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GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

On May 30th Buninyong Primary School held its annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day. This is always a big event and we had visitors come from far and wide. The children love showing their grandparents or special friends the work they are doing at school and some take them on a guided tour. Our visitors seem to enjoy the day just as much and many stayed around for some morning tea before heading home. Thanks to all that came along and helped make it a special day for our students.



SCOTSBURN CAMPUS



On Monday 2nd June, the Scotsburn Campus held our annual Family and Friends morning. It was a beautiful day and the support and attendance was again amazing. Our visitors were treated to classroom activities followed by some cooking, gardening and music and drama. The students loved having so many visitors at the school and were very proud to show them all around. Special thanks to our wonderful parents who provided a lovely morning tea and to the many family members and friends that attended on the day.



Enjoy a Buninyong Banquet with a touch of marmalade flair.



Members of the MarmalAshes Buninyong Marmalade committee with Chef Barbara Porter are, from left, Pat Howden, Jenny Bridgewater and Lyn Fleming. Photo: Alan Marini.

A tuxedo at a Buninyong banquet? Well yes, but not the attired variety! More the creation of Chef Barbara Porter at the forthcoming, five-course "Fabulous Feast – with a touch of marmalade!" to be held on **Saturday 28 June 2014**.

Barbara will be presenting about eighty guests with her culinary masterpieces, each one cleverly crafted as an integral part of a sumptuous dinner full of taste, flavour, aroma and visual appeal. Barbara is one of our three CWA Judges who have tasted and scored the entries from the Marmy Army around Australia at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair for the past three years.

Barbara is a member of the Australian Guild of Cooks and Chefs and the Australian Culinary Foundation and has competed internationally in Singapore and Berlin. She is an avid fruit and vegetable grower and bottler and insists on sourcing the freshest of the fresh for all ingredients. She has extensive experience cooking at the Royal Melbourne Show and as a judge for the CWA and the Victorian Agricultural Societies Association. Our committee is most grateful to Barbara who has very kindly donated her time and expertise to help raise funds for the MarmalAshes Buninyong Marmalade Association by preparing this dinner. Also our thanks go to Buninyong FoodWorks Supermarket for donating the meat.

After all, the Australian XI lost the MarmalAshes this year to a powerful England XI at the International Awards held in Cumbria last March, even though we had won for the previous three years. So we need to lift our game. Hopefully the Founder of the International Marmalade Awards, Jane Hasell-McCosh, can travel to Australia in October to promote the Hospice/Palliative Care organisations that both the International and Buninyong Marmalade groups support. We may also be able to glean a few tips on how England is preparing before we select the 2015 Australian XI at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair on Saturday 31st January.

What of the tuxedo? Barbara Porter's creation is part of the banquet's fifth course and comprises a strawberry that is half-dipped in white chocolate, then each 'shoulder' is dipped in brown chocolate and finished with three dark chocolate 'buttons' down the front of the white shirt. What a piece of delightful albeit temporary artwork! Temporary - in that who can resist such a delectable chocolate-dipped strawberry?

Limited tickets for this fund-raising dinner are available by posting a cheque for \$35 per person (BYO drinks) to Marmalade, PO Box 563, Buninyong, 3357 with your names and address details and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of your tickets. The dinner starts at 6pm in the Buninyong Masonic Hall at 604 Warrenheip St and will feature an entertaining speech by Roland Rocchiccioli, an avowed 'foodie' himself.



MarmalAshes Buninyong Marmalade Association Inc

A not-for-profit Community Association A0056934Y

Fabulous Feast – with a touch of marmalade!

A Five-course Banquet

Buninyong Masonic Hall

604 Warrenheip St

Saturday 28th June, 2014 - 6pm for 6.30

The Fabulous Feast Menu has been created by Chef, Barbara Porter, one of our CWA Judges for the past three years at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair

Tickets \$35 (BYO Drinks - licensed) Dress: Lounge Suit

.....For Tickets, cut here and Post to:

Marmalade, PO Box 563, Buninyong 3357.

Information: rj_ljfleming@bigpond.com

Please send Tickets for the **Fabulous Feast – with a touch of marmalade!** to:

Name:Name:.....

Address:Postcode

umber of tickets requested:

Enclosed: Cheque (payable to Buninyong Marmalade Assn) for \$..... at **\$35 per person**. Tickets will not be issued unless paid for.

Please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your tickets.



Lions Club of Buninyong Mt Helen Inc.

P.O.Box 254, Buninyong, 3357.

International News.

Our immediate Past International President, Lion Wayne Madden, is Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) based in USA. The LCIF is one of our major fundraising bodies and the following extracts from a recent newsletter will explain some of LCIF's achievements.

