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Community Newsletter

Tell us when your activity is on so we can add it to the calendar !
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Autumn in Avoca

May Already!.. Where has autumn gone? This last month of autumn looks like being a very busy month so check out the calendar and join in the many activities.
Avoca PS Athletics Carnival—Friday 2nd May

"The Man They Call The Banjo": Fri 9th May 2014, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the writing of Banjo Patterson's famous 'Waltzing Matilda'.



The BIG AvocaDO is proud to bring this fantastic, live show to the Avoca Town Hall. Don't miss this great show!

Tickets: \$35 pp includes supper. Beer & Wine available
For Bookings: online at trybooking.com/EKFS or at the Avoca Information Centre.

Winter Planting Workshop : 10th May see page 2

Family Fireworks at the Racecourse —Sat 17th May

Gates Open at 5:30pm – Kids Entertainment from 5.30pm

Bar Opens at 6pm - BBQ from 6 pm; Kids videos from 6pm.

Football on large screens also available. Enjoy the Fireworks between 7:30 & 8pm in comfort & warmth.

30th Birthday of Avoca & District Historical Society – Sunday 18th May at 2pm— see page 3

BIGGEST Morning Tea— Thur 22nd May at the Anglican Hall from 10am—see page 2

Trivia "With a Twist" Night for Avoca PS : Fri 23rd May at the Avoca Recreation Reserve. Theme: "Work"

Get together with friends and family and come along and support Avoca Primary School and have a great night. Cost: \$15pp. BYO Supper

Avoca Riverside Market—6th Birthday and PHVC Historic Vehicle display of "Wheels for Littles": Sunday 25th May. If you have an old pedal car etc bring it along to the display too.



ANZAC Day Friday 25th April

"LEST WE FORGET"

The Avoca RSL Dawn service attracted an enormous crowd this year with over 150 braving the chilly start to ANZAC Day. The 9:30am wreath laying ceremony was held in perfect conditions with many organisations contributing to the commemoration. The renovated memorial precinct looked a picture!



Pyrenees Shire News

Welcomes New Residents

New residents to the Pyrenees Shire are invited to a free barbecue to meet members of the community and learn about the services and activities available in the region.

Pyrenees Shire Council, in association with local community groups, is hosting two events – one in Beaufort and one in Avoca - to welcome newcomers to the neighbourhood.

Avoca Football and Netball Club will host a BBQ at the Avoca Recreation Reserve on Wednesday, 7 May 2014 at 6pm.

Council would also like to invite interested community groups to attend these BBQs, to introduce new residents to their organisations. The events are free to new residents and the community groups wishing to participate. Drinks are available at bar prices.

Representatives from Pyrenees Shire Council will be present to provide information on the extensive range of services Council offers its residents. Please contact Norman Prueter by Sunday April 27 by phone on 53491183 or by email on norman.prueter@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Building & planning services go mobile

Avoca residents will have greater access to Pyrenees Shire Council planning and building services in a new trial.

Statutory Planning Manager Chris Hall and Assistant Building Surveyor Michael Kuczer will spend time at the Avoca Information Centre to help locals with their planning and building needs. Chris and Michael will be available from 9 to 5pm for appointments and site inspections on an alternating arrangement.

Chris will be available on Tuesdays once a fortnight, starting April 29, while Michael will be available on Thursdays on the alternate fortnight starting on May 8. This arrangement will mean Avoca residents will have access to either the planning department or the building department once a week.

To book please contact either department: Helen Swadling to book appointments for Chris on 5349 1104 & Jillian Szymanski for Michael on 5349 1131.

Jobs Expo in Avoca: The expos are aimed at secondary school students, job seekers and people who are interested in a change of career. Tourism operators are invited to explain what they are looking for in potential staff. Avoca on Monday, May 26 2014 from 1pm – 3pm at Blue Pyrenees and from 6pm – 8pm at the Avoca Information Centre and Library. Contact Norman Prueter on (03) 5349 1183

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Fund raising for Medical Clinic Nearly there!

Farewell function for Fiona Brew, Executive Director of Nursing to be held on Thur 24th April at 3pm.

