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Welcome to the autumn 2023 Goldfields Getaway

AUTUMN is here and it's time to think about cooler days, the changing colours of leaves and grape vines and the best places to discover in the central goldfields.

A huge thank you to the incredible volunteers and business owners who work so hard behind the scenes to showcase the best the region has to offer, only to have the events cancelled at the last minute, whether through pandemics or floods! So, in this edition, we are thrilled to bring news of festivals and events that are back on the calendar after the disruptions of the past few years.

Our feature this autumn looks at the work of the many creative textile makers who call the goldfields home. From our woolly cover girls to the incredible textile art on display throughout the region, we celebrate the skill of these talented individuals.

Whatever your interest – cars, carnivals or quilting – we hope you enjoy your getaway in the goldfields.

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Thank you to everyone who entered our summer competition. Congratulations to Margaret Flowers, who found the gold nugget on Page 9. Margaret won a \$50 voucher for Railway Café & Tracks Bar.

Congratulations also to Rose Lacey, who won a Travellers Pack from Maryborough's newsXpress.

Find our autumn Spot the Nugget competition on Page 62.

ON THE COVER:

Talbot, Central Goldfields. Bringing the girls in for shearing at about 6.45-7am this morning – Sarah Byrne

When Sarah is not working as a solicitor at her Maryborough practice, she is busy helping manage her sheep farm with partner, Beau, where together they run more than 1000 head of merinos as well as a small South Down stud. Throughout the year the farm produces wool as well as fat lambs bred exclusively from the stud's South Down rams, so there is not a lot of relaxing time. But when there is, Sarah can always be found with her camera enjoying what she enjoys the most... photography.



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Booktown in March

CLUNES Booktown Festival returns to the historic township a few months earlier this year, on the last weekend of March (Saturday 25 and Sunday 26).

Kadir Hussein is chair of Creative Clunes, which organises the event. Kadir said the change of date will take advantage of the autumn weather

"We are thrilled to be bringing Booktown to a warmer Clunes climate so that we can all enjoy our love of printed publications, books and the highly sought-after collectable editions." Kadir said.

An extended program highlights storytelling through books, film, music, theatre, songwriting, photography and other visual arts.

The festival will continue to celebrate every aspect of the book – not just writing and reading but making, illustrating, publishing, retailing, and sharing. As well as books on display and for sale, the weekend will feature conversations with writers and storytellers,



renowned authors, poets and wordsmiths.

New to Booktown is an evening of live music in the old Central Garage from Kee'ahn, The Idiomatics, The Footscray Gypsy Orchestra and a David Bridie album launch to cap it off.

Surrounding the talks, workshops and book signings will be live entertainment, street performers, plenty of activities for families and kids, as well as food and beverages from local providores and producers.



The Perfect Destination for all Things Pretty, Pink & Sweet



The Bendigo Sustainability Festival

THE Bendigo Sustainability Festival is on again on March 26.

As well as more than 40 stall holders, special guest Sophie Thomson (pictured), from ABC's Gardening Australia, will share her passion for sustainable gardening. Through her writing, TV appearances and as a sought-after guest speaker, Sophie has inspired people throughout Australia to venture

outside and try their hand at gardening. "I believe gardening provides some of the solutions to life's challenges," Sophie said.

"It reduces stress, teaches us resilience, care of our environment and gives us great pleasure and rewards when we see what we can achieve through our endeavours."

Sophie will be joined by Natalie Isaacs, founder and CEO of 1 Million Women, one of

Australia's largest networks acting on climate change.

Meet community groups as Landcare Field Naturalia

Meet community groups such as Landcare, Field Naturalists, Zonta and the CWA. RACV Solar will answer all of your questions about solar energy. Enjoy music from Grim Fawkner and the Gorgeous Voices choir, get some yummy treats from the Gelato Bike, Konjo Mama or a simple snag from Rotary and free water from festival sponsor

Coliban Water.

Visitors to the festival can browse stalls selling everything from garden tools to recycled and sustainable products. Many exhibitors are sole producers who make colourful and innovative products with interesting stories to tell.

Come along and enjoy a day out while enjoying the benefits of sustainability.



Contact Heather for details 0427 492 082



WildHomes

Take the Tiny Towns Trail this Anzac weekend

NOW in its seventh year, this eclectic weekend of art, food and fun has grown from a small local arts trail to an incredible adventure that winds its way through more than 10 historic towns and spans five shires across the Central Victorian Goldfields.

Every year, over three extraordinary days on the Anzac long weekend, regional Victorian towns come to life as artists open their studios, galleries throw open their doors, and pop-up exhibitions take over local spaces.

With new artists coming on board and others moving away, no two trails are ever the same. Even seasoned Arts Trail visitors will find something new. But one thing remains the same: the wonderful diversity of creative expression on show!

Stretching over 240 km, the spirit of the trail is one of discovery and the journey between towns is part of the whole experience. Cruise along ribbons of asphalt edged by golden farmland, wind your way through ironbark forests and emerge into historic streets lined with gold-rush architecture.

The Tiny Towns Art Trail is a smorgasbord of creativity and a wonderful excuse to explore the lesser-known corners of the Central Goldfields. Autumn is the perfect time to visit too, as the heat of summer has given way to cooler weather.

This year participating towns include Newstead, Clunes, Talbot, Maryborough, TAY TOWNS

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Adelaide Lead, Avoca, Dunolly, Tarnagulla, Laanecoorie, Eddington, Bealiba and St Arnaud.

Make sure you drop into the trail's hub at Puzzleflat Art Gallery in Dunolly to vote for your favourite artwork in the annual Tiny Towns Arts Trail Art Prize.

Book a picnic box from Squirrel Gully



Saffron Farm at squirrelgullysaffron.com.au to take with you as you wind your way around the trail.

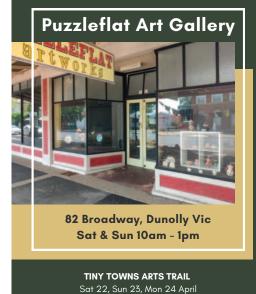
If you want to really immerse yourself in the region there's plenty of places to stay, including motels, caravan parks and free camping along the way.

For more information and to plan your journey go to the Tiny Towns Arts Trail website www.tinytownsartstrail.com.au

Follow Tiny Towns Arts Trail on Instagram and Facebook.

Tiny Towns Arts Trail 2023 gratefully acknowledges the support from the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund and Regional Arts Australia, which provides funding to the arts in regional and remote Australia.





Sat 22, Sun 23, Mon 24 April 10am – 4pm Venue for the TINY TOWNS ARTS PRIZE Vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award



Visit the Gallery – changing exhibitions

Gallery 127 is located at the heritage-listed Avoca Railway Station. We present an inspiring range of changing exhibitions showcasing local and regional artists. View local history displays, participate in workshops and wander our community plant nursery.

Silo Art – surprises after dark

Experience our silo art feature, the Barking Owl – native to the Pyrenees region. Visit the silo after dark for a special surprise plus interactive play.