Just last week, the Chairman of LCIF met with the former President of the United States Jimmy Carter at the "Carter Centre" headquarters with the intention of announcing the expansion of the Lions-Carter Centre Sight First Initiative to prevent blindness and save sight. LCIF declared its intention to provide more than US\$8million over a 3 year period to continue this worthy cause where the needs are greatest.

In India, one of our Lions, Dr Chandrakanth, a chief consultant at the Malabar Eye Hospital in Calicut, promotes the Lions "Sight for Kids" program. He has been saving children's sight for six years through "Sight for Kids" and says "this initiative is a great service and I feel proud to be a part of it as a Lion"

LCIF "Sight for Kids", in conjunction with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care has helped more than 19 million students with vision screening and correction attention throughout Asia.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

On Saturday the 24th May, our members "shook tins" on behalf of the Salvation Army to help with their "Red Shield Appeal". We manned points outside the Buninyong and Midvale Newsagencies, the Buninyong Foodworks Supermarket and the Midvale IGA Supermarket.

Our thanks go to those businesses who allowed us to collect outside their premises and a very special thanks to all those who put their donations into the tins.



Lions Barbara and Ian Voigt outside the Buninyong Foodworks Supermarket.

Wood/Fuel Raffle.

On the last Saturday in May we ran our wood/fuel raffle outside the Buninyong Newsagency. Our thanks to the staff for allowing us to use the facilities and for the lovely hot coffee. A special thanks to Ron for giving us the fuel voucher which the winner, David Harbour from Yendon took as his prize.

Thank you to all the people who bought tickets with all the takings going into our Activities Account. These funds will eventually go back into our community.

Social.

During this month a group of us went to see the show "Chicago" at Her Majesty's theatre.

Once again, we were totally entertained by a very professional performance and our congratulations must go out to the performers, producer and director and all those responsible for giving us the opportunity of seeing this marvellous show.

Changeover Dinner.

On the 16th of June we have our annual "Changeover" Dinner. This is when our current President Andy Paterson hands over the reins to our President Elect, Simon Jess. The Board of Directors for the year 2014-15 is also installed.

Our Club was Chartered in 1975, and Simon will be the 35th President (some members have held this position for more than one year).

The Changeover will be held at the Buninyong Golf club on Monday the 16th of June. It is a 6.30 for 7pm start and the cost will be \$27/head. If you would like to come along please notify our Secretary, Bill Jolly on 5341 2068, or e-mail bandijolly@spin.net.au.

About our Club

We meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, 7.30pm at the Buninyong RSL Hall for our Business Meeting, and on the 3rd Monday we have a more social Dinner Meeting at the Royal Mail Hotel, Albert Street, Sebastopol. Guests are more than welcome.

President - Andy Paterson, Ph 0418 553 428, e-mail andrewpaterson6@bigpond.com

Secretary - Bill Jolly, Ph 5341 2068, 0414 717 507 - e-mail bandijolly@spin.net.au

Treasurer - Barbara Voigt, ph 0407 048 159, e-mail bvoigt9@gmail.com

Scrap Metal - The Lions club will pick up your old, unwanted scrap metal including old white goods. This is sorted and sold, and all funds go back into our Community.

For pick up, please call Russell Williams on 5341 3452 or Bill Jolly on 5341 2068

Newspapers - We collect and sell old Newspapers, Glossy Magazines, Junk Mail etc., and now we can collect cardboard, and again, all monies go back into the Community.

It would be appreciated if papers could be laid flat and tied into bundles. They can be collected by us or you can leave them in the green bin outside our Lions Shed in Forrest Street (opposite the swimming pool).

For pick up please call Bill Jolly on 5341 2068.

Book Shop open every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm except Farmer's Market days from 9am to 1pm, and Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm in Learmonth Street next to the old

bank. Great selection of second hand books including children's, travel, biographies, novels etc.

We are currently looking for Oxford or Macquarie Dictionaries. We have a need for these for a teacher who believes students should not totally rely on the Internet for their knowledge of words.

If you are looking for a book and it is not in stock, please ask and we will try and source it for you.

The shop is run entirely by volunteers and all proceeds from our sales go back into our community.

Donations of books, CD's, DVD's and old "Vinyls" are gratefully received.

