

The Welcome Mat

Bendigo
NEWCOMERS
Everyone has a place

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Dear Newcomers and Supporters,

As we experience a change in seasons, the Newcomers team has also undergone some changes. The last couple of months have seen the resignation of our President & Vice President due to other commitments. On behalf of our members I would like to thank Lynne & Karen respectively for their contribution. Karen has been with BN since it's inception as a co-founder and has dedicated several years as a volunteer on the committee. The following members have offered to act in the following capacity until our AGM in September, 2008:-

President – Michelle Scott

Vice President & Memberships – Kevin Bazley

Treasurer – Barry Small

Secretary & Website Development – Jenny Bazley

Website Development & Newsletters – Anna Macgowan

Social Coordinators – Colleen McCarthy & Helen O'Donoghue

Brochure Distribution – Walter & Beth Kiley

Administration Volunteer – Raelene Joseph

Grant Submissions – Marnie Jewell

Media – Catherine Fernando

We have recently experienced an encouraging amount of offers for volunteers, allowing us to spread the workload and offer our members more events. The website is currently being updated & the Welcome Mat will now be available on-line. It's been refreshing to see many new faces at our events recently and we look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Kind regards

Michelle Scott
Acting President

Harvey Norman

LUCKY MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Every membership paid by 1st July, 2008 will go into the draw to win a LG DVD Recorder valued at \$230 with thanks to 'Harvey Norman the true technology specialist'. The draw will take place at the July Committee meeting and the lucky winner will be notified. Good luck everyone!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm at 171 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo. If you would like an item placed on the agenda please forward to the Secretary by the week before via email bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au or by post to 251/16 Edwards Rd, Bendigo 3550. We value your input.

PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER

My name: Maria Girardi

My place and date of birth: Melbourne 1957

My family: Partner Bill La Grue and my daughter

I have lived in Bendigo: Since August 2006

I came to Bendigo: from East Geelong

I came to Bendigo because: Work and choice

One of my favourite things about Bendigo: friendliness

My most enjoyable moments are spent: creating art

I would describe myself as being: Independent and creative

My earliest memory is: Running away from home at 18 months old

The music I love is: an eclectic mix

The best movie I've ever seen was: 'Pieces of April'

The defining moment of my life (so far) has been: Meeting my partner

I really admire: Hand quilters

I wish I could be better at: Hand quilting

I wish I had never: gone on a diet

If I could meet anyone in history: Michelangelo

The most memorable book I have read: "The Mennymys" by Sylvia Waugh

I have very strong views about: workplace bullying

The best place I've visited: Perugia in Italy

My biggest achievement: Leaving home and giving birth to my daughter and raising her

If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for: whirled peas

We have a lot more information on our website at
www.bendigonewcomers.com

Also more information at Bendigo Web Central

DOCTORS TAKING ON NEW PATIENTS

To confirm doctors taking on new patients please contact the Central Victoria General Practice Network on 5441 7806.

Linking people, places & events

For enquiries and event details call

Phone: 5434 4352 or 0418 582 531 - Fax: 5448 1699 - Postal: 251/16 Edwards Rd, Bendigo 3550

Email: bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au - Web: www.bendigonewcomers.com

For further contact numbers please refer to our website.



HIDDEN GEM

(This is a hidden gem known only to locals).

The exact centre of Victoria

Next to the corner of Hollidays Road and Pentlands Road there is a plaque on a rock that has been measured to be the exact geographic centre of Victoria.

Feedback Mat

(We welcome any feedback from newcomers, businesses & services.)

BENDIGO WEB CENTRAL

Your guide to the city of Bendigo www.bwc.com.au

Events

ONGOING

LAUGHTER CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY STARTING AT 8.30AM

We meet at Ewing Park, Williamson St cnr Hopper St near the playground. Then we go out for a delicious breakfast. For more information contact Debbie Phillips 5444 3730 or 0411 571660.

