

Welcome to the summer edition of Goldfields Getaway

The summer Getaway is packed full of ideas to make the most of your time in the goldfields as we enjoy warmer days and balmy nights.

Whether it's exploring galleries, trying your hand at prospecting, hunting for treasure in speciality shops, a market stall or exploring the goldrush history of the region, we bring you great ideas to make the most of your trip.

One of the first places to visit is the newly-renovated, state-of-the-art Visitor Centre at the iconic Maryborough Railway Station. Immerse yourself in the story of gold and how it has impacted this region.

Held on New Year's Day, The Highland Gathering is one of the most anticipated events on the goldfield's calendar. Including the Pipe Band parade in the main street, traditional games and ending with spectacular evening fireworks, it is an event not to be missed.

With increasing numbers of visitors bringing their dogs along for a visit, we have put together a handy guide of travel tips and places to go with your four-legged friend.

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Thank you to everyone who entered our competitions in the spring edition.

Congratulations to Trish Ipsen from Bowenvale who won the prize pack full of goodies from newsXpress Maryborough.

Congratulations also to Tamara Boyd from Minmindie who found the hidden gold nugget on page 20 (above the popcorn for those still looking!).

Turn to page 54 for the newsXpress entry form and page 57 to enter the Spot the Nugget competition.

ON THE COVER

Puppy Playtime

Otis the cavoodle puppy was snapped mid-frolic while exploring the bush at Eddington. Owner Ali, whose parents run a local pet-friendly B&B, said she had noticed an increase in people bringing their dogs along for a break.

"Otis has grown up playing with dogs of all shapes and sizes that are here on holidays with their owners," she said.

"Today, dogs are part of the family. Many people wouldn't dream of going on holiday without them."

The image was taken on an iPhone 12 pro.





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Happy Hogmanay

ORIGINALLY formed by Scottish squatters and businessmen in an attempt to recreate the New Year celebrations of their native home, the Maryborough Highland Gathering has kicked off the new year in style for more than 150 years.

The Gathering attracts people from all across the country - athletes, dancers, musicians, and those who just want to soak up the incredible atmosphere of piped bands and traditional Scottish culture.

The program has something for

everyone. A piped band street parade, all-day athletics, highland dancing on two stages all day, Highland games and traditional strongmen event.

There's plenty to keep the kids entertained too, with games, sideshows and rides happening throughout the day.



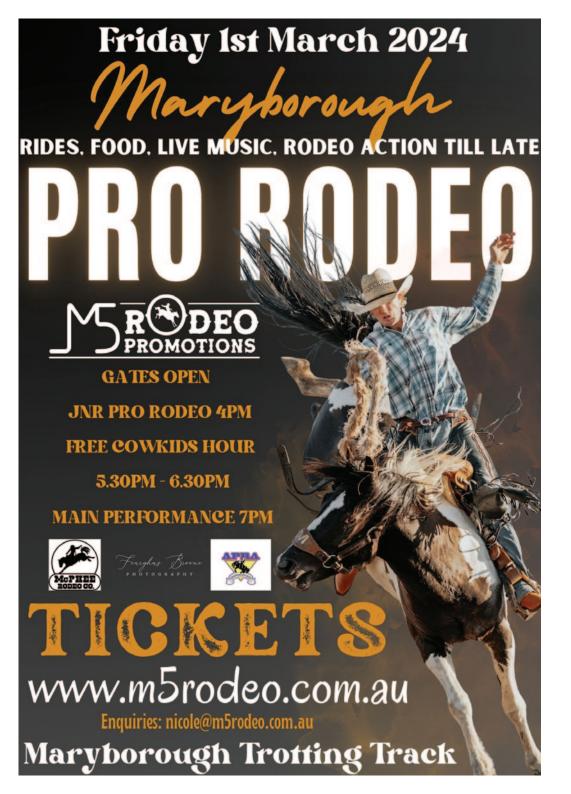
The day concludes with a free evening concert and fireworks display - a great way to celebrate the new year.

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The rodeo comes to town

THE Maryborough Harness Racing Club will play host to horses of a different kind when the M5Rodeo comes to the Carisbrook track in March.

Locals and visitors will get the chance to watch the finest cowboys/girls in action as they compete in roping events, barrel racing, bull riding and saddle bronc with some of Australia's best bucking stock on the circuit which is supplied by Garry McPhee.