Find out what's on and when



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Ladder to the Stars: Dean Bowen Sculptures

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Immortals – Clayton Tremlett 27 April–11June

A portrait study of Digger Memorials in the state of Victoria by Central Victorian artist Clayton Tremlett. *Far left:* Dean Bowen, Ladder to the Stars, 2020, bronze unique cast. 46.5 x 47 x 10.5cm. © Dean Bowen.

Left: Clayton Tremlett, Maryborough (from *Immortals* series), print, © Clayton Tremlett.

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CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS ART GALLERY

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Central Goldfields Gallery open

THE transformation of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery has been revealed with the gallery now open for both community and visitors to enjoy.

The Victorian government, together with council, invested \$2 million to the upgrade which has seen one of the shire's most significant assets refurbished and extended.

Project architect Nervegna Reed have successfully merged

the historic elements of a 19th century fire station with the contemporary standards for presentation of visual art to deliver an inspiring modern public gallery.

Providing multiple opportunities to engage, even before stepping inside, the building now opens its arms wide and encourages interaction and dialogue with visitors and community.

Framing views to an Indigenous Interpretive Garden (to be delivered as part of stage 2 and 3 of the project in 2024) that will reference locally significant cultural sites and traditional fire practices, the space is anchored to its environment. From the inside, there are further opportunities to look up and out, with the result that it is expansive and optimistic.

The gallery is now open with the first headline exhibition of its 2023 program – *Ladder to the Stars: Dean Bowen Sculptures* – as well as the annual Community Art exhibition.

Central Goldfields Shire mayor Grace La Vella said council was looking forward to welcoming both locals and visitors through the doors to see the newly developed gallery.

"Thanks to Victorian government funding, our gallery now has new opportunities to present a greater variety of leading artists and exhibitions in a 'state of the art' galleria for the



community, the wider region," she said.

"The gallery is yet another quality attractor for our proposed suite of tourism highpoints in Central Goldfields Shire".

Central Goldfields Art Gallery coordinator Helen Kaptein said the redeveloped gallery is a space we can all be proud of.

"We're delighted to have re-opened with the Ladder to the Stars: Dean Bowen Sculptures exhibition. Dean Bowen was born in Maryborough and is now a renowned artist both nationally and internationally.

"The exhibition explores human potential and growth. It comprises 35 sculptures grouped around themes of animals, young people, hope and possibility – which makes this an extremely fitting exhibition through which to launch the redeveloped gallery.

"Visitors are encouraged to enjoy and explore the redeveloped gallery and view artworks from the gallery's permanent collection in a stunning new space along with a celebration of local creativity showcased in the popular, annual Community Art exhibition."

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays from 10am to 4pm commencing on Saturday 4 March. Entry is free and all are welcome.

Destination Bull and Mouth

RATHER than just a place to stay while exploring the area, the Bull and Mouth Hotel in the heart of Maryborough is fast becoming a destination point of its own.

With old-world luxury accommodation, a contemporary restaurant/cafe and the recent addition of a sophisticated wine and cocktail bar, proprietors Jo and Mick Reid offer guests the opportunity to step back in time without forgoing modern convenience.

The unique experience starts the minute guests arrive. The external grandeur of the building is notable in the streetscape of Maryborough. The Bull and Mouth Hotel is architecturally significant as an exceptionally fine early-20th century building, an outstanding example of the Edwardian Baroque style, which was widely adopted for public buildings in the early 20th century, but not common in country Victoria.

As guests check in, a sweeping staircase leads to opulent accommodation that includes 12



rooms offering from king single to deluxe king, with each room individually styled. No two rooms are the same, some offer a balcony with a city or street views.

Guests can enjoy a complementary continental breakfast, or head down to the

fully-licensed cafe/restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch from Sunday to Wednesday and breakfast, lunch and dinner Thursday to Saturday.

The extensive menu includes tried and tested favourites as well as specials. Diners can choose from a hearty breakfast, light lunch or evening fine dining. And for those who need a snack throughout the day, try one of their delicious cakes or pastries.

The wine and cocktail bar is the ideal complement to the Reid's successful





accommodation and restaurant business, all run from the same iconic building.

Jo said the bar has been really popular with locals and visitors.

"We felt the hotel really needed a nice bar where people can sit, enjoy a drink and relax," she said.

"It is something a bit different in the town. People are popping in for pre-dinner drinks, catching up with friends and after-work gatherings. We can also cater for functions."

As well as the standard drinks, the cocktail bar offers local wines, craft beer and an extensive cocktail menu.







Such is Life. And such is
Bendigo Writers Festival '23,
a packed program of excellent writers
presenting memorable discussions
from every possible angle – just like life.

With a nod to Australia's first acclaimed novelist, Joseph Furphy, our Such is Life Festival gathers together more brilliance than a Bendigo goldmine, so prepare to be dazzled.

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Writers gather in Bendigo

BOLD and busy, Bendigo Writers Festival is back in May with a packed program presenting discussions that are intriguing, surprising, challenging and entertaining – just like life.

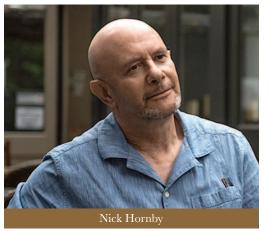
With a nod to Australia's first acclaimed novelist, Joseph Furphy (and before him the infamous bushranger Ned Kelly), the *Such Is Life* Festival gathers together more brilliance than a Bendigo goldmine. It's View Street at its very best.

Presented by the City of Greater Bendigo in partnership with La Trobe University, the program kicks off on Thursday, May 4 with the popular Wordspot free program for school groups featuring Australian Children's Laureate Gabrielle Wang as well as Craig Silvey and Randa Abdel-Fattah.

For the first time in 2023, the Festival's guest curator, writer Clare Wright, has organised a series of events focusing especially on the expertise of La Trobe University and its Press.

Among the guests are the director of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership Michelle Ryan, the head of documentaries at Screen Australia Alex West, and influential Indigenous lawyer and advocate Megan Davis.

Veteran writers Helen Garner, Tom Keneally, Alex Miller and Victor Kelleher will be joined by newcomers Shannon Burns,





Reece Carter, Alice Boyle and Akuch Anyieth.
The Capital in View Street is the festival hub, with simultaneous events in six venues, plus evening events in Ulumbarra Theatre.

One of the highlights will be Nick Hornby zooming in exclusively from London to talk about his new book, *Dickens and Prince*. Controversial journalist George Monbiot will also be live online to talk about his book about food security, *Regenesis*.

Feature events include the Friday evening Gala at Ulumbarra Theatre, hosted by Clare Wright, and Literary Death Match, a lighthearted reading contest for participating writers.

The full program is available on the www.bendigowritersfestival.com.au





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Setting the standard in yarn production

BENDIGO Woollen Mills is located in the historic gold mining town of Bendigo in Central Victoria.