LIONS - WE SERVE



*Friends of the
Buninyong Botanic Gardens
Invite you to a*

Winter Luncheon
Saturday 14th June 2014
Buninyong Town Hall

Guest Speaker at 11.00am sharp

Wes Fleming
*Director Fleming's Nurseries
Winner "Best In Show" Chelsea 2013*

**'Beyond Chelsea - Connecting
Gardens and Communities'**

Tickets: \$50 Members \$60 Non-Members
Limited ticket numbers - Book Early!
Enquiries: Anne King 5341 8002 jbandamking@bigpond.com

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We operate in the big red shed behind 904 Lal Lal Street, and we are in walking distance for you and your 4 legged friend!!

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

LABOR PLEDGES SAFER CROSSINGS

The Ballarat Courier "News" May 24, 2014 page 10 pictured Buninyong Primary School students crossing the Midland Highway at Inglis Street corner with crossing supervisor Bernadette and Labor politicians Geoff Howard, Ballarat East MP and State Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews. Students **Veronica Rogers, Daisy Rogers, Molly Hudson and Olivia Reyntjes** were told that flashing speed lights were necessary on the highway and a new pedestrian crossing in Warrenheip Street in front of the Bendigo Community Bank was essential for the safety of school children crossing the roads.

MARMALASHES DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Golden Plains Miner May 22, 2014 page 7 featured members of the Buninyong Marmalade Committee preparing for a five course dinner, with a touch of marmalade, at 6pm on June 28th in the Buninyong Masonic Hall. **Pat Howden**, Barbara Porter (in full chef's attire), Jenny Bridgewater and **Lyn Fleming** were busy in the kitchen planning the dinner menu. Barbara is a member of the Australian Guild of Cooks and Chefs and the Australian Culinary Foundation and has kindly donated her time and expertise for this function and the meat has been donated by Buninyong Foodworks. Limited tickets are available by posting a cheque for \$35 per person to Marmalade, P O Box 563, Buninyong 3357 with your names/address details and enclosing a

stamped self addressed envelope for the return of your tickets.

UNITING CARE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AFTERNOON TEA

The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it today" 20 May, 2014 page 24 had a full colour page of attendees at the UnitingCare National Volunteer Week afternoon tea and former Newsletter deliverer **Beth Smith** was among the happy participants.

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MULTIPLE BIRTH ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW HOME

The front page of The Ballarat Courier March 5, 2014 showed a radiant **Karen Collum** and children **Hannah Collum**, Ben McRae, Ryan McRae and Zara McRae who were all happy to be in their new premises at the Russell Square Community Sports Centre in Ballarat. President of the BDMBA Karen Collum said they had outgrown their previous meeting place at the Eureka Centre in Humffray Street South and now had 35 families and 100 children to accommodate at Russell Square. Mrs Collum is the mother of four children including identical twin boys.

BALLARAT LEADERS LUNCH

The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it today" May 17th 2014 page 30 had a full colour page of cheerful attendees at a Ballarat Leaders lunch at Jackson's & Co in Lydiard Street Ballarat. **Lynne McLennan, Kerryn Crebbin and Bryan Crebbin** all looked very pleased to be attending the function.

THE FASHION WORD

The Ballarat Courier "Ballarat Essentials" May 17th, 2014 page 119 "The FWord" featured **Celeste Vermeend** who showed off her favourite fashion items. Celeste is Mum to four girls and one boy, who all enjoy shopping for clothes and her advice is to invest in key pieces of jeans, coat, boots and then accessorise.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The Golden Plains Miner page 12 on May 15th 2014 had a very informative article about how 30,000 members of our community volunteer their time regularly to their chosen not-for-profit organisations. This year the 25th National Volunteer Week ran from May 12 to May 18 and **Pam Walter** attended one of the celebrations to recognize the wonderful work that all volunteers contribute to society.

BUNINYONG MENS SHED GET BENDIGO BANK BOOST

The Golden Plains Miner 15th May, 2014 page 9 captured a photo of an enormous cheque for \$5000 being held by several members of the Buninyong Mens Shed. The donation from the Bendigo Bank's Buninyong and District Community Branch will help towards the building of the shed on the old railway platform near the tennis courts in Forest Street, Buninyong. **John Emery** and **Steve Falconer** represented the Bendigo Bank, with **Neville Wilson**, **Russell Williams**, **John Podolinsky**, **Graeme Jones**, **Andrew Gibson**, and Geoff Douglas.

MT HELEN TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Mt Helen Tennis Club, that belongs to the Buninyong and District Tennis Association, celebrated 50 years with 100 past and present players at the Buninyong Golf Club on 3rd May. Life Member, **June Henderson**, has maintained an extensive written and pictorial history of the club which was a highlight of the night. The Secretary for the past 14 seasons, Mandy James was awarded a Life membership at this event. The Golden Plains Miner 8th May 2014 page 20 had photos of June Henderson and Ric Dunlop, a past President, Secretary and Treasurer, cutting the anniversary cake (a tennis court) and Mandy James with her Life Membership certificate.