Nicole McDonald's family has been involved in rodeos for more than 50 years. She said it is important that the family-run business (her children are third-generation riders) provides family-friendly entertainment – they want the general public to have an insight into their lifestyle.

"Our events are all about families; parents with young kids who want to let their hair down for the day," Nicole said.

"The gates open at 4 o'clock and we run a full junior program where they come in and see all of our kids competing. Then we have Free Cow-Kids Hour for them to have a swing of the ropes and jump on the bucking dummies. We can answer any questions they have, there is free face-painting and a free photo booth where kids can get a photo with 'NoiseyBoy,' one of our pick-up horses which they will get to watch in action throughout the night. We want to make it an affordable day out for families."

As well as live music throughout the evening, budding cowboys and girls can try their luck on the mechanical bull. As Nicole explained, while locals can compete on live animals, it is not a sport for amateurs.



cole and Gene McDonald with their cow-kids
(L-R) Slater, Carter and Lawson.

"Rodeo today has really moved into a professional sport which we take pride in," she said.

"People who travel the circuit practice every day for their events. Like anything, it costs a lot of money to be involved so people take it seriously.

"If local people want to compete, they should contact us and we can put them in touch with somebody close by who is involved in the sport so they can get an idea on what to expect before they turn up."

The rodeo events have become so popular that scammers have been selling fake tickets to the events. Nicole encourages people to only purchase tickets at the gate on the day or online at: www.m5rodeo.com.au

Destination bookshop

MARYBOROUGH'S Lions Club Bookshop, set in the main street of Maryborough, has become something of a drawcard for visitors to the area.

With its vast range of books, friendly, knowledgeable staff and central location, it is often the first port of call for tourists visiting the goldfields.

Lorraine Parker heads up the team of volunteers at the shop. She said staff are always keen to help shoppers, whether their query is about finding a new book to read or the best place to buy a cup of coffee.

"As well as our regular locals, we have many customers from around the state, interstate and overseas," Lorraine said.

"Our volunteers are a happy, welcoming group from the community who enjoy providing information about our region."

In the 10 years the shop has been operating, Lorraine said they have had thousands of books on their shelves. It has gained a reputation among readers, with everything from

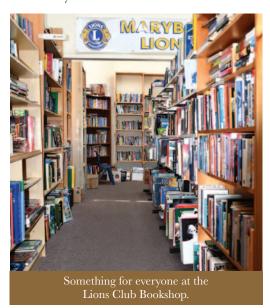
classics, crime, novels, autobiographies, history, gardening, children's, health, sport, craft, cookery, and theology, as well as DVDs, CDs, vinyl records and stamps.

"If customers are searching for a specific book our staff will do their utmost to find it for them;



they are encouraged to leave their name and contact number just in case a copy of what they want comes in later," Lorraine said.

Books are displayed in category and alphabetical order of authors, and the store is wheelchair accessible. All funds raised in the shop are distributed back into the local community.





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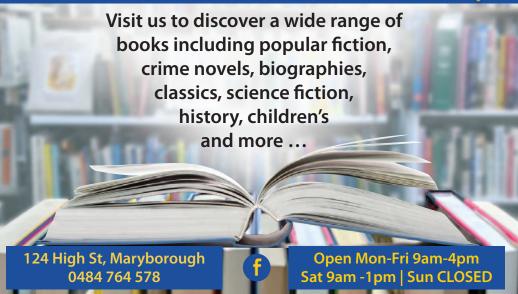
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Living history

THE historic Worsley Cottage has undergone extensive renovation work throughout 2023, and will be open again to the public in February 2024.

Originally built in 1894 by Arthur Worsley as a family home, the stone building included the two front rooms and a kitchen at the rear of the house.

Arthur was one of the

contractors for Maryborough's Main Drain and the stone was quarried locally. Another two rooms were added in the early years of the 20th century.

Arthur and his wife Agnes raised their family in the cottage, which was eventually sold in the 1930s and was home to a number of families before being purchased by the Midlands Historical Society in 1976 to use as their



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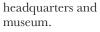
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Historical Society president Barb Nielsen said they are looking forward to welcoming visitors back to the cottage once volunteers have conserved and returned the furniture, objects and art work, as well as re-established the cottage gardens that were

damaged throughout the renovation.