The company was started in 1984 by two local families in Kangaroo Flat and moved to its current location in 1988. The Mill machinery operates 24 hours a day, five days a week to keep up with customer demand.

As Australia's largest hand knitting and crafting varn mail-order manufacturer, Bendigo Woollen Mills offers a huge variety of yarns and colours to choose from. As well as emails and social media, they keep in touch with customers via Australia Post, letting them know when new yarns and patterns are available.

Using only the most luxurious natural fibres available, the Mill's method of hank dyeing results in a softer, fuller end product. The wool produced is Australian grown in the NSW Highlands region.

They also produce yarns with other fibres

including Alpaca, Mohair, Silk, Bamboo and Cotton.

Historic Factory Buildings

The historic buildings occupied by the Bendigo Woollen Mills were built in 1901 by the Bendigo Electric Supply Company as part of the Bendigo power generating and tramways complex.

Coal powered generators – which used to be located in the main factory building – provided all of Bendigo's electricity including the tramways system. In 1934 the State Electricity Commission took over the buildings and continued to operate for many years.

In 1988 Bendigo Woollen Mills purchased the powerhouse buildings from the SEC. The tramways buildings remain the property of the Bendigo Tramways which still operate tourist trams from the adjacent site, running several times a day.

If you are visiting in winter, keep your eye out for the famous yarn-bombed tram!

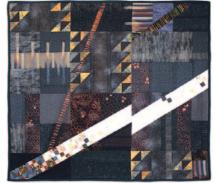
Celebrating our creatives

WE encounter textile art every day. From the clothes we wear to the objects that decorate our home, it's an art that can be simultaneously beautiful and useful.

Textile art is one of the oldest forms of art in human civilisation. At its inception, it was not focused on looks, but for practical purposes – such as clothing or blankets to keep warm.

The Industrial Revolution was a turning point for textiles. With the invention

of the cotton gin, spinning jenny, and power loom, creating fabric was automated and could be produced on a massive scale. Textiles were not just for the wealthy anymore; as prices dropped, these materials were not as precious,



Jenny Bacon, 2011, Beneath Our Feet. Central Goldfields Art Gallery collection. © Jenny Bacon.

and creative people could experiment with them in previously unseen ways.

The Maryborough Knitting Mill was established in 1923 when the town was the industrial hub of Central Victoria. It was not only a major employer in the town (particularly for women) it also had smaller off-shoots in many surrounding towns.

Every two years Central Goldfields Art Gallery hosts Golden Textures, a national contemporary art quilt

award. The award pays homage to the region's long tradition of textile manufacturing as well as bringing together the work of exciting contemporary textile artists from around Australia.

Dawn Davis-Lim HERITAGE WEAVING VISUAL AND FABRIC ARTS 0400 015 279

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CREATIVITY has been a recurrent thread throughout Dawn Davis-Lim's life. As a child, she drew and painted; as a teen she sewed by hand and dreamed of designing and making her own clothes.

An accomplished painter, she also developed an interest in spinning and weaving. After being invited to undertake a Bachelor of Arts in painting, she thought this meant making a choice between painting and weaving, and chose painting. In recent years she rekindled her love of textiles and weaving, and is now weaving fabrics and making her own clothing as well as painting.

Dawn's workspace in Avoca is a haven where she enjoys her work and greeting visitors. Her business name is a tribute to her ancestors, who she discovered were weavers in Scotland and France.



Heritage Weaving is open to commissions and workshops and is always happy to discuss ideas with customers.

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ARTIST Cathy Tobin's creative practice draws inspiration from four concepts: recycle, weave, design, and create. Using free-form weaving, she reworks blends of reclaimed fabrics and textiles – such as old cottons, secondhand yarns, cut fabrics and sentimental items of clothing – into colourful, textured cloth.

Cathy uses this bespoke cloth, along with other recycled components such as buttons and fillings, to create bags, hats, scarves, clothing, brooches, memory rugs, and her much-loved teddies.

Every item is unique and pays tribute to the time, place and materials of the moment it was created.



Cathy offers workshops for adults and children, and loves seeing participants experience the joy of creating something totally their own.

Gypsy Weaver is also available for commissions and sales.

Leanne Wills THE ODD SOCKERY

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LEANNE has fond memories of growing up in the Mallee country by the banks of the Murray River. Tales of generations of forebears from England, Scotland and Switzerland told of ancestors living through the industrial revolution, and close associations with the inventors of the first knitting machine.

"I may have been destined to have found my way to these Hand Cranked Circular Sock Knitting Machines, the design of which goes back to the 1800s," Leanne said.

"Oh, the stories these machines could tell. The early advertising for use in the domestic market, used terms like 'Home Profit Master'. They had the potential to be life changing, particularly for women looking for that rare commodity – independence."

The Odd Sockery is located in the small town of Clunes, Australia, and began in 2018 with the arrival of an Antique Gearheart Circular Sock Knitting



Machine circa 1904. Each pair of socks is lovingly hand cranked and hand dyed, and will give you years of joy.

Christine Lethlean THE 2023 TEXTILE PALETTE EXHIBITION

The Warehouse, Collins Place, Clunes www.textilepaletteexhibition.org

THE 2023 Textile Palette Exhibition, situated within the beautiful Esmond Gallery at The Warehouse, Clunes – a stunning building in Collins Place – is an invitation for textile and fibre art lovers to visit the historic village of Clunes throughout the month of April.

Exhibition coordinator and curator Christine Lethlean is a talented regional textile artist. Her use of 'stitching as an art form' coupled with a skill with textiles, stitching and surface design, puts her work in a class of its own.

Since relocating to rural Victoria, Christine's focus and creative energy has concentrated on teaching textile and fibre art and by encouraging emerging textile artists to showcase their talents. The annual Textile Palette Exhibition was established in 2016.

The 2023 'Time For Stitch' exhibition is a mustvisit event featuring an array of work from 50 talented textile and fibre artists.



Janine Williams THE SOCK MAKER 0437 713 510

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JANINE Wilson is The Sock Maker, an artisan based in Clunes who hand-makes a range of socks on her two antique circular sock machines. These hand-cranked machines date back to the early 1900s, and watching items being made on them is fascinating for the elegant simplicity of the process.

Janine uses the beautiful fleece from her small flock of coloured sheep to produce yarn and create quality, unique Australian pure wool socks. The socks from the wool of her own sheep carry the Australian Fibre Collective trademark as they can be traced back to their source in Australia.

She also makes a range of wool blend, hand-dyed socks and other items on the machines, including gloves, beanies and scarves.



ararat gallery tama Liz Williamson Weaving Eucalypts Project



A UNSW Galleries touring exhibition

Saturday 4th March - Sunday 25th June 2023

Image: Liz Williamson, Weaving Eucalypts Project (detail) 2020-22 Silk dyed by artists in Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Africa with locally sourced eucalyptus leaves, bark or twigs; dyed silk handwoven as weft into a linen and cotton warp Courtesy of the artist, Sydney. Photograph: lan Hobbs





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Full steam ahead

THE Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association will invite the public to experience living history on the weekend of May 6 and 7 when it holds the 121st Steam and Vintage Rally and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Howard company.



the past two centuries.

