completion of the exhibition all art and photography works will be available for collection. Any uncollected works will be held at the Community Complex and must be collected from there within 7 days unless otherwise arranged. Please contact Sue Paton 57981435 to arrange a time to do this. No responsibility will be taken for uncollected entries.
- Unclaimed entries as of October 16th will become the property of the Honeysuckle Festival organisers for disposal at their discretion.
- The Honeysuckle Festival reserves the right to use photographs and allow media to take photographs of any works in the exhibition, for publicity and archival purposes. The signed entry form is evidence of the artist's consent.
- Insurance of art and photography work is the responsibility of the artist. The Honeysuckle festival organisers accept no liability for loss or damage either in the course of transit or while entries are in the custody of the Honeysuckle Festival. However all care will be taken with submitted entries.

