

The Welcome Mat

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Dear Members, Sponsors and Supporters,

Welcome to all first time readers of the Welcome Mat. The winners of our earlybird membership renewal prize were Estelle and Alan Packer. We hope they enjoy their dinner at The Puddler.

At a recent coffee morning at The Puddler, members were asked for event suggestions. Many good ideas were put forward and our planning team will endeavour to incorporate some of these suggestions over the next 12 months. The Winter Warmers home events have proved popular. Thank you to members who have opened their homes to host these events.

Bendigo Newcomers Inc AGM will be held on 15th September 2009 at 7pm. The venue is the upstairs function room at the Bridge Hotel. Finger food will be provided at the completion of the AGM. All financial members will receive an email or postal notification, along with a nomination form for a position on the committee of Bendigo Newcomers Inc. A number of current committee members are stepping down, providing the opportunity for new blood on your committee. I encourage all members to consider nominating.

Even if you do not wish to nominate for the committee, come to the AGM and show your support for Bendigo Newcomers. To assist with catering, please RSVP your attendance at the AGM to Jenny or Kevin Bazley on 5443 2899 by 8th September.

Kevin Bazley
President

DOCTORS TAKING ON NEW PATIENTS

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

Further information about Bendigo Newcomers

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

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PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER



My name: Lynne Cooper My place and date of birth: North Balwyn, Melbourne...a Baby Boomer!

My Family: 2 sons, Owen 30yrs, Glenn 27 yrs and Harry 13: our dear corgi

I have lived in Bendigo: Nearly 20 years

I Came to Bendigo: from Tongala to Bendigo for work and education of sons

My most enjoyable moments are spent: Travelling: I have been fortunate to live overseas for 6 years and also seen a lot of Australia

I would describe myself as being: A committed Occupational Therapist and keen member of The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale.

My earliest memory: being excited about leaving Melbourne and moving to a farm at Stanhope South at age 7.

The music I love is: I play music all day when working in my home office: a variety but really enjoy Eric Bogle's original songs.

The defining moment in my life has been: The joy and privilege of being born in Australia

I wish I had never: Paid so little attention to my superannuation earlier in my working life!

If I could meet anyone in history: Bishop Desmond Tutu

The most memorable book I have read: There are many books – this one stands out 'A Fortunate Life' by A. B. Facey

The best place I have visited: Kings Canyon in Central Australia and Thursday Island

My biggest achievement: Being the fortunate parent of two wonderful sons and establishing my own private practice

If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for: A peaceful world

SUGGESTION BOX

If you have any suggestions or comments
please send them to
bendigonewcomers@vic.chariot.net.au

Linking people, places & events

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FEEDBACK MAT

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale meets weekly at Quality Resort All Seasons in Mclvor Road for a dinner meeting with guest speaker at 6.00pm on Tuesdays and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Lynne Cooper: 5442 4928 or 0438 591 063

Buda Fest 2009 11th – 14th September At Buda Historic Home and Garden 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine and other venues in and around Castlemaine. A weekend of learning how to make the most of your garden using sustainable practices. Telephone / Fax 5472 1032 or visit www.budacastlemaine.org

Annual Harvest Moon Festival – 19th September Chinese Precinct, Bridge St Bendigo. www.goldendragonmuseum.org

Divine Divas & Steel Magnolias @ The Capitol in October If you would like to join Colleen to see any of these shows please contact Colleen on 0429 147 299. For further information please visit www.thecapitol.com.au

Events

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 9th September - Afternoon Tea with Brenda and Charles @ 3.00pm

Members only event – A few members are keen for an opportunity to break out the scones and cakes. Please bring a plate along to share with everyone. Please RSVP to Brenda by Monday 7th September on 5443 4886, address details will be given then.

Sunday 13th September – Goldmines Hotel @ 12.00pm

Marong Road, Bendigo. Join us for Sunday lunch at the recently re-opened Goldmines Hotel. Please RSVP to Glenys Tuohey by Thursday 10th September on 5442 1818.

Tuesday 15th September – AGM commencing 7pm

Refer details above.

Friday 18th September - After work drinks @ GPO Hotel from 6pm

Pall Mall, Bendigo. Join us and unwind at the end of another busy week. Some may like to stay on for a meal afterwards. Please RSVP to Michelle by Wednesday 16th September on 5444 1711.