Set on 38 acres in picturesque Lake Goldsmith, approximately 15 kilometres from Beaufort, the association started in 1942 when a group of local farmers held steam traction engine shows for American servicemen stationed in the area. After the war, the farmers continued to meet and in the early '60s established a permanent presence on the current site.

Association secretary Graeme Milton has been going to the club since those early days, and his passion for the power of steam has grown throughout the years.

"I love steam and used to read everything I could," Graeme said.

"I belonged to a club in Melbourne, then heard there was a steam thresher up at Lake Goldsmith. I didn't even have my driver's license, but went there with my cousin and never looked back."

Lake Goldsmith is unique on the Australian Rally scene as it has more than 60 permanent sheds owned by club members which house their collections. As well as on-site displays, the rally will showcase machines owned by avid collectors from throughout the country.

"We have both agricultural and industrial machines, and we encourage collectors to contact us if they are interested in displaying their machines over the weekend," Graeme said.

With some machines dating back to the 1800s, visitors can learn

about the history of steam as it correlates to the history of technical progress throughout

As tractors and trains replaced horses, vast tracts of land were opened for farming, mining and settlement. While many of the items on display have long-ago been replaced, they have been given a new lease of life at the Lake Goldsmith site.

Graeme said there will be catering throughout the day, or visitors are welcome to bring their own food. Gates open at 8am.

For more information go to: www.lakegoldsmithsteamrally.org.au

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The Dunolly Museum

at 75 Broadway, Dunolly, Victoria, is operated by the Goldfields Historical & Arts Society.

Browse our collection of gold nugget casts, photographs, firearms and local history records.

The museum is open Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 to 3.00 and some Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Celebrate Easter at Harcourt Valley

RELAX in the vines of the gorgeous Harcourt Valley Winery this Easter Sunday at the Harcourt Valley Vineyards Easter Festival.

Originally the site of an apple orchard, the first vines were planted on

Harcourt Valley Vineyards in 1974, making it the oldest vineyard in the shire. The estate's wines have won more than 700 medals and 40 trophies, including gold medals at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show and London's International Wine Challenge.

Just half an hour from the centre of Bendigo, the beautiful grounds of Harcourt Valley



Vineyards provide the perfect spot to sit back and make the most of Easter Sunday.

Bring your family and friends for a wonderful day picnicking underneath the gum trees and enjoying live music. The day will showcase

some of the best wines, craft beer and cider as well as a pop-up cocktail bar.

With an Easter treasure hunt and activities for the kids, tickets for this popular day out are selling fast.

Head to the Harcourt Valley Easter Festival Facebook page for more information and to book tickets.

Café with great food, barista coffee, house baked cakes, breads, pies, pasties and more. Local produce and preserves, craft beer, wine and cider, hampers and flowers. Open 7 days 9am - 3pm 115 Harmony Way, Harcourt 5474 2135



Classic tearoom in Maldon

MALDON Rose has developed a reputation as a destination café in the iconic central Victorian town of Maldon. Thoughtfully designed to capture every element of a traditional tearoom – with pink pressed tin walls, spectacular floral installations and chandeliers and vintage tea sets – the family-run business is the ideal spot to recharge while exploring this part of the world.

Award-winning scones, petit fours, macarons, finger sandwiches, Cornish pasties, pies and savoury dishes can be enjoyed indoors or alfresco, watching the world go by on the main street of Maldon or enjoying to privacy of a cosy garden at the back of the café.

Co-owner Grace Langdown-Marsden said the team work hard to ensure the stunning décor was matched by excellent customer service.





"Our three trained baristas – myself, Jade and Danielle – pride ourselves on serving only the very best. Our signature Rose & Lavender Lattes are created from Allpress espresso and our tea is from Harney & Sons," Grace said.

"The extensive collection of tea sets, Robert Gordon and all things Royal Albert is used on a daily basis."

Each month Maldon Rose shares a secret drink menu, which has a range of unique drinks curated by their baristas and they love to experiment with new flavours such as the black lattes offered during last year's Goldfields Gothic Festival and candy cane hot chocolates for Christmas.

A must-visit café for a quick snack, leisurely lunch or, for that special occasion, book for one of their fabulous high teas.



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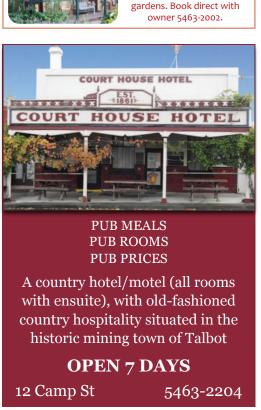
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Fine Art in the heart of the goldfields

SITUATED in the Paddys Ranges on the outskirts of Maryborough, Possum Gully Fine Art Gallery is a unique mud brick and re-cycled timber structure set in a picturesque garden.

Owner and manager of the gallery, Patricia Walsh, is a well-known artist in her own right, and has curated her exhibition to include a wide range of art forms including painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and hand-crafted jewellery.

Artists include Dean Bowen, Vida Pearson, Juliana Hilton, Tim Jones, Vija Harris and many more. As well as a permanent collection of framed and unframed work, a new artist is featured every three months.

Vida Pearson is a well-respected artist/printmaker with both an international reputation for her distinctive hand-coloured linocuts. Vida's selection in both the 2014, 2021 and 2022 prestigious international *Birds in*

Art exhibition – held in the US each year at the Leigh Yawkey Art Museum – has cemented her reputation as one of Australia's leading wildlife artists.

Added to this is her inclusion in the CSIRO publication *Feather and Brush – A History of*

Zambian Elegance - Crowned Crane — Vida Pearson

Australian Bird Art (2nd edition) by Penny Olsen.

Vida's passions are Australian birds and flora, but she is also very attracted to the birds of Africa after her many field trips to that continent. Vida has been exhibiting at Possum Gully Gallery for many years.

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Back on track for autumn

VOLUNTEERS at Victorian Goldfields Railway have been hard at work throughout February conducting significant infrastructure works as well as work on two steam locomotives. This has included maintenance and painting of the K160 steam locomotive, track work and bridge maintenance and replacement of rail sleepers.

Re-opened as the cooler months arrive, now is the ideal time to take a trip back in time and

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travel through the central Victorian goldfields at a leisurely pace.

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Head to the VGR website find out more about special events such as Ales on Rail and Murder on the Orient Express.



in Maldon will offer visitors the opportunity to truly step into history when redevelopment is completed later this year.

PORCUPINE Village

The replica goldmining town was a popular tourist attraction in the 1990s. Unfortunately, it fell into disrepair, but works are underway to reopen to the public later this year.

When completed, the village will include an insight into many of the businesses that made up a typical gold mining town in the 1800s, from blacksmith, to dressmaker, undertaker to public house.