Elsie and Fred Worsley 1903

"Although the Cottage itself will remain closed until 2024, our Society volunteers have returned to work in the Research and Display Centre at the rear of the property at 3 Palmerston Street," Barb said. "Visitors will be welcome at the usual times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12 midday and Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm."



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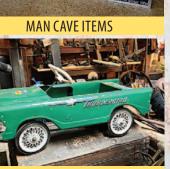
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Coffee and memories

RUSTORATION, Jenni Whittle's shop in Maryborough's High Street, reflects her passions — supporting her community and giving beautiful, once loved furniture, artwork and bric-a-brac a new lease of life.

"I love getting things out of landfill and not throwing stuff out," Jenni said.

"My philosophy is upcycled, recycled, vintage and collectables. People

coming into my shop can expect anything older and random. I have everything from old tables that have been sandblasted back and repainted, to re-purposed suitcases made into dog beds on legs."

With fond childhood memories of spending time at her uncles' farm in Maldon, Jenni reminisces on a time when life was simpler and things were made to last.



"Today is a throw-away world," Jenni said.

"It's cheaper to throw out a washing machine or TV than repair it. As kids we made do with what we had."

This philosophy is reflected in Jenni's shop, which also sells works by local artists made from upcycled metal work and timber. As well as bringing 'junk' back to life, it supports local artists as they work to rekindle the value of oncetreasured items.

Jenni is excited that the

next stage of her store will be open for summer, with an outdoor garden/seating area and coffee available.

"I see the shop as a 'hub' for people, whether they want to sell their art, buy something special or just drop in for a cuppa and a chat," she said.

"I love supporting people and I'm a true believer in what you put out you get back."



Shop local this Christmas

WHILE you are in Maryborough, why not do a spot of Christmas shopping? By shopping local, not only do you support local businesses, you might just win shopping or store vouchers to help you through the silly season.

From plants to perfume, clothes to car accessories – with more than 60 stores participating, there is a vast range of goods and services to choose from.

Be on the lookout for *The Addy's* Christmas promotion posters, fill in an entry form in store and you will go in the draw for your chance to win.





Boutique shopping

WHILE you are visiting the area, take time to explore Maryborough's retail precinct.

The magnificent architecture of the gold-rush era is home to many contemporary stores.

An easy stroll will take you past an eclectic array of shops selling

everything from fashion to footwear, vintage and antique wares, music paraphernalia, homewares, camping gear and unique gift ideas.

The beautiful Phillips Gardens, with its



established trees and ornamental lake, is centrally located in town and offers a welcome respite from the summer heat.

Or pop into the Bull and Mouth for a bite to eat, a cuppa or a glass of wine.



Visitor centre staff (L-R) Andrea Maffescioni, Lee Duffin and Sally Barby.

Welcome to the Central Goldfields Visitor Centre

MIDWAY between Ballarat and Bendigo, Maryborough is right in the centre of the famous golden triangle.

The historic Maryborough Railway Station has recently been transformed into a unique tourism hub for visitors and the community and now offers a state-of-the-art Visitors Centre presenting all the central goldfields has to offer.

Tourism officer Lee Duffin said the staff have been thrilled with the reception from the public.

"Feedback from our visitors is overwhelmingly positive, they especially love the new theatrette and animation of the Welcome Stranger story," Lee said.

"Visitors love the space in the historic Station. The location of the Visitors Centre right next door to the beautiful Station café really is a marriage made in heaven for visitors and locals alike."



Step into history as you plan your goldfields getaway. Set in the iconic Maryborough Railway Station, the contemporary Visitor Centre brings the story of gold alive through fun and interactive experiences for all. Whether you are here for a day or a few weeks, our friendly staff will help you make the most of your visit, with great ideas on where to shop, eat, stay and play.

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The Centre's newly opened theatrette allows visitors to immerse themselves in the story of the discovery of the Welcome Stranger, the famous gold nugget found in Bulldog Gully near Dunolly in 1869.

Visitors can gain new insights into the impact of the resulting gold rush on the lives, culture and Country of our area's Traditional Owners – the Dja Dja Wurrung. The Worth its Weight in Gold installation, invites visitors to



place items on the scales to find out their worth in today's gold prices.