CARD NIGHT

FORTNIGHTLY

In each others homes fortnightly for a card afternoon/night. All welcome. Call Walter or Beth on 5446 8930 or Aileen on 5439 4121 or email bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

LOCAL EVENTS

Please visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5434 6000 to find out about up and coming events in our local region.

STAR CINEMA

If you would like to go on the mailing list for the monthly full colour program please contact the Star on 5446 2025 or email info@starcinema.org.au

ROUNABOUT READERS BOOKCLUB

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

Roundabout Readers Bookclub are looking for new members. They meet every third Thursday of the month at 8pm and are a CAE book group. Many of them are new to Bendigo and really want some new people for the group in 2008. Contact Simone Bassett – 0417 039 737 simonebassett@hotmail.com

MAY

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY @ 6.30PM

DINNER AT THE WHITEHORSE HOTEL

305 Eaglehawk Road, California Gully, kids eat free. A great family friendly Irish pub offering fantastic value meals. Please RSVP by Monday 12th May to Helen on 5446 1152.

SATURDAY 17TH MAY: 10AM - 3PM

COME AND TRY CROQUET

Eaglehawk Croquet Club, 20-26 Napier Street. Opportunity to play a “come and try” game. Wear flat soled shoes and bring a plate. Equipment provided. Please RSVP by Thursday 15th May to Helen on 5446 1152.

FRIDAY 23RD MAY @ 10.30AM

MORNING TEA AT THE PUDDLER RESTAURANT

Everyone is invited to a monthly morning tea at the Puddler, 101 Williamson St, Bendigo \$5 for coffee and cake. Please RSVP by Wednesday 21st May to Helen on 5446 1152.

FRIDAY 23RD MAY: 6PM - 8PM

DRINKS AT WINEBANK ON VIEW

45 View Street, Bendigo. Come along and have fun over drinks at this very popular landmark Bendigo venue. Please RSVP by Wednesday 21st May to Michelle on 5444 1711 or bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

SUNDAY 25TH MAY @ 12 NOON

LUNCH AT MANDURANG VALLEY WINERY

77 Fadersons Lane (off Tannery Lane). Enjoy the picturesque setting of this popular local winery. Wine tasting on the day. Please RSVP by Monday 20th May to Kevin on 0418 582 531 or bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

JUNE

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE @ 10AM

PICNIC AND WALK

Yes, it's the long weekend and not everyone goes away. Meet Colleen at the Lions Park cnr of Crook St and McIvor Hwy for an enjoyable picnic and walk in the beautiful local bush. Children to bring the footy, cricket balls etc. Adults please bring a plate to share or the BBQ meat to cook up. We will meet in any weather. Please RSVP by Friday 6th June to Colleen on 0429 147 299 or bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE FROM 6PM

DRINKS AND DINNER

Join us for a quiet drink/coffee at the Shamrock Hotel from 6-7pm before heading to the Indian Tavern for dinner at 7pm upstairs 14-16 Pall Mall, Bendigo (BYO wine only). Please RSVP by Wednesday 11th June to Michelle on 5444 1711 or bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE @ 10.00AM

COFFEE AND CHAT AT BENDIGO ART GALLERY

View Street, Bendigo. Fashion designer and owner of boutique 'Madmessmiv'. Jan Mayhead will talk about contemporary fashion design and taking inspiration from vintage textiles and patterns. Please RSVP by Sunday 15th June to Colleen on 0429 149 299 or bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au

THURSDAY 26TH JUNE @ 6.30PM

DINNER AT BOTANICAL GARDENS HOTEL

555 Napier Street, White Hills. Pot and parma night \$12. Normal menu available. Children's playground & menu also available. Please RSVP by Tuesday 24th June to Helen on 5446 1152.

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE @ 10.30AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAFTS

Any newcomers interested in a monthly craft get together please call Aileen on 5439 4121.

Our Social events aim to bring newcomers together to meet new people and to learn from each others experiences. We need you there to help make it a success.