COUNCIL MEETING DISCUSSED LOCAL ISSUES WITH BICYCLE RACES IN BUNINYONG

The Golden Plains Miner 8th May 2014 page 16 had an article written by Russell Luckock reporting on a public meeting with City of Ballarat officers that was attended by about forty locals in the Buninyong Town Hall. Several issues were discussed and residents and shop keepers concerns were noted. A photograph showed a section of the crowd with Natalie Reiter, Council's General Manager for City Strategy, Jeff Johnson, Events Manager and **Cr Peter Innes** at the front table.

BALLARAT HERITAGE WEEKEND LAUNCH

The Golden Plains Miner 8th May 2014 page 12 photographed several attendees at the Launch of Ballarat Heritage Weekend at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute which was held on the 10th and 11th of May in Ballarat and surrounding villages of Buninyong and

Learmonth. **Clive Brooks** was pictured with Ken and Joy Wright from Delacombe.

BUNINYONG COUNTRY WOMEN ASSOCIATION

The Buninyong CWA Choir sang at the ANZAC Day service in the Buninyong Town Hall in April and was presented with a certificate by the local RSL acknowledging 20 years of participation in these commemorations. **Dawn Whykes, Nancy Trigg, June Henderson, Jean Wallbridge** and **Lyn Fleming** were among the members of the choir photographed on the day.

BALLARAT HERITAGE AWARDS

The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it today" May 9th 2014 page 28 had a full colour page of participants who attended the Old Colonists' Club on May 6th for the Ballarat Heritage Awards. **Adrienne Schreuder and Anne Beggs-Sunter** were photographed on the night.

The Ballarat Courier 7th May 2014 page 2 had a group photograph of Heritage Award winners on the internal staircase of the Old Colonists' Club. **Dr Anne Beggs-Sunter** was amongst the winners and won an award in the Special Heritage Skills category for **Special Heritage Skills (Individual)**. **Peter and Valmai Darveniza** were also on the staircase and won a Special Commendation for the category of **Conservation of a Heritage Place or Historic Collection** for a Stone Cottage at 145 Bell Street Mt Helen. The Stone Cottage was also in the category for Special Heritage Skills (Traditional) and Geoff Norwood was named the winner.

Page 34 of The Ballarat Courier "Who's in it today" May 7th 2014 had a full page of Ballarat Heritage Award Winners from the night at the Old Colonists' Club and **Dr Anne Beggs-Sunter** was pictured with her award certificate and **Peter and Valmai Darveniza** were pictured with their award certificate also. Congratulations to everyone involved with these Heritage achievements.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION LEGENDS DINNER

On May 3rd 2014 at the OCA Pavilion, St Patrick's College hosted the Legends dinner. The Wilson family of Mt Helen enjoyed the night and **Thea Wilson, Virginia Wilson, Peter Wilson, Sally Wilson** and Stephanie Peucher (Ballarat) made up a very happy group picture.

The Ballarat Courier May 5th 2014 page 8 pictured community leader and lawyer **Peter Wilson** who was inducted as a Legend on the night of St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Legends dinner. The Legend category was introduced in 2002 to honour past students for "Outstanding achievements and contributions of extraordinary Old Collegians in a diverse range of fields and areas of endeavour". Peter Wilson has become the 59th Legend installed. He attended St Patrick's College between 1959 and 1965 and has been a chairman of the North Ballarat Football Club and the Ballarat Begonia Festival and past president of the Ballarat Law Association. He is a member of the Federation University Council and St Patrick's College Foundation.

WOMEN'S GOVERNANCE SCHOLARSHIP

YMCA board member **Keryn Crebbin** received a state government Women's Governance

Scholarship in April. The program enables the 34 women selected to attend a professional development course by the Australian Institute of Company Directors for women serving on

community boards. It is expected the course will give the participants the skills and reassurance to advise their boards. The Ballarat Courier May 5th 2014 page 3.

Donations to News received with thanks

Buninyong Foodworks Community Rewards Program \$30

Buninyong & Mt Helens Lions Club \$200

BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE

BBQ Raises Dollars for Charity

The No 23 Masonic Social Club of Sturt Buninyong Lodge conducted a BBQ at Master's hardware on May 25th. It was a long day but valuable funds were raised to be used in the charitable distribution by the club.



Pictured close to the end of the day are members of the No 23 Club



**BALLARAT SOUTH UNITING CHURCH
(WORSHIP CENTRE)
LEARMONTH STREET BUNINYONG.
Minister Rev. Lindell Gibson**

**Phone: Church office 53413515, or manse 53413200
Traditional style service and children's program at 9-30am on Sunday**

All welcome

Join the Prayer / Walking Group at the Labyrinth on Thursday mornings at 9.00am. All welcome.