The retail space features souvenir and gift ideas from a range of local producers and artisans, and the friendly Visitor Centre staff love to share information, advice and their own experiences with visitors.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Cr Leisbeth Long said the Visitor Centre was the ideal place for tourists to start their journey of adventure in the goldfields.

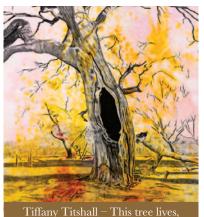
"Maryborough proudly welcomes its many visitors from across Victoria as well as from interstate and overseas. They are always awestruck by the historic Maryborough Railway Station along with other remarkable heritage buildings from the area's wealthy goldrush history," she said.

"There are markets, cool cafes that serve up sensational coffee, many fine restaurants to satisfy every taste, nature and gold prospecting opportunities across our wonderful shire. We invite you to come and chat with our friendly and informative team at the Visitors Centre for must-see sites if you only have a few days or simply take your time and experience some of the undiscovered riches for yourself at leisure."

Summer at the Gallery

FAMILIES can enjoy the cool climate of the gallery on a hot summer day with free hands-on art activities for children as well as many artworks to discover.

Two of the exhibitions on over summer are: *Echo in the Hollow* – new drawings by Tiffany Titshall – and *LOVE*.



2023, acrylic, ink, pencil and

A local artist from Majorca, Tiffany's drawings are inspired by the biyal, the Dja Dja Wurrung word for River Red Gums.

range of artwork that explores the

LOVE is a diverse LOVE GRAPHIC HEART multiplicity of love through visual arts.

The LOVE exhibition also includes some of Wal Richards' wedding photos from the Maryborough Midlands Historical Society's collection.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is in the Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough. The Gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm, and entry is free.



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Left: Wal Richards, photographic print, wedding photo circa 1950-60s.



New drawings by Tiffany Titshall.

Left: Tiffany Titshall, Drowned Lands (detail), 2021 acrylic, ink and charcoal on paper.













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General manager, Jackson Barby (pictured), hopes to build on the success of the recent racing season, with increased prize money, fashion on the field and a sold-out dinner dance.

"We've developed a strategic plan which is a bold and progressive vision for the next three years at the club. Included in that are some initiatives which we're hoping attracts different audiences," he said.

While harness racing will remain the core focus, with its spacious function rooms, fully equipped kitchen and bar facilities, the club is able to cater for other events, such as the upcoming rodeo, Chopped, Weekend with Hooks or private events such as weddings and birthdays.









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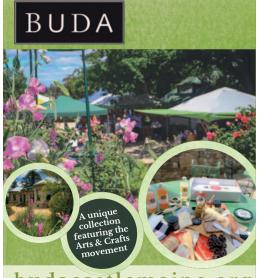
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Djaa Djuwima means to 'show, share Country' in Dia Dja Wurrung language.

Djaa Djuwima, Bendigo Visitor Centre 51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo Open daily from 9am to 5pm (except Christmas day)

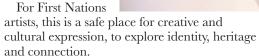






Sharing country

DJAA Djuwima – meaning 'to show, share Country' in Dja Dja Wurrung language – is a dedicated and permanent First Nations Gallery at the Bendigo Visitor Centre on Pall Mall in the former Post Office Gallery space.



Past exhibitions include, Gurangarr Dja Dja Wurrung Djayi ('you are on/in Dja Dja Wurrung Country') and Listening to Our Elders.

The current exhibition, *Strength in Stories: This is what we do* is a celebration of the artistic talents of First Nations Men, Brotherboys, and Youth via various mediums including wood carving and building, painting, body



adornment and digital art.

This exhibition features artists: Alvin Briggs, Bill Whitbread, Justin Sampi, Mick Harding, Stephen Korp, Simon Briggs, Paul Chapman, Tylajae Chavat, Nathan Phillips and Arcade Miller.

Strength in Stories: This is what we do is open daily until Monday, January 22 (except Christmas Day).

This space is owned and operated by the City of Greater Bendigo and exhibitions are curated by the Arts Officer First Nations who is supported by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and Elders through the Wartaka group ('meeting with purpose').

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The Dunolly Museum

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THE team at Whisky Iune continue to offer locals and visitors to the region the best in luxury with a touch of decadence in the goldfields.

