

The Welcome Mat

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NEWCOMERS
Everyone has a place

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Dear Members, Supporters & First Time Readers,

On behalf of the committee and members I would like to thank Bendigo Community Health Services for the recent sponsorship towards our bi-monthly newsletters. BCHS have been active supporters of Bendigo Newcomers since its inception and we are very grateful for their continued generosity.

Our 3rd AGM is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 11th September, 2008 commencing at 7pm in the Boardroom of BCHS - 171 Hargreaves St, Bendigo. All financial members should have received the relevant information for the AGM by now. All positions will be vacant on the night and we hope the committee for 2008/09 will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary (Public Officer), Treasurer and 4 ordinary member positions which will cover areas such as Newsletters, Events, Website & Grant Submissions.

If you are considering nominating for a position and require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the current committee. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all committee members and volunteers who have contributed towards the day to day running of Bendigo Newcomers. Your dedication has allowed our friendly not for profit organisation to be what it is today. Without our volunteers, Bendigo Newcomers wouldn't be able to exist. I would like to welcome our new members for this financial year and look forward to meeting you all in the near future. A big thank you to everyone who has rejoined for the coming year, your on-going support is greatly appreciated. Helen O'Donoghue was our Lucky Membership Prize Winner and was stoked to have won the DVD Recorder kindly donated by Harvey Norman the True Technology Specialist. I hope this message finds everyone well and keeping warm on these fresh winter days. Take care.

Kind regards

Michelle Scott
Acting President

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The newly elected committee will determine the frequency of Committee meetings for the 2008/09 year – stay tuned. If you would like an item placed on the agenda please forward details to the Secretary via email bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au or by post to PO Box 1121 Bendigo, 3552. We value your input.

DOCTORS TAKING ON NEW PATIENTS

To confirm doctors taking on new patients please contact the Central Victoria 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: Anna Macgowan

My place and date of birth: Sydney, NSW – December 14th

My family: on my own by choice

I have lived in Bendigo: for 18 months

I came to Bendigo: from the Yarra Valley

My most enjoyable moments are spent: either with a good friend – or if they are otherwise engaged with a good book or movie

I would describe myself as being: intelligent and intense, oh and friendly

My earliest memory is: 'helping' my father recover a couch when I was about three

The music I love is: most music as long as it is not too loud

The defining moment of my life (so far) has been: visiting Krakatoa when it was erupting in 1983

I wish I had never: eaten lambs brains - yuk

If I could meet anyone in history: Buckminster Fuller or Albert Einstein

The most memorable book I have read: The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand

The best place I've visited: The Taj Mahal in India

My biggest achievement: being a blood donor since I was 18

If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for: self confidence for everyone

HIDDEN GEM

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

Sharp's Bazaar – Come in and step back in time - 14 Sailors Gully Road, Eaglehawk. Opposite the historical Star Cinema. This is a true 'Bazaar' with a wonderful array of treasures waiting to be found. When you go there do not stop at the first room, the real gems are further on. Open 6 days, closed Tuesday. Phone: 5446 1193.

Feedback Mat

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

DO YOU HAVE A ROBE FULL OF HISTORY?

Inspired by the art gallery function in last month's newsletter, Helen O'Donoghue will reveal her own collection of 'Fashion through the Ages'. She is interested to hear from any members who want to exhibit an item from their wardrobe. Call Helen on 5446 1152.

Linking people, places & events

For enquiries and event details call

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

For further contact numbers please refer to our website.



Events

BENDIGO FREE THINKERS 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

For intelligent conversation for the sake of intelligent conversation with intelligent people over dinner. Venue each month to be confirmed. Please call Anna on 5443 2064 or check out www.spaceshipearth.com.au for more information.

CARD NIGHT FORTNIGHTLY

In each others homes fortnightly for a card afternoon. All welcome. Call Walter or Beth on 5446 8930 or Aileen on 5439 4121 or email bendigoneewcomers@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

REDESDALE TAVERN CAMP OVEN COOK

SAT 6TH SEPTEMBER 10AM

It's on again - the opportunity to find out if you have what it takes to be a champion camp oven cook! Does it get much better than cooking in the middle of a paddock in central Victoria with over 500 people. Back to basics a great old Aussie tradition. There is also a produce market, food and wine, bush poets and folk music. This event comes highly recommended by Newcomer members who have been in past years. For more information <http://www.redesdaletavern.com.au/events.htm>

AUTUMN HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

SAT 13TH SEPTEMBER

Chinese Museum Forecourt, 5-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo. A free event, the Harvest Moon Festival is a special harvest celebration for the Chinese and other Asian cultures around the world. Enjoy performances from Bendigo Chinese Association Lion, Dragon and Plum Blossom Girls Dance Teams, Asian Artists and local community groups. There will be Asian food and children's activities.