Walk the labyrinth, pray in the centre, then go out for coffee afterwards. New faces are always welcome. Holy Communion is usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Family Service Sunday. We are now holding family services twice a month on the third and fourth Sundays. Children come and join the fun. 9-30am till 10-30am. This service has become very popular with worship directed towards families as a whole.

Mainly Music Buninyong. Mainly Music is now in full swing. In Mainly Music children are introduced to music, creativity and more. The group is now full but if you would like to go on the waiting list or want more information please phone Andrea on 0403 186 406.

Open House. Open House is held on each Wednesday morning during school terms from 10am to 12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

A total of \$520.00 was raised for The Cancer Council at "The Biggest Morning Tea" held at Buninyong and Sebastopol Mission Centre. Thank you to everyone who contributed to either event in any way.

Open Door. Wednesdays 10-30am to 12 noon at Sebastopol Mission Centre. Sandra Chapman is running a craft session each Wednesday. If interested contact Lyn King on 53413229 or Sandra on 53412047. The Sebastopol Mission Centre will reopen in the first week in February 2014.

Book Club. The Book Club now meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting for the year will be at the home of Rosemary Loane on Thursday 19th June at 2.00pm. Any-one who would like to join the group please phone Joy Whitten on 53418189.

Mainly Music Group Sebastopol. The Mainly Music Program has resumed on Wednesday 6th February at 9.30am. Mainly Music is held at Sebastopol Mission Centre from 9.15 – 10.15am and. If you would like to be involved in any way please phone Bronwyn on 53301574.

You are invited to a Morning Coffee Party with Blumes Fashions on Wednesday 4th June from 10.00am to noon in the Buninyong Uniting Church Hall. Entry is \$5.00. Enquiries 53301934

Buninyong Service DVDs. If anybody would like to receive the DVDs of the Buninyong services please contact Clive on 53412082 or Lindell on 53413200. The loan of a DVD player is possible if it is needed.

We joined in and enjoyed the Christmas Carols in De Soza Park last December.

Best wishes Joy Whitten.

BUNINYONG MASONIC LODGE

Lodge Open Night Attracts District Men

Sturt Buninyong United Lodge conducted a very successful information evening in the Buninyong Masonic centre on the 30th May.

Twenty interested men from the wider Ballarat district attended to hear Ruary Bucknall , the Grand Superintendent of Membership explain the history, principles and management of Freemasonry within a Lodge.

Many of the men were accompanied by their partners as were the 27 Freemasons who accompanied their guests or assisted with the refreshments, supper and later discussions.

For many of the visitors it was the first time they had entered a Freemasons Lodge with its marvellous

timber furniture, distinctive square carpet, officer's collars and the Lodge banner.

Each guest received an information folder to assist with later reflection towards becoming a Freemason.

Photo: Ruary Bucknall takes a question during his presentation in the Lodge room at Buninyong.



Great Fun at Bowls Night

The annual indoor bowls night between Sturt Buninyong and Guiding Star Lodges held at Buninyong on May 21st was a fun night.

With four mats in operation, the 50 members, families and friends got into the spirit of playing for the fellowship.

However, the measure was requested on a number of occasions to determine “how many shots”.

Games of quoits and hookey absorbed those waiting to take their turn on the mat.



A well provisioned supper was appreciated by all and was a fitting end to another great night of inclusive freemason fellowship.

Photo above:

Sadly Sturt Buninyong had to relinquish the shield to Guiding Star-remember there is next year!. Brian Coffey hands the trophy to Graeme Brown.

Photo right:

“Just too close to call”





Photo; Keeping the bowls on the mat in these congested conditions was a challenge and most succeeded.

Photo: Happy SBU bowlers Charlie Pruis (President of the SBU Social committee) with Joan and Andrew Williams, Ken Jenkin and Helen Peart.



BUNINYONG CWA

Buninyong CWA Takes First Place

The Buninyong CWA Branch scored five first places in the “Performing Arts 2014” section of the 86th CWA State Conference in Geelong on 29-31st May.

The Conference was held on Cunningham Pier with the Arts performances at the Geelong Arts Centre Costa Hall.

Buninyong CWA performed in 26 entries ranging from solos to a choir and the five first places were in;

Reading in unison-serious- “A Refreshing Stop” by Max Fatchen, humorous- “Cinderalla” by Roald Dahl.

Solo reading by Carole Bartlett “Agincourt” by Shakespeare.