Both of Whisky June's accommodation options – Gilbert and his slightly-naughty sister Ruby - have proved a hit with guests. Centrally located, the homes invite guests to experience the glamour and decadence of the gold rush days in

contemporary style. Just a short walk from both homes is Whisky June's Station Cafe. The cafe has quickly cemented its reputation as a destination restaurant, with breakfast, lunch and dinner (on Friday and Saturday nights), as well as special pop-up live-music events throughout the month.

Whisky June's dining offering has moved up another notch with the opening of the grand Chandlier Room. The luxurious private dining

room in the former Station Master Lounge offers exclusive dining for up to 25 guests with various menu options from head chef Chris MacGregor.

On select Sunday afternoons high tea is served, including delicious house made pastries, petits-fours and sandwiches, as well as a selection of teas served in elegant gold teapots and a glass of bubbles.

Keep an eye on the Whisky June website

for the Chandelier Room's Degustation Dining dates. The Saturday evening dining experience includes a multiple-course, specially curated culinary journey featuring local produce and suppliers, with optional matching wines.



High Tea



Chandelier Room

The Station Café platform is popular with dog owners



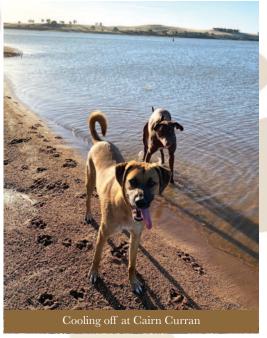
Travelling with your dog

IT is estimated that 20 percent of travellers include their dog in their holiday plans.

Many venues throughout the goldfields welcome well-mannered pups (and their owners). If planning to travel to the region with your four-legged best friend, do a little research beforehand to ensure your trip is smooth sailing.

The RSPCA have put together a handy guide for travelling with pets. Some tips include:

- Take your dog to the vet for a health checkup and update immunisations and treatments. Book them in for a professional grooming session.
- Pack a suitcase for your pet, including a leash, toys, food, medications, treats, water, and bedding.
- Always carry extra bottles of water to keep your pet hydrated.
- Bring treats with you to keep your pet satisfied and distracted.
- Pack your pet's favourite toy as it will help them to relax.
- Never leave your pet unattended in the car.





Dog walking in the goldfields

One of the joys of owning a dog is regular walks around the local area. In the central goldfields we are lucky to have many beautiful walking options for you and your pooch. Following are just a few places to explore:

Lake Victoria

The walking track at popular Princes Park meanders around the scenic lake. It is an easy 1.3-kilometre circuit.

The Goldfields Reservoir

Wander through 1.7 kilometres of stunning wattle, box-ironbark and surrounding forest. This tranquil walk showcases birdlife and animals in their natural habitat. Dogs (on lead) are welcome to join their owners on the Saturday morning Goldfields Reservoir parkrun.

Maryborough off-leash dog park

The five-acre park is located between Jack Pascoe Reserve and Maryborough Netball Association courts in Carrick Street in Maryborough.

Maryborough Velodrome

Popular with locals, the town's unofficial dog park can be found just outside of Maryborough on the Avoca Road. Be aware of snakes throughout the warmer months and please clean up after your pooch with the bags provided.

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Travelling with your dog

State Forests*

The State of Victoria Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning states: "Dogs are allowed in state forest but must be under direct control at all times and are expected to be on a leash in picnic and camping areas or when near other visitors."

If walking your dog off-lead in the surrounding bush, please be aware of their impact on the native wildlife. Also be aware of dangers to your dog, such as hidden mineshafts and snakes. Take extra care on windy days; forests are closed on Code Red Fire Danger Rating days.

The central goldfields region can get extremely hot during summer. Please don't walk your dog in the middle of the day and, if walking on roads and footpaths, check the temperature with the back of your hand. If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your dog.

*Dogs are not permitted in Paddy's Ranges State Park





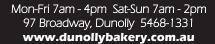
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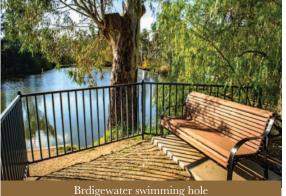
Keep cool in Loddon

WITH endless blue skies and golden horizons, summer is the perfect time to experience the remarkable landscape and waterways of the Loddon Valley.

In central Loddon, Kooyoora State Park is popular for day trips, overnight camps or extended

stays in the popular camping ground. Often referred to as Melville caves, this iconic park has significant history to First Nations people and is referred to as the 'Mountain of Light'.

