

The Welcome Mat

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2010

Dear Members, supporters and first-time readers,

Welcome to the last edition of the Welcome Mat for 2010. We have had our Annual General Meeting and elected our committee for the coming year. The committee is as follows:

President: Milton Long Vice President: Christine Longmire

Treasurer: John Lane Secretary: Gail Butt

Committee members: Jenny Bazley, Mary Thomas, Kevin Bazley, Heather Hawdon.

Congratulations to all of the elected committee members and I look forward to working with the committee in the coming year.



Congratulations also go to Jon Golding (pictured) who won the membership entry raffle prize of a dinner voucher for The Puddler to the value of \$150!

A highlight of this year was the recent extremely successful Newcomers' Community Information Day and free BBQ held at the Quarry Hill Community Hall on Sunday 3rd October. A good number of community clubs and organisations were represented on the day, and the event was well attended by both Bendigo Newcomer members and those who are new to Bendigo.

I would like to thank the Committee for the great job they did in organising and promoting the day, the many members who came and participated, and the representatives from the community groups who came along and gave freely of their time and expertise.

Milton Long, President

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BENDIGO NEWCOMERS

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

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

PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER



My Name: Heather Hawdon

My place of birth: Born in Preston, Victoria

My Family: has increased dramatically this year with the addition of my brother's instant family (fiancée and 3 girls, fourth due mid Dec). Before that, it was my parents, a brother and a sister.

I have lived in Bendigo: 5 years.

I came to Bendigo: because I enjoyed my student placement here so much that I wanted to stay.

My most enjoyable moments are spent: sharing time with my family, friends and pets. Nothing can compare with spending time with those you love.

I would describe myself as being: an open, honest and compassionate friend, resourceful, efficient, reliable, dedicated, humorous and hopefully fun to be around.

My earliest memory: is having to sit next to the naughty boy in prep.

The music I love is: anything that makes me feel good! Depends on my mood but usually something upbeat and uplifting.

The defining moment in my life has been: hopefully still to come.

I wish I had never: Everything that has happened in my life has brought me to where I am now, and I wouldn't want to change a thing.

The most memorable book I have read: The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay (revisited the movie recently).

The best place I have visited: is the beaches on the Gold Coast, the water is so warm.

My biggest achievement: so far has been surviving the past year.

If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for: an endless supply of chocolate???

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FEEDBACK MAT:

We're always looking for articles or information. Please contact Jenny on 0418 576 242 to have a say in our newsletter. It would be nice to hear from some of our members on their experiences of Bendigo and surrounds.

Hosting Events: This little job is as simple as taking phone bookings and confirming with the venue actual numbers a day or two prior. Contact the committee if you would like more information or would be willing to host coming events.

Bendigo Information Centre.

51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo. Information Centre would be able to assist with other upcoming local events



December 2010

Sunday 5th December - Christmas Function

Members Only Event. Don and Christine will host

the Christmas function for Bendigo Newcomers. Food

will be supplied by Newcomers, BYO drinks and a Kris Kringle gift for sharing up to the value of \$10. RSVP is essential for catering purposes to Christine by 30th November on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

Friday 17th December - Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am

101 Williamson Street 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 15th December on 5444 0221.

January 2011

Sunday 9th January - Marong Hotel, 12noon

Calder Highway, Marong. Join us in the beer garden for lunch or just come a little later for some live music. What a pleasant way to enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon. RSVP to Christine on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

Sunday 23rd January - History Walk at 9am

Back by popular demand. Meet at the information centre on Pall Mall for an informal stroll around some of Bendigos' historical streetscapes. What a way to start your day. Join us later for brunch at Wild Mint. RSVP Christine on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

Friday 28th January - Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am

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February 2011

Friday 4th February - Drinks at La Piazza from 6pm - 8pm

La Piazza Wine Bar and Restaurant, Howard Place, Bendigo. Wind down at the end of the week with friends for a couple of hours. For those wishing to make a night of it we can organize dinner somewhere. RSVP Judith or Milton by Tuesday 1st February on 0417 126 859.

Friday 11th February - Lunch at RSL 12 noon

Havillah Road, Long Gully. Why not join us for casual dining at the local RSL Club. RSVP to Mary by Tuesday 8th February on 5444 0221.

Thursday 17th February - One Tree Hill Hotel at 7pm

Cnr Retreat and Spring Gully Roads. Share a meal with friends. RSVP Francis by Monday 14th February on 5441 5501.

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March 2011

Saturday 5th March - Games Night from 7.30pm

Another 'no brainer' games night at The Bazleys' - Members only.

This time we might start with a pack of cards. It will be a similar theme so no-one gets too comfortable. Be prepared to change tables and work with different partners - it's as simple as that. Bring a jacket as we may utilize the outdoor space to fit more folk in. RSVP to Kevin or Jenny by Tuesday 2nd March on 0418 582 531 or 5443 2899.

Friday 18th March - Piyawat Thai at 7pm

136 Mollison Street, Bendigo. Join us at Piyawat Thai Restaurant to share good food and conversation. RSVP Aileen by Wednesday 16th March on 5439 4121. BYO Wine only.

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Sunday 27th March - Picnic at Lake Eppalock from 12 noon

Picnic spot and directions to be organized. This is an opportunity to see our lake looking its best in many years. RSVP to Colleen by Tuesday 22nd March on 0429 147 299.

April 2011

Sunday 10th April - Woop Woop at 10am

171 Blackjack Road, Harcourt. The name is unusual but the place is loads of fun and laughter. Just ask those who went last time! Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes for a casual stroll through a sculpture garden/gallery. Devenshire morning tea included. Cost \$11 per person. If you want to make a day of it bring along a picnic lunch. We will have full use of facilities for the day. RSVP to Kevin by Wednesday 29th March on 0418 582 531 or 5443 2899.

Friday 15th April - Drinks at Wild Mint Café from 6pm - 8pm

Located on High Street opposite entry to Bendigo Bank Building.

Another opportunity to enjoy some good company at the end of the week. RSVP to Milton by Wednesday 13th April on 0417 126 859.



Easter Sunday 24th April - Shamrock Hotel Balcony for Lunch 12 noon

This is a lovely way to join in the Easter

festivities, have a birds eye view of the parade and a very reasonable priced bar menu. RSVP

needs to be early to secure a place so contact Kevin by Monday 18th April on 0418 582 531 or 5443 2899.

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