Solo in costume by Margaret Jarvis “Christopher Robin is saying his prayers”

Australian Choir –“The Ballad of Eureka”

The branch achieved a further seven places and a third.

The Ballarat District entry in the song in costume for 14 or more members, won with their “Wedding Bells’ performance and involved eight Buninyong members.



Buninyong sing in the Australian Choir section

Left: Wedding Bells



Below: Margaret Jarvis, Jenny Bridgewater and Pat Howden reading in unison.



Below: CWA State choir conductor Margaret Jarvis guides the choir during the opening of the Ecumenical Service in Costa Hall.



BUNINYONG RSL

Strong Field Plays RSL Golf Day

160 players took to the Buninyong Golf Course on April 12 for the Annual RSL Golf tournament.

In ideal playing conditions the teams gave valuable support to the various RSL activities stationed around the course.



The RSL thanks the Golf Club for its continued support through the annual golf day and to the club and district players who generously support this event.

Playing golf needs that regular substance and the BBQ on the 5th was just the right place to be.

Teeing off from the 5th





Did you see where it landed”



RSL members in a quiet moment at the 5th tee BBQ and refreshment station

Changes in RSL Leadership

Buninyong RSL Sub Branch made two major changes to the branch leadership at its recent annual meeting.

They elected Ray Mende as President, Bob Bennett as Secretary, Brian Parker Vice President and Dennis Meehan continues as Treasurer.



Dennis Meehan, Brian Parker, Bob Bennett and Ray Mende

BALLARAT FILM SOCIETY 2014

The Minerva Room, Mechanics Institute, 117 Sturt St, Ballarat

Huge new screen and equipment

All films start @ 7.30 on the *second* Thursday of the month

February 13

Mental

Australia, 2012, 111 min.

Over-the-top-Australian Comedy



Director P.J. Hogan returns with his latest film since *Muriel's Wedding* (2004). Starring Toni Collette, Rebecca Gibney, Anthony LaPaglia, Deborah Mailman and an almost unrecognizable Lev Schreiber. Hogan takes another dysfunctional family and produces a cracking comedy that walks a tightrope between the passionate and the grotesque. The five Moomore girls feel they suffer from some kind of undiagnosed illness, but maybe they are just unpopular! See what happens when hitchhiker Shaz (Collette) moves in to

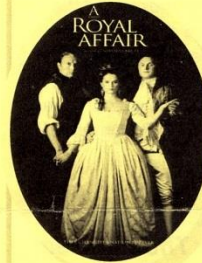
save the day after their mother has a nervous breakdown. Source: National Film and Sound Archive.

March 13

A Royal Affair

Denmark, 2012, 138 min.

Polished Danish Historical Drama



Dir: Nikola Arcel. Cast: Mads Mikkelsen and Alicia Vikander. Set in 18th Century Denmark, a young English princess travels to Copenhagen to marry King Christian V11 of Denmark. Finding him mentally unstable, she begins an illicit love affair with her physician. King Christian however, embarks upon unpopular reforms that lead into dangerous political territory. The pace is pitch perfect with Mads Mikkelsen playing an unforgettable role. Winner of the *Silver Bear* and Mikkelsen the

Best Actor in the 2012 *Berlin International Film Festival*. Source: *Madman*.

April 10

Tales of Ugetsu

Japan, 1953, b/w, 94 min. Dir: Kenji Mizoguchi.

Traditional Japanese Ghost Story

In the mid 1950s when the international film festival circuits got underway, Western critics praised Mizoguchi's films. Key to his direction is the mixing of real and the supernatural and his



mindful use of static slow observation and reflection. Ugetsu explores issues of love, honour, responsibility and family. Also, much like Max Ophul's *Letter From an Unknown Woman* (1947), Mizoguchi relentlessly deconstructed the prejudice and

hypocrisy confronted by women at that time. To watch this film is to be in the presence of cinematic greatness. Source: National Film and Sound Archive.

May 8th

Dupa Dealuri (Beyond the Hills)

Romania, 2012, 152 min. Dir: Christian Mungui.

Romanian Drama

beyond the hills



In an isolated orthodox convent in the remote corner of the Moldavian mountains, Alina has just reunited with Vachita after spending several years in Germany. Trying to convince Vachita to return with her, a strong attraction grows between the two which leads to an attempted exorcism by the church elders. Filled with fascinating detail and insight into pockets of contemporary European religious fanaticism and lesbianism the film has had limited release in Australia. The two female stars: Christian Flutur and Cosmina Stratan won awards for *Best Actress at Cannes*, 2012. Source: *Madman*.