BENDIGO SHOW

24TH & 25TH OCTOBER

Show Grounds Holmes Rd, Bendigo. The Bendigo Agricultural show is always two days of action and entertainment for the whole family.

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPT @ 6.30PM

DINNER @ BRIT

3 course Mexican Dinner in the BRiT training Restaurant. This is a great venue at a great price; just \$27.50 for 3 courses. The BRiT hospitality students will cook for you a Mexican feast. A fully licensed restaurant located at 136 McRae St, Bendigo. Host for the evening will be Helen, please call to RSVP by Mon 8th Sept on 5446 1152.

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPT @ 10.30AM

ART & TEA WITH FRIENDS OF THE ART GALLERY

Morning Tea followed by talk to commence at 10.30am. These are free events, all welcome. Enjoy a light morning tea with locally based ceramicist, Garry Bish who will discuss his work currently on display at the Bendigo Art Gallery. RSVP to Marlene on 5442 3439 or 0402 329 976.

FRIDAY 26TH SEPT @ 10.30AM

THE PUDDLER \$5 MORNING TEA

Join us for our ever popular morning tea. 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 on 5446 1152 to RSVP by Weds 24th Sept.

SATURDAY 27TH SEPT @ 12.30PM ONWARDS

GRAND FINAL DAY BBQ

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT - No matter what your team or sport, Grand Final Day for the AFL is an exciting game to watch. Join a great group of people for a BBQ in one of our member's home. BYO meat & drinks - salads will be provided. RSVP to hosts Kevin & Jenny on 5443 2899 or 0418 576 242 by Wed 23rd Sept. Address will be provided on RSVP.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 5TH OCT @ 11AM

BRASSY'S CAFE

Met Helen at Brassy Restaurant 7 High St, Eaglehawk for brunch, lunch or a cuppa at this new restaurant. There is the opportunity of a movie at the popular Star Cinema. RSVP by 3rd Oct to Helen on 5446 1152 www.starcinema.org.au

WEDNESDAY 15TH @ OCTOBER 6.30PM

DINNER AT THE RISING SUN HOTEL

84 Barnard St Bendigo. This restaurant caters for vegetarians and gluten free diners as well as the usual pub meals. In a welcoming modern décor you will enjoy your meal, my tip is to try the chicken and cashew crepe. RSVP to hosts Kevin & Jenny on 5443 2899 or 0418 576 242 by Monday 13th Oct.

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER @ 11AM

PICNIC LUNCH & WALK

Meet Colleen at the Lions Club Park Cnr Crook St and Mclvor Hwy at 11am for the walk, returning to the park for a 12.00 picnic lunch. Coffee and Tea available; bring a plate to share. We will meet in any weather. RSVP to Colleen on 5443 1679 by Sat 18th Oct or bendigoneewcomers@netconnect.com.au

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FRIDAY 24TH OCT 6PM - 10.30PM

BENDIGO HARNESS RACING TROTS

Cost: Adults \$8, Concession \$5, Children (U18) Free. Lords Raceway - Mclvor Highway, Strathdale (Junortoun end). Enjoy an exciting night of harness racing action at the Bendigo Harness Racing Club. An 8 Race Program with food & drinks available as takeaway, bistro or restaurant and bar plus TAB & Bookmaker. RSVP to Michelle on 5434 4352 by 21st Oct or E: bendigoneewcomers@netconnect.com.au

Upcoming events

FRI 7TH NOV - WINE TASTING AT THE BOARDWALK CAFÉ ON LAKE WEEROONA 6.30PM

A popular monthly event for just \$10 you'll get a plate of savories, friendly BN company and a great variety of wines to taste. RSVP to Colleen & David on 5443 1679 by Thursday 6th Nov or E: bendigoneewcomers@netconnect.com.au

BRUNCH @ BORCHELLI

View St opposite the Art Gallery & Capitol Theatre.

CASSEROLE NIGHT

Members only.

BENDIGO WINE ESTATE AXEDALE

Holds a family picnic every year usually the first Sunday in Nov. with Derrick Guille & the Ugly Uncle delights the crowd with music and fun. A free event, recommended you can take a picnic, nibbles and chair or rug. There is also food available to purchase. Bendigo Newcomers social committee will keep an eye on the tourism websites for more information. www.bendigowineestate.com.au or <http://www.theuglyuncles.com/page5.htm>