In the meantime, management of the complex have been thrilled at the response to



Dine in style at Maldon

the opening of the Golden Nugget restaurant.

Open from Thursday to Sunday every week, the restaurant is gaining a reputation for a tasty menu, wonderful service and great entertainment.

On Thursday and Friday nights, the 'Village Classic' menu includes traditional

favourites such as parmas, fish and chips, and

Things turn a bit fancy on Saturday nights, with a specially curated fine-dining menu featuring fresh seasonal produce.

Then on Sunday, enjoy a traditional carvery followed by an afternoon of live entertainment and bar snacks in the alfresco area.



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Autumn in Loddon

Bridgewater comes alive with Celtic flair on March 4 with the Celtic Festival. followed by the iconic family friendly Wedderburn Detector Jamboree over the Labour Day weekend (March 11-12).

Rheola celebrates its 150th Charity Carnival on April 10, which is a community celebration not to be missed.

Autumn is then topped off with the Annual Swap Meet & Market on May 20 in Wedderburn.

Picnics and local treasures

Complement your visit with a picnic at one of the many picturesque locations throughout the region. A visit to the awardwinning Bridgewater Bakehouse and Bridgewater Farmhouse Kitchen offers a great range of local products to build your picnic.

Only a short drive from Bridgewater is the endearing Inglewood. For a unique retail experience, Inglewood's wonderful vintage and collectable stores await.



In touch with nature

Visit Mount Hope and Pyramid Hill, stunning natural wonders in the northern reaches. Take to a canoe or kayak to explore the natural beauty of the Loddon Valley with canoe hire and water trails around the northern oasis township of Boort.

Boort Lakes Holiday Park offers canoe and kayak hire for paddling on the spectacular Little Lake Boort and other key locations.

Home in the heart of town

MARYBOROUGH'S Next-Door Guest House is gaining a reputation as the place to stay in town for those who want a home-away-from-home.

The character-filled two-bedroom cottage has been carefully renovated to celebrate the home's history while offering all modern conveniences.

Owner of the B&B, Andrea, said the familyrun guest house had been incredibly popular since opening nearly two years ago.

"It was a run-down old cottage when we first bought it and we did a complete renovation," Andrea said.

"We renovated it specifically as a B&B – as somewhere that I would like to stay, and that's how I run it."

Situated just a short walk to town, Andrea said guests are pleasantly surprised at how close they are to wineries and historic towns such Castlemaine, Dunolly and Talbot.

While the cottage is terrific for weekend visitors, corporate clients and those looking for a place for extended stays have loved the homely atmosphere that can't be replicated in a motel

With consistent 5-star ratings and glowing reviews, Andrea is thrilled that she is able to offer visitors to Maryborough such a positive experience.

"We've been really well supported, from corporate clients with extended stays to weekend visitors coming to enjoy and explore the region," she said.

"It's been terrific, we've had awesome guests from everywhere and they have been fantastic. It's a lovely way to introduce people to the area, everyone who has stayed a has been so respectful and lovely."

6 6 Andrea is a wonderful host. Communication is prompt and instructions clear. Her home is so comfortable and clean. All the little touches of magazines, desk to write at, coffee machine and warm fire made it so special. The street is quiet and Maryborough was a fun place to enjoy and explore.

Highly recommend. - Trish





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By far one of the most beautiful Airbnb homes I've stayed in. Andrea has meticulously renovated this lovely space with tasteful and modern features, while still keeping the character of the home. We felt so comfortable with plush furnishings and linen, the gas log fire was so cosy in the evenings. The modern kitchen and bathroom were well appointed, Andrea caters for every need and the home was so clean and quiet. We were travelling with our young daughter, a porta cot and highchair were offered

straight away which was so thoughtful. The outdoor space was so lovely and off-street parking is handy. I honestly couldn't fault this home and was sad to leave.

- Lisa



The Loddon Visitor Information Centre

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CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS TRINKETS & TREASURE TRAIL



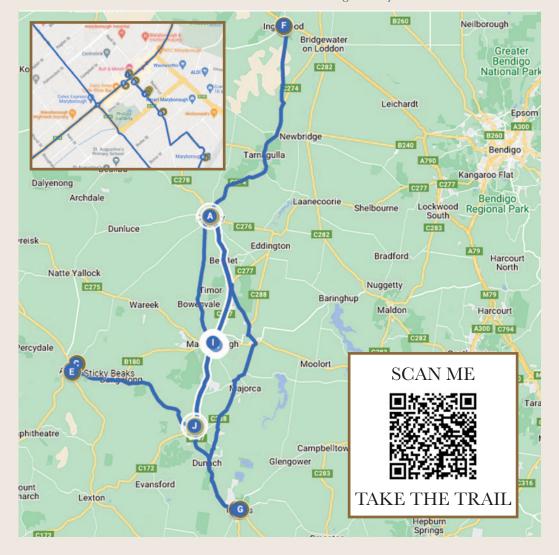
High-tech treasure hunting

FOSSICKING for hidden treasure in the Central Goldfields and surrounds has become a major drawcard for visitors to the area.

From antiques to rustic bric-a-brac, treasure hunters love rummaging through stores for vintage pieces and retro collectables in the tiny towns of the Central Goldfields.

Now we've made it even easier for you to plan your own Trinkets and Treasure Trail, with our interactive online map.

Simply scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone to access the map full of stores to visit and places to stop for a coffee and snack along the way.





CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS TRINKETS & TREASURE TRAIL



AVOCA

Sticky Beaks - 123 High St, Avoca. 0438 653 474. Open 7 days 10am - 4pm. Shared shop combining unique/funky crafts and clothing, antique bottles and items

Antiques Bottles & Collectables - 144 High St, Avoca. 5465 3887. Open Thur - Mon 10am - 4pm. Includes an interesting selection of crystals, polished stones and Australian minerals.

Avoca Recyclers - Cnr Rowe St and Hamer Ct, Avoca. 0409 164 368. Open Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm, Sat 8.30am - 1pm. Second-hand recycled building materials, deceased estates and furniture.

Westbury Antiques - 119 High St, Avoca. 5465 3406 or 0412 949 721. Open by appointment. English period furniture (circa 17th & 18th century) and decorative arts. For the discerning collector.

CLUNES

Clunes Bottle Museum - 70 Bailey St, Clunes. 5345 3896. Thurs - Sun 11am - 4pm. Housed in the decommissioned South Clunes State School, the collection consists of more than six thousand historical bottles and other related objects dating from 1500 AD to present time.

DUNOLLY

Nik Nak's Dunolly - 116 Broadway, Dunolly. 0490 051 245. Open Sat & Sun 10.30am – 3pm or by appointment. Collectable china-ware, local artwork and craft, fine and costume jewellery and, in the Den, motor memorabilia and hobby collectables.

MARYBOROUGH

Coach Factory Pickers Market - 84 Nolan St. Maryborough. 0449 759 146. Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm. 25 independent stores selling second-hand wares, antiques and collectables.