June 12

The Master

USA, 2012, 132 min. Dir: Paul Thomas Anderson.

American Post-war Drama



Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams and Laura Dern. Soundtrack: Radiohead. Anderson's 6th film is bold, original and controversial. Freddie (Phoenix) returns to the US after WW2 a broken and unsettled man. He meets a charismatic 'Master' (Hoffman) who is the leader of a mysterious new movement. Anderson uses the backdrop

of L. Ron Hubbard's Dianetics movement to situate the characters and peer into its making. Other films by Anderson include *There Will Be Blood* (2007) and *Magnolia* (1999). Source: *Rialto*.

July 10

Le Havre

Finland, 2011, 93 min. Dir: Aki Kaurismake.

Quirky Finnish comedy



Set in the French harbour city of La Havre, we are introduced to a bohemian shoeshine man called Marcel. In his neighbourhood a young African boy is being pursued by French authorities for deportation. This delightful film is a political fairy-tale that exists somewhere in between contemporary French film and the stylised gangster movies of Jean-Pierre Melville. Winner of the *International Critics Award at Cannes 2011*, Margaret and David gave it 4 stars. A very special film that is set in another era where there are still dial up phones, belted trench coats

and a spirit of neighbourliness. Oh, and there is a really cute dog! Source: *Sharmill Films*.

August 14

Chasing Ice

USA, 2013, 75 min. Dir: Jeff Orlowski.

Cool Compelling Documentary



Chasing Ice was screened at the White House on Earth Day, 2013. In the film we follow acclaimed National Geographic photographer James Balog across the Artic as he deploys sophisticated time-lapse cameras to capture the multi-year changes in the Northern glaciers. For his project, *Extreme Ice Survey*, Balog and his young team come to understand the character and nature of ice as they witness the massive changes that are occurring. This film has won numerous awards including the winner of the *Satellite Award for Best Documentary*.

Source: Madman.

September 11

Les Enfants du Paradis

French Poetic Realism

France, 1945, 190 min., b/w, Dir: Marcel Carne.

Since its triumphant premiere in a newly liberated France in



1945, the *Children of Paradise* has maintained its unchallenged popularity. Screenwriter Jacques Prevert - gregarious, passionate and political - teams up with director Marcel Carne - remote and cool, to create sublime cinematic magic. The film took 18 months to produce and was made during the German occupation of France amidst tremendous hardship for actors, Jewish composers and the 1,500 extras used in the film. Set in the rich gamey world of mid 19th century Parisian theatre, farce, romance, melodrama and tragedy is swept up into a perfect narrative. It is like pure velvet to watch. Source: NFSA.

October 9 **The Big Heat**

USA, 1953, b/w, 90 min. Dir: Fritz Lang.

American 1950s Noir



Cast: Glen Ford, Gloria Grahame, Jocelyn Brando, Carolyn Jones and Lee Marvin.

Homicide detective Dave Bannon is an honest cop who investigates the death of a fellow officer Tom Duncan after a suspected suicide. Lifting the

lid off the garbage can, he uncovers a world of megalomaniac crime bosses, police commissioners and city councilors all on the same payroll. This is a ballad of hate, murder and revenge that only America of the 50s can pull off but we also witness the courage of others: a crippled woman gives him a lead and a band of old mates protects his daughter. (Watched by Mike in series 5 of *Breaking Bad*) Source: NFSA.

November 13

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Chile, 2013, 117 min. Dir: Pablo Larrain, Madman

Gritty Docudrama

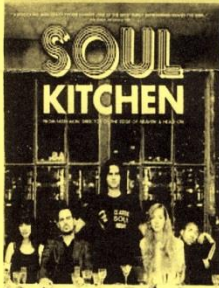


In 1988, due to international pressure, Augusto Pinochet holds a plebiscite on his presidency. Against all odds, a young ad man takes on the job of mobilizing Chilean people to vote 'no' to Pinochet's continued military rule. Shot in U-Matic to give the feel of the time and blend with actual footage, the film reveals a little known or understood role of how modern media can change the mood of a nation. This is Larrain's third film in a trilogy recording the Pinochet dictatorship between 1973 and

1988. Source: Rialto.

December 6 **Soul Kitchen**

Melting-pot comedy



Germany, 2009, 96 min. Director: Fatih Akin. Stars: Adam Bousdoukos.

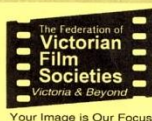
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26 May 2014

Forum explores range of ideas for Civic Hall

Do we change the use of the Civic Hall? Or change the building? Do we want large, or small changes? Are there things we want to keep? These were some of the questions posed by Ammon Beyerle, one of the speakers at Sunday's forum, ***Civic Hall – Reopen, Revitalize!***

Beyerle, Co Director of Here Studio, and a founder of CoWorking, is based in Ballarat, and is currently completing his PhD in participatory architectural practice.

