

The Welcome Mat

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Dear Members, Supporters and 1st time Readers,

Christmas has come and gone and we are well into 2009. Thanks to Chris and Don Longmire who held our Christmas function at their home. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance. I would like to thank all members and sponsors who have supported Bendigo Newcomers in 2008. We look forward to your continued support in 2009 and beyond.

Our planning team puts a lot of thought and effort into planning monthly events. We thank those members who have submitted their suggestions for future events. There were some great ideas that will be incorporated into our events calendar. You will notice that the calendar now covers 3 months, thus allowing everyone time to plan their 'social lives' well ahead. It would also be helpful if any members could offer some time to host events. Many hands make light work.

Anyone who is interested to find out more about Bendigo Newcomers, whether our group can provide the support or interaction that you are seeking, please contact me on 0418-582-531

Kevin Bazley
President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

What a wonderful night we had on Saturday 17th January at the Maldon & Beyond Twilight Festival.

The organisers and participants were lucky to have a lovely balmy evening, and the sense of anticipation over such an unusual event was thick in the air. The beautiful central part of Maldon was blocked off, tables with white clothes filled the road instead of vehicles, fairy lights decorated the verandas and food vendors were plentiful and excellent. To top it off, there was music all evening with an operatic performance by four gorgeous young singers half way through the event.

It was great to meet members again, and to be introduced to others for the first time. We had a wonderful evening, and congratulations to Helen for arranging the outing.

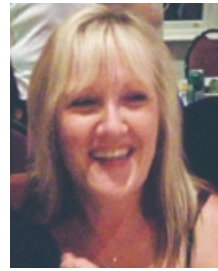
Warm regards,

Brenda and Charles Stevens-Chambers

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PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER



My name: Gail Butt

My place and date of birth: Melbourne, 9th September ?

My family: 2 sons – Brendan 23yo & Daniel 16yo

I have lived in Bendigo: 4 ½ years

I came to Bendigo: from Maryborough, Vic (and previously Research, Melb)

My most enjoyable moments are spent: With my family and friends

I would describe myself as being: Friendly, motivated, social

My earliest memory is: Starting school in Eltham, Vic

The music I love is: Most (no heavy stuff)

The defining moment of my life has been: Having my boys and seeing them grow in to fine young men, which makes me extremely proud.

I wish I had never: Picked up our Jack Russell. (He is so demanding and boisterous).

If I could meet anyone in history: Mother Teresa

The most memorable book I have read: Angela's Ashes – I was amazed with the poverty they lived.

The best place I've visited: Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

My biggest achievement: Receiving the "Pride of Workmanship" Rotary award. while working in HR at Nestle.

If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for: World peace, no poverty.

CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS

There were some items left here after the Xmas lunch

- glass with orange flowers
- pink tupperware sandwich box
- pair of sunglasses
- packet of mosquito bands
- white plastic bowl
- large cut glass bowl
- pink plastic champagne glass

If the owners of these items want to ring me (5435 2044) I am happy to drop them in when I am out and about in Bendigo.

Thanks,

Christine Longmire

Linking people, places & events

For enquiries and event details call

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Web: www.bendigonewcomers.com

For further contact numbers please refer to our website.



Events

February 2009 to May 2009

FEBRUARY

Sunday 8th February @ 12 noon

Family picnic in Rosalind Park. Bendigo Newcomers extends a welcome to new residents of Bendigo. Please meet on the grassed area near the Rotunda. Call RSVP Gail on 0419 574 523 or E: bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

Saturday 21st February @ 6.00pm

Progressive Dinner. Three Bendigo Newcomers members have offered their homes and invite you to join them for a 4 course dinner, members only. \$10 per person, drinks included. Address and maps available when you RSVP to Colleen 5443 1679 by Mon 16th.

Friday 27th February @ 10.30am

Morning Tea @ The Puddler, \$5. Our morning tea at The Puddler is held each month. This is a great venue, located at 101 Williamson St Bendigo, new members are warmly welcome to all events but if you are looking for somewhere to start, call our friendly host Helen O. on 5446 1152 to RSVP by Wed 25th.