Granny's Attic - 84 Nolan St, Maryborough. 0418 352 801. Open 7 days. Buys and sells gold jewellery, vinyl records and collectables. Cash paid for unwanted, broken or estate jewellery.

Maryborough Lions Club Bookshop - 124 High St, Maryborough. 0484 764 578. Open Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm, Sat 9am - 1pm. A range of books to catch the eye of the most dedicated bookworm.

Amaroo Antiques & Art – 82 Nolan St, Maryborough. 0447 501 554. Open Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 10am - 4pm. Sat 10am - 1pm

Fifty-Acre Farm — 48 Nolan St, Maryborough. 0498 196 774. Open: Thurs & Fri 8.30am - 5pm; Sat 10am - 2pm. Collectables, trunks, old manuals, antique glass & tools.

TALBOT

Talbot Bazaar – 2 Ballarat St North, Talbot. 5463 2002. Open Sat - Sun 1am - 3pm or by appointment. Ever-changing range of antiques, collectables and décor set inside an historic 150-year old bluestone hotel.

Playing in the Attic – 13 Ballarat St, Talbot. 0428 580 309. Open Fri - Mon 10am - 4pm. An extraordinarium of all wondrous things to encourage creativity and play.

INGLEWOOD

Inglewood Emporium — 76 - 80 Brooke St, Inglewood. 5438 3287. Open Thur - Mon 10am - 4pm. An amazing collection of vintage clothes and collectables.

Fusspots At Inglewood — 39 Brooke St, Inglewood. 5438 3357. Open Thur - Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun 11am - 5pm. Vintage collectables and old wares.



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Avoca adventure

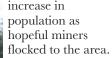
NAMED after a village and river in County Wicklow, Ireland, the town of Avoca is popular with tourists eager to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.

Explorer and surveyor Thomas Mitchell was the first European

known to have travelled through the Avoca district.

Mitchell found the area more temperate in climate and better watered than inland New South Wales and encouraged settlers to take up land.

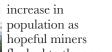
Like many of the region's town, the discovery of gold in the 1850s led to a massive



Today, although prospectors are still attracted to the town, Avoca is best

known as a wine producing region.

Other attractions include the boutique stores and antique shops that line the main street, The Chinese Gardens, the monthly market by the banks of the river, Pyrenees Unearthed wine festival and art Gallery 127 at the old Avoca railway station with its glow-in-the-dark Owl silo art.



In the two years from 1853 to 1855, the population increased from 100 people to more than 16,000.

> Avoca River. Family fun at Pyrenees Unearthed Pyrenees Unearthed is a wine and food festival where the best of the region's winemakers pour their latest and favourite wines all day long with plenty of great plates from a curated collection of food trucks. Together with bands, children's activities and non-alcoholic drinks, this is a popular day for

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Avoca on Saturday April 22

ioin the celebrations as local

winemakers mark the end of

vintage on the banks of the

That art of playfulness continues at the Avoca Art Show, also on April 22 and 23. The



art show will feature over 150 works of art by local and regional artists and offers a welcoming space for everybody to enjoy art in a curated exhibition program.

In Beaufort you will find a Car and Truck Show on March 5. This popular event consists of live music, food stands, wood chopping, shearing competition and of course the restored vehicles

specially prepared for show and shine.

Beaufort is back on show with the Beaufort Agricultural Show on March 19. The traditional country show reflects old fashioned country values and highlights include horse show, dog races, pet show, art and craft, cookery, woodchopping and more.

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Apple and Quince Crumble

Use Stoney Creek Organic Flaxseed Meal to add extra dimension to this traditional dessert of syrupy baked fruit covered with a crunchy crumble topping.

Ingredients:

FILLING

- 3 Granny Smith apples peeled & cut into segments
- 2 quinces peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon CRUMBLE
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/4 cup Stoney Creek Organic Flaxseed Meal
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 200g butter

Method:

Preheat your oven to 180 C. Combine filling in a bowl and spread over a 25cm baking/tart dish. Melt butter in a saucepan and combine with crumble ingredients. Spread crumble mixture over fruit. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until crumble is golden. Serve with cream or ice-cream.



DIY Art Trek

ART lovers who can't make the Tiny Towns Art Trail can still discover what the goldfields has to offer by visiting one of the many galleries and studios dotted throughout the region.

Both Art Trax in Beaufort and Gallery 127 in Avoca are housed in converted railway stations, and make the most of the space offered to showcase the art of local, emerging and well-known artist who work in a variety of mediums.

Just outside of Maryborough is Possum Gully Fine Art Studio, a must visit on any art trek. Then make your way to Talbot, where you will find a 'curious extraordinarium' of delights to stimulate creativity at Playing in the Attic.

Back to Maryborough and the newly opened Central Goldfields Art Gallery before heading out to Dunolly and Puzzle Flat, with an eclectic array of work, many unique to the local area.





On course in the goldfields

WHILE exploring the central goldfields, make time for a relaxing round of golf at the Maryborough Golf and Bowls Club, renowned for its friendly atmosphere.

The beautifully curated fairways are lined with stunning native flora and the course is inhabited by a wide range of local wildlife.

The course is gently undulating, par 70 for men and 72 for women, accommodating all fitness levels and age groups.

Warm up facilities include a practice putting green and nets. Motorised carts, buggies and clubs are available for hire and a visit inside the clubhouse will provide you with, golfing accessories, refreshments, snacks and, best of all, friendly service. Complementary tea and coffee is always available.

Group bookings for golf are most welcome, and at reduced rates it certainly makes a great day out with friends and social club golfers. Catering is readily available for corporate, charity and social golf days.



To complete the ideal day head to Fairways Bistro, open every day for lunch and dinner. With floor to ceiling windows providing stunning views of the course as you dine, the bistro menu features a range of fresh and lighter meal options and modern fusion, as well as old time favourites to tempt your taste buds.

The menu also includes a selection of signature dishes created by our kitchen team.

Historic Vehicle Muster returns

ALL makes and models of historic and classic vehicles are invited to join the muster at the Natte Yallock Recreation Reserve on Sunday, March 19.

The Pyrenees Historic Vehicle Club (PHVC) will conduct the 6th muster on the banks of the Avoca River with display cars welcome from 8am and the public from 9am.

The display will include cars, utes, motorbikes, trucks, tractors and more, with a special feature of vehicles from the 1950s. The PHVC was established in October 2013 and has grown from the first event held in 2012 to celebrate the 40th birthday of the HQ SS Holden to a club with a membership of more than 200 car enthusiasts.

Club president Steve Donaldson said

members are looking forward to getting together again after the disappointment of cancelling the past meetings because of the pandemic.

"The club's activities have been curtailed over the last few years and the committee is looking forward to seeing a variety of vehicles from its 200 plus members as well as neighbouring car

clubs that have been invited to join in the muster," he said.

There will be a variety of food and coffee vendors; members of the general public are welcome to attend and entry is free for all.

"I encourage everyone to come along and share your passion for all things automotive and hear stories from like-minded enthusiasts," Steve said.