Friday 25th September – Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am

101 Williamson St, Bendigo. Join us for our ever popular monthly morning tea. Great opportunity to meet members and find out more about Bendigo Newcomers. Cost \$5.00. Please RSVP to Mary by Wednesday 23rd September on 5444 0221.

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st October – “Ladies Night” at the Bridge Hotel from 7pm

Join us for a drink or a coffee as we kick back and enjoy listening to an Acoustic Duo called 'Fuss'. \$2.50 glass of champagne, \$7.50 cocktails plus other drinks heavily discounted. Please RSVP to Michelle by 29th September on 5444 1711. **Men welcome!**

Thursday 8th October – Indian Buffet Dinner @ BRiT Restaurant from 6.30pm

136 McCrae St, Bendigo. Join us for dinner at this fantastic training restaurant which is located in a gorgeous building. Cost \$27.50 per person. Please RSVP to Jenny and Kevin by 6th October on 5443 2899.

Saturday 10th October – Afternoon Tea & Private Cinema Experience

Members only event – Join us for nibbles at Helen Sleswick's place at 4.00pm. Please bring a plate along and BYO drinks. After nibbles, we will then head to a Private Cinema in California Gully for a movie showing at 6.30pm. First 20 members only for the private cinema experience. No limit for nibbles at Helen's. Cost for cinema \$5 per person. For further information and address details please RSVP to Helen by Tuesday 6th October on 0418 727 885.

Sunday 11th October – Bush Poetry, Songs & Music Concert from 2pm – 5pm

Whitehorse Hotel – Upper California Gully Rd, California Gully. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment and fun. Lunch available from 12pm – 2pm. Please RSVP to Mary by Thursday 8th October on 5444 0221.

Friday 16th October – Gorgeous Voices Festival

Join us for the opening night of the festival with a free concert on the steps of the Capitol Theatre. Please RSVP to Colleen ASAP on 0429 147 299, we will then decide if we are going to book a table somewhere for dinner or bring along a picnic and rug as we listen to the Gorgeous Voices.

Sunday 25th October – Open Garden Scheme

We will start at 32 Herbert Ave, Bendigo and carpool to the other gardens (Eaglehawk and Nth Bendigo). A map is provided for the 4 gardens that will be open that day and when/where Devonshire tea will be available (additional \$4.) Raffle will be drawn on the day. Cost: \$8.00 for 4 gardens, money to Zonta Club. Please RSVP and confirm meeting time with Colleen on 0429 147 299.

Friday 30th October - Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am

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NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th November – Chicken & Champagne Lunch from 12.00pm

Members only event – Join us at Kevin and Jenny's place for an afternoon of fun. Please dress to impress – fashion on the field judges will be present as we celebrate the end of the Spring Racing Carnival. Prizes up for grabs. Food will be provided by Bendigo Newcomers. Please BYO drinks. To RSVP and obtain address details please contact Kevin and Jenny by Monday 2nd November on 5443 2899.

Wednesday 18th November – Dinner @ Crook Street Park from 6pm

Cnr Crook St & Mclvor Rd, Strathdale. Join us mid week for a bbq or picnic dinner as the weather warms up. BYO food, drinks, chairs, rugs etc. Please RSVP to Brenda by Monday 16th November on 5443 4886.

Sunday 22nd November – Bike ride and lunch at the Marong Hotel

Bike ride from the hotel will commence at 11am. If you would like to join us for lunch only please meet at the hotel at 12.30pm. RSVP to Jenny and Kevin by Thursday 19th November on 5443 2899.

Friday 27th November – Morning Tea @ The Puddler

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DECEMBER

Sunday 6th December - Christmas Get Together at Don & Christine's from 12pm

Members only event – After last year's fantastic Christmas Get Together, Don & Christine have kindly offered to host this special event again for 2009. Food provided by Bendigo Newcomers, BYO drinks. Please RSVP to Christine on 5435 2044 by 1st December, address details will be provided then.

Friday 18th December – Drinks @ the Wine Bank 6pm – 8pm

View St, Bendigo. Meet upstairs under the verandah as we relax and reflect on the year gone by. This will be our last event for 2009. Please RSVP to Michelle by Wednesday 16th December on 5444 1711.