Boort in the north of the Loddon region continues to grow as a popular family destination throughout summer. Take to the water via canoe or kayak to explore the natural



beauty of the region. Boort Lakes Holiday Park offers canoe and kayak hire for paddling on picturesque Little Lake Boort and surrounding waterways of the region, including Serpentine Creek.

Situated on the banks of the Loddon River, the beautiful

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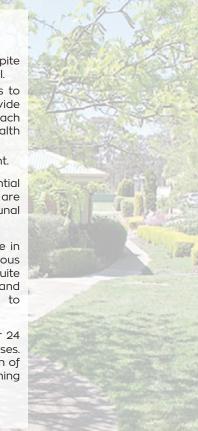
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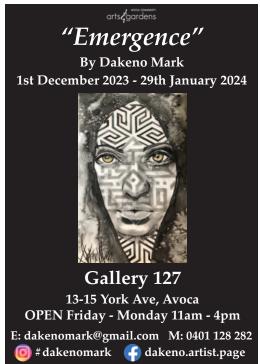


JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Group exhibition of Pyrenees Artists

COMING UP

- Brendan Cooper
- Kate Blood and friends -Textile art
- Pyrenees Sculpture Prize -Stay tuned, entries opening soon





Explore goldfields galleries

THROUGHOUT December and January, **Gallery 127** at the Avoca Railway Sation will exhibit the work of Dakeno Mark.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, the Melbourne-based visionary artist and poet has called Australia home since 1983.

Dakeno primarily works in watercolour, pastel, charcoal and graphite and subjects include the nude, portraiture, visionary art, still life, design and works inspired by nature and design.



Keep an eye on the gallery's social media for details of the Makers' Market coming up in February. And artists and the public can plan ahead for the Anzac weekend, when Gallery 127 holds its annual art show and sale.

Art Trax in Beaufort (also at the old railway station), has a busy summer coming up with an exhibition of Pyrenees Artists as well as works by Brendan Cooper, textile art from Kate Blood and friends and the upcoming Pyrenees Sculpture Prize.





Set among tranquil bush and sculptured gardens, **Possum Gully Studio** in Adelaide Lead is the ideal gallery for visitors to relax and unwind during summer. Sculpture, painting, ceramics and prints from a range of artists is on display and available for sale.

Another beautiful railway station that has been repurposed as a gallery can be found in of St Arnaud – a town famed for its public murals.

Throughout the next few months the **Raillery Gallery** will be featuring a range of artists such as Dianne Davies, Barb Fordham, Carol Holl, Sharron Hollis, Di Huggins, Prue McKechnie, Rod Orr and Carol Woodhams.



Festival of the future

THE Bendigo Sustainability Festival is celebrating their 10th festival on Sunday, March 17 2024 from 10am to 3.30pm at the Garden for the Future, White Hills, Bendigo.

Special guest, Craig Reucassel, is best known for his work with The Chaser and for going

through your bins on ABC's The War on Waste. After hosting three award-winning documentaries he is a passionate advocate for sustainable outcomes.

Visitors to the festival can browse over 50 stalls selling everything from garden tools to recycled and sustainable products. Meet community groups such as Landcare,



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DATES: Selected Saturdays in January & February. LOCATION: Mrs Baker's Still House, 606 Elmhurst-Glenpatrick Rd, Elmhurst VIC. **BOOKING:** Online via Eventbrite (scan QR code in advert) or visit our Website.

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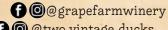


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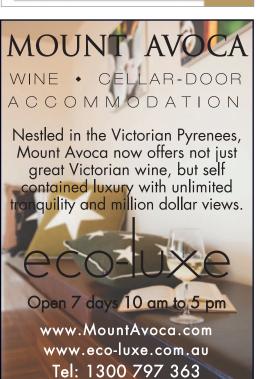


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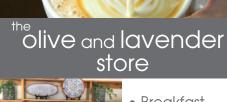




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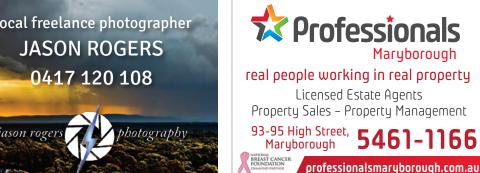
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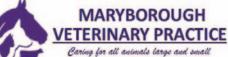


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