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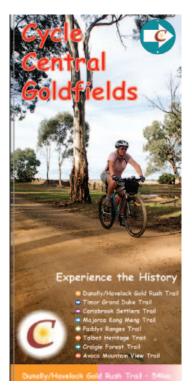
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On your bike

THE Central Goldfields region offers a myriad of options for cyclists to explore the area at their leisure.

Local cycling groups have compiled this extensive map that takes riders through some of the most stunning scenery including farmland, bush tracks, old gold



diggings and ancient sacred sites.

With rides ranging from the relatively short Craigie Forest trail (11 kms) to the more adventurous 80 km Avoca Mountain View Trail, the map includes a grid of notable features along the way as well as notes on the degree of difficulty.

Each ride starts and ends at either Maryborough Railway Station or Dunolly Town Hall, with tracks marked along the way with the cycling logo.

Maps are available at the Maryborough Information Centre.

Haven for the budget traveller

SET on the outskirts of town. Highlander Haven offers the budget conscious traveller convenient and cost effective accommodation as they visit the area for work or pleasure.

Alber Bezati recently took over the motel, and has been busy redecorating

rooms and streamlining the service offered.

"I bought the motel because I could see there was potential for improvement, which we have already started," he said.

"It is being run a bit differently. We have digital reception, so everything is done online. When guests arrive, they can go straight to their room and enter a pin, there is no need for any paperwork."



As well as the standard toasters and kettles, rooms are being fitted out with microwaves and Alber said all will soon have smart TVs and upgrades to bathroom facilities.

Bedspreads have been replaced with hygienic triple sheeting, and all

rooms will soon have new carpets and fittings.

He also has plans for the onsite reception area, complete with commercial kitchen, which he hopes someone will take over and run as a restaurant/cafe.

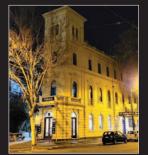
With a large area for trailer or boat parking, Alber said the motel is popular with travelling tradies or tourists looking for a central base while they explore the area.

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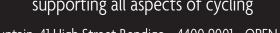






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Havilah offers a range of accommodation options depending on need and is committed to quality management and continuous quality improvement.

Havilah's Harkness Street site offers spacious living, natural light and award-winning gardens. The site comprises both residential aged-care with special needs units and beautiful retirement homes at Havilah Place.

The Palmerston Street site offers modern aged-care living and facilities, a community centre surrounded by gardens and a range of independent living units to suit different needs in architect-designed comfort and style.

Havilah continues to expand, with the latest facility included within their Havilah on Palmerston Site known as The Terrace.

Comprising two floors of apartment style living with easy lift access, The Terrace sets a new standard in residential aged care, offering modern conveniences, homely comfort, and views of the local township or private garden courtvards.

With spacious interiors, The Terrace is suitable for couples or singles with each of the 24 apartments offering a floorspace in excess of 54m2. Included within each apartment is a full ensuite, separate WC, comfortable bedroom, plentiful storage space within the walk-in robe adjoining the bedroom, homely sitting room, outdoor balcony, and a modern kitchenette.

As well as onsite social activities such as cards, happy hour and cooking, the Havilah community enjoys regular excursions to local attractions including international exhibitions, public gardens and historic homesteads. Residents can also take part in a range of organised activities off-campus, including trips to local markets, festivals and events to maintain and foster active and social living.

Havilah welcomes you to make an appointment to tour the variety of aged care options available across their three residences.

Amherst/Talbot

• Adelaide Lead

About 2 kms from the Maryborough Road turn-off along the Old Avoca Road is a track leading to the Paddy's Ranges camping ground. It is caravan friendly and has a toilet block.



• 19th Century Chinese Baths

Thought to be the only remains of a Chinese joss house, the Chinese Baths are just off Possum Gully Road, about half a kilometre from the Avoca/Talbot Road turnoff.

The flat, clear ground leading to the baths is popular with campers. It is caravan friendly but there are no facilities on site.

Free camping in the central goldfields

• No Gold Here Dam

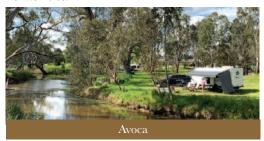
Off a marked track on Blacksmith's Gully Road about halfway between the Ballarat Road and Avoca/Talbot Road.

The ground is flat and caravan friendly, but there are no facilities on site.

• The Caralulup Nature Conservation Reserve

Halfway between Talbot and Caralulup. Stoney Creek Track is suitable for caravans and has a picnic table and wood fire barbecue.

Potter Dam camp site is a large clearing with no facilities.





Avoca

• Lions Club Park

Situated on the banks of the Avoca River, the camping spot includes a playground, a large gazebo with an electric barbecue, two picnic tables and a water tap. It offers easy access for caravans and includes a toilet block.

Bealiba

• Bealiba Reservoir Recreation Area Facilities include tables, chairs, fire pits and two long-drop toilets.



Eddington

• Three Bridges

From the Bendigo-Maryborough Road in Eddington turn onto Eddington Road. Turn right onto Baringhup-Eddington Road then right onto Back Eddington Road. Three Bridges is just along Back Eddington Road on the Loddon River. A large clearing serves as a parking area with room to pitch tents. There are no facilities.



Laanecoorie

• River Recreation Reserve

Located on the Loddon River, the campground has a designated tent area and lots of room for caravans. The campground is set along a gravel road which travels alongside the Loddon River. Facilities include picnic tables, wood fire barbecues, water taps, rubbish bins, toilets and a boat ramp.

Maldon

• Butts Reserve

Beneath Mt Tarrengower, the camping ground includes picnic tables, wood fire barbecues, bins, toilets, and water taps along the back of the toilet block.

There is also a large undercover area with a concrete floor located separate to the picnic area, barbecue, and a small toilet block.

To book call the Inglewood office on 131 963.

Timor

• Timor Streamside Reserve

On the eastern side of the reserve there is a large clear area alongside the road which is good for parking cars/caravans or pitching tents. There are no facilities at this site.

There are public toilets at the Timor Playground, which is a five minute drive from the Timor Streamside Reserve.



Country Carnival fun at Rheola

AFTER an enforced hiatus, the Rheola Charity Carnival is back on the calendar in 2023, when it proudly celebrates 150 carnivals. Advertised as 'Real Country Entertainment', events throughout the day include sheep dog trials, wood chopping, vintage engine displays and traditional country cooking.

Since the very first carnival in 1871, a dedicated group of volunteers have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the day is one of fun and celebration of all things country.

Deb Hancock is one of the organisers of the event and said this year will be extra special as the community celebrate 150 carnivals.

"We've been having meetings every month and there will be a few more before the actual day," she said.