Friday 27th February – 6.00-8.00pm

Drinks @ The Winebank View St. RSVP to Michelle on 5441 5848.

**** NOTE - Housewarming BBQ advertised for the 27th Feb has been postponed.**

Saturday 28th February @ 7.30pm

Orchestra Victoria, Rosalind Park. Preliminary Performance 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Orchestral Concert from 9pm - 10.30am. Free. Meet Aileen at the foot-bridge between RSL and Visitors Centre at 7pm with picnic tea and chair. RSVP to our host Aileen on 5439 4121.

MARCH

Friday 6th March – Evening

Movie Evening. Closer to the day we will decide whether we go to The Star Cinema or Bendigo Cinemas. RSVP to Chris V. 5442 8189 by Thurs 5th.

Wednesday 11th March @ 6.00pm

Pub meal, Manchester Arms Hotel. 136 Eaglehawk Rd, Bendigo. RSVP to Kevin or Jenny 5443 2899 by Mon 9th.

Sunday 15th March @ 2.00pm

Afternoon Tea & HELEN'S Fashion through the Ages. Come and see a display of outfits from bygone days whilst enjoying High Tea with Helen. RSVP Helen O. 5446 1152 by Thurs 12th.

If you would like to display an item, just let Helen know ASAP.

Friday 27th March @ 10.30am

Morning Tea @ The Puddler, \$5. Located at 101 Williamson St Bendigo, call host Helen O. on 5446 1152 to RSVP by Wed 25th.

Sunday 29th March @ 1.00pm

Lunch & Jazz, the Shamrock on the balcony. RSVP to Kevin or Jenny on 5443 2899 by Fri 27th.

APRIL

Sunday 5th April @ 10.30am

Markets & Lunch @ Castlemaine. Visit Farmers and Art markets then lunch at a Castlemaine café. This is also the last day of the Castlemaine State Festival. RSVP to Colleen 5443 1679 by Fri 3rd.

Saturday 18th April @ 7.00pm

Chinese Meal, 'Imperial Palace' 2 High St Bendigo, fully licenced with BYO wine only, \$2.50 corkage. RSVP Kevin or Jenny 5443 2899 by Wed 15th.

Friday 24th April @ 10.30am

Morning Tea @ The Puddler, \$5. Located at 101 Williamson St Bendigo, call host Helen O. on 5446 1152 to RSVP by Wed 22th.

MAY

Friday 1st May @ 6.30pm

Wine tasting @ the Boardwalk Café, Lake Weeroona. For just \$10 you'll get a plate of savories, friendly BN company and a great variety of wines to taste. RSVP Michelle 5441 5848 by Wed 29th April.

Sunday 17th May @ 11.00am

Brunch @ Brassy's. 7 High St Eaglehawk. RSVP Chris V. 5442 8189 by Fri 15th.

Sunday 24th May @ 12.30pm

Lunch @ Lynnvale Estate Winery. 83 Cahills Rd Mandurang. Main courses \$14-\$16. RSVP Helen G. on 5444 3645 by Thurs 21st.

Friday 29th May @ 10.30am

Morning Tea @ The Puddler, \$5. Located at 101 Williamson St Bendigo, call host Helen O. on 5446 1152 to RSVP by Wed 27th.

LOCAL EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Watch the local papers for various activities in Bendigo at this time of year.

15th Feb Chinese New Year.

17th Feb 10am Spring Gully Hall, Assoc of Independent Retirees have a speaker Molly Brennan – a Living Treasure. Contact Helen G on 5444 3645.

28th Feb View St Open Day, 11am – 7pm.

27th March 5th April Castlemaine Festival.

10th - 13th April Easter is Friday 10th April – Mon 13th April watch out for Bendigo Easter Parade and a host of other activities in the area.



Star Cinema

Visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au or Star Cinema on 54394121 or info@starcinema.org.au

The Information Centre would be able to assist with other local events

FEEDBACK MAT

HOME START is a home visiting program where volunteers visit socially isolated families for 2 hours a week to provide support.

Volunteers are needed. Please ring 035441 1047 or 0439 038 149.