At the forum he showed images of some of his favourite arts and community spaces in Europe and Australia that have been developed by creatively adapting old buildings.

Paris' Musée D'Orsay was once a railway station and London's Tate Modern, a power station. Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art was a maritime services building. Each has created imaginative contemporary spaces within old buildings to become major arts and tourism icons.

Jeremy Gaden, Director of The Substation, Newport, gave an inspiring account of how a derelict 1915 railway substation, closed since the 1960s, has become a leading contemporary performance and visual art space, enhancing liveability in the western suburbs.

Long considered an eyesore that nobody wanted, its rejuvenation began with two people and finally involved the whole community. A partnership was formed with Victoria University and it became an important Work for the Dole project. Today businesses nearby are thriving and there are fewer closed shops.

Gaden said that a key problem was that the building was never designed to accommodate people. However the advantages of utilising a character-filled structure with a long past, has far outweighed any disadvantages. He offered his assistance and expertise to Ballarat in its quest to retain the Civic Hall for community purposes.

Local historian and writer, Phil Roberts, spoke of the \$5 million process to restore the Ballarat Mechanics Institute. The meticulous restoration was achieved in stages, over fifteen years, with funding mainly from the Brumby state government, major philanthropic trusts, local service clubs and businesses.

A secretary and long-term board member of the Mechanics Institute, Roberts advised Civic Hall proponents not to cling too closely to its past uses, and to seek professional architectural advice.

Save Civic Hall organisers were very happy with the high quality of speakers, the usefulness of information imparted, and the audience response.

The forum grew out of plans to curate an exhibition of Civic Hall memorabilia, to be held early next year.

Save Civic Hall is currently continuing discussions with the City of Ballarat regarding their proposed community engagement process. This is seen as a timely process to heal the rift between Council and community and to further discuss some of the ideas put forth at the forum.

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Initial distrust and dislike developed into such strong bonds with the community that they grieved when the detention centre was closed.

This is one of three superb films that make up a mini film festival being shown as part of Refugee Week at Loreto College, 1600 Sturt Street, 4 – 8.30pm on Tuesday 17 June.

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea brings home the risks people take in their search for a safe haven from war-torn countries, and the frustrations of the current system.

Hope is the story of Amal Basry, a woman who was one of only seven people to make it to Australia when four hundred boarded a boat for Australia.

The Film Fest is being organised by Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees (formerly known as Ballarat ARA Circle of Friends). Admission is free and open to all, with screenings at 4pm, 5pm and 6.30pm.

Tea and coffee is available between screenings and there's a chance to meet other people concerned about the plight of refugees.

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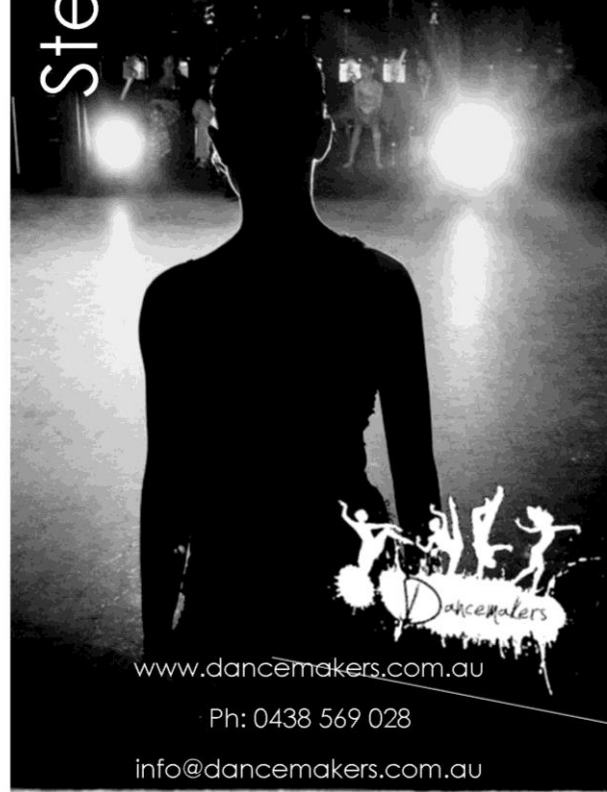
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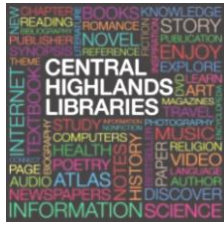
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