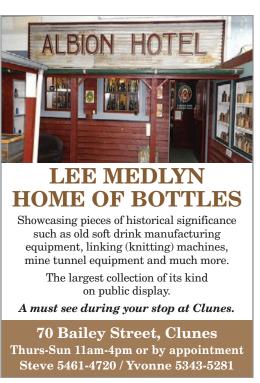
"This one has been a little bit harder because COVID has brought in a few more restrictions so there's a bit more financial strain with this one. But we're keeping the admission price at \$10 per person with anyone under 15 free."



All money raised from the carnival goes hospitals in Inglewood, Maryborough and Dunolly, and the annual raffle supports maintenance of the Rheola Hall and grounds.

"People are bringing in photos and memorabilia that will be on display, a plaque will be unveiled and it's just a great chance for the community to get together," Deb said.





Saffron on the Trail

ROSEMARY Pamic and Drew Black are thrilled to once again take part in the Tiny Towns Arts Trail as they open the gates to Squirrel Gully Saffron Farm on the outskirts of Dunolly on the Anzac long weekend.

"It's probably the best time of year to see the saffron flowers in bloom just before they are picked," Rosemary said.

Rosemary is looking forward to welcoming visitors to the farm and will be selling Squirrel Gully picnic packs tourists as they make their way along the trail.

For those who can't make it to Dunolly that weekend, Rosemary can be found at the Bendigo Sustainability Festival on March 26, and is a regular stall holder at Talbot Farmers Market, where she loves the chance to explain the benefits and uses of saffron.

"It's always lovely to chat with our customers and give them a few hints on how best to use our products when they are cooking at home," she said.



Squirrel Gully Saffron Arancini with Oakwood Smallgoods Smoked Salmon and Springmount Fine Foods Black Garlic

A marriage of flavours using local artisan ingredients you can often find at the Talbot Farmers' Market held on the third Sunday of each month in Talbot, Victoria.



Serves 4 people.

INGREDIENTS:

8 cups good quality chicken stock 100 milligrams Squirrel Gully Saffron (approx. 12 saffron threads) Small bunch of fresh thyme

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 onion, finely diced

2 cups Arborio rice

1/4 cup parmesan, grated

3 large cloves Springmount Fine Foods black garlic, peeled and sliced

200 grams Oakwood Smallgoods Co. house smoked salmon, skin and bones removed and flaked into chunks

1 cup plain flour

3 eggs, beaten

2 cups Panko breadcrumbs

4 cups vegetable oil

METHOD:

In a large pot, simmer the chicken stock with the saffron and fresh thyme

In a separate heavy based saucepan, sauté the onions in olive oil.

Add the Arborio rice and stir with a wooden spoon to coat the rice in oil.

Slowly add in the hot chicken and saffron stock, one ladle at a time, letting the stock absorb before adding any more. Continue to stir the rice as you incorporate the remaining stock.

When the rice is cooked, add parmesan and sea salt to taste.

Fold the smoked salmon and black garlic through the rice

Cool the risotto slightly before moulding the mix into small balls with your hands . Roll the risotto balls in flour, then egg and breadcrumbs.

Heat oil to 180° C in a deep fryer. Fry the arancini in small batches for 4 mins or until golden on all sides. Drain on paper towel and serve immediately.

Maldon comes alive this Easter

AS Australia's oldest continuous country fair, Maldon sets the standard for showcasing the best the country has to offer.

This year the fair is celebrating 146 years, and the committee has been working hard behind the scenes to make sure Maldon comes alive over the Easter weekend with something for everyone.

Nothing says 'country cooking' like freshly made scones, so it is fitting that festivities kick off on Thursday, April 6 with the scone bake.

Then follows three days of traditional Aussie easter activities – footy, billy carts, dancing in the street – culminating in the Maldon Easter fair Grand Parade through the streets of town on Easter Monday.

Go to the Maldon Easter Fair Facebook page for more information.

Thur - Scone Bake - at the rear of the Maldon Hotel

Fri - Good Friday Football - Maldon vs Dunolly 8.30am

Fri – Open Air Combined Church Service – Beehive Chimney 10.30am

Fri 12-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm, Mon 12-3pm - Maldon Vintage Machinery Museum

Vintage Engine Rally

Sat – Beehive Chimney Easter Market – 9.00am

Sat & Sun - Maldon Village Quilters Exhibition – Community Centre

Sat 12-4pm, Sun 10.30am-4pm -

Maldon Golf Club hole-in-one competition

Sat - Kids Homemade Billy Cart Event - Vincent St 1pm

Sat – Torchlight Procession – Main St 7pm

Sat - Dancing in the Street - Main St 7.30pm-10.30pm

Sun – Maldon Brass Band Concert – Shire Gardens 1.30pm

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Mon – 146th Maldon Easter Fair Grand Procession – 10.30am

Rheola Charity Carnival

Easter Monday April 10, 2023



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THIS autumn, Buda Castlemaine and the Castlemaine State Festival presents A European Australian Connection and The Salon Music Series from March 24 to April 30.

In the spirit of Hungarian born Ernest Leviny and his five daughters – throughout the Castlemaine State Festival – Buda will explore the connection between its European heritage and its place in the Australian landscape.

At set times during the festival, Buda will host exhibitions, hands-on workshops, talks and site-specific artworks.

Damon Kowarsky is an Australian artist working

across drawing, printmaking and painting who will address this European Australian connection within the heritage home.

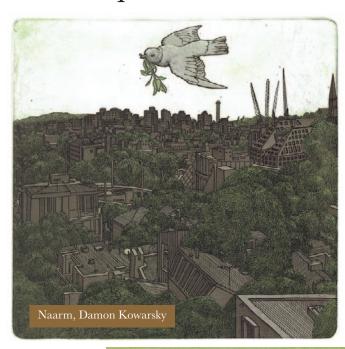
Printmakers Nancye Canobie and Keith Wiltshire will join Bendigo-based floral artist and photographer Sharon Greenaway to explore the connection between Buda's European heritage garden and its context within the Central Victorian landscape.

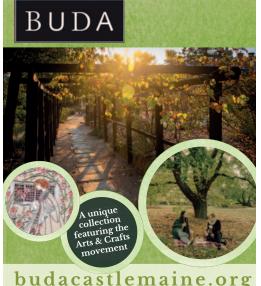
Buda's function and event room in its stunning grounds will play host to the festival's biggest drawcards with indoor Salon music sessions. With a limited capacity per show, you're guaranteed unplugged, pared-back sets that get to the very essence of the performers

Pack a picnic, or order one of Buda's special gourmet hampers online and make a festive day of it. Kids are welcome and don't forget the special Buda treasure hunt just for them.

Open daily 12 to 5pm during the Castlemaine State Festival then 12 to 4pm from May 1.

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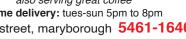
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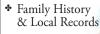
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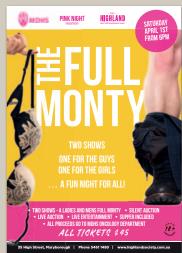
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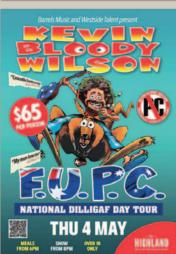














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