Best Wishes to Fiona in her new position with Goulburn Valley Health.

MOBILE BLOOD BANK

Next Visit to Maryborough: to be confirmed

Thank you to those who donated in April

Call 13 14 95 to make an appointment



Gym Dates for 2014

After a very successful year, in 2013, the Gym will again be open
Monday, Wed, Friday 9.30am to 12pm.
Outdoor Circuit on Tuesday at 9.30am.

New members welcome in 2014.

Contact Step Wardlaw for more details 0417 575 689

The **Avoca Community Food Pantry** is open from 1pm—3pm every 2nd Friday at its office, 13 Liebig St.

Phone: **0419 120 687** in an emergency. The phone will ring for a lengthy time before the answer service comes on, so please don't hang up, and leave your name and phone number and a message. The food pantry is staffed by volunteers, so your call will generally be returned within 1-2 working days

May Dates:
9th, 23rd
June Dates:
6th, 20th

Relay for Life : Avoca Mob



Congratulations to the Avoca Mob for another fantastic effort in the Relay For Life that was held in Maryborough on the 4th & 5th of April.

For the 5th consecutive year the team has raised in excess of \$5000 for cancer research. This year the team raised \$7000 + and was the winning fund raising team. 28 teams and 688 participants registered this year and walked for 18 hours to raise a final total exceeding \$50,000.

The closing ceremony saw a sea of 47 blue and 52 pink streamers released by the crowd to represent the number of newly diagnosed clients with cancer throughout the Central Goldfields in the last 12 months.

"CELEBRATE, REMEMBER & FIGHT BACK"



Avoca Breast Cancer Support Group:
Thur 22nd May 2014, 10am



BIGGEST Morning Tea @ the Anglican Church Hall

Come along and have a cuppa & a chat and view the special display of teapots and tea cosies .



**Avoca Men's Shed
@ the Recreation Reserve**

Open every Mon & Fri 8:30am to 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:30pm

Don't forget the next PAPER DRIVE: 7th June 2014
They are held on the 1st Saturday of the even months of the year.
Please have papers out by 8am.



Term 2 program for our classes is on display on the U3A timetable at our shopfront window at 136 High St Avoca-next to Laundromat
Excursions: 1. Bus trip to Boort, 28th April Bus leaves Info Centre 8:45am—Cost \$7.00Entry + Lunch at Commercial Hotel

2. Bus Trip to Antiques Fair, Exhibition Building, Melbourne will be on Sunday, 11th May. Bus leaves Info Centre at 9:30a.m. This popular annual trip may be booked by ringing Judy Quinn on 0429 811 346. Free tickets kindly supplied by Westbury Antiques, Avoca.

3. Bus trip to Bendigo Art Gallery for Genius & Ambition exhibition. 23rd May. Bus leaves Info Centre at 9:30am. Cost- Entry \$16.00 + Lunch. Bus is fully booked, will car pool extra attendees

4. Winery Tour of May 9th has been held over until later in the year.

Contact Judy Quinn : 0429811346.

Avoca Chinese Garden—Small Town Transformation

Work is well under way on the site of the Chinese Garden in Cambridge/Dundas Sts Avoca. Garden designer Mel Ogden has been working with local tradesmen and is delighted with the progress and professionalism of the contractors.

They have embraced the project and provided expert advice and craftsmanship during the construction process. Mel has also been impressed with the donation of rocks/slate and time by local landowners and businessmen.



The Chinese Garden committee will host its third event, a **FREE Winter Planting Workshop**, on Saturday 10th May 2014 commencing at 9am until 1pm.

The workshop will be presented by local gardening expert, Martin Wynne (as featured in the *Weekly Times* April magazine). Martin will discuss SOIL biology and structure of the garden site (& surrounding flood plain) and WATER management, including the flood plain, in the past, present and future.

Morning tea provided and BBQ lunch available.

RSVP: 5th May—avocachinesegarden@gmail.com or ph.5465 3155

Avoca Primary School News

Avoca PS presents its **"Trivia with a Twist"** on Friday 23rd May at 7pm . Theme for the evening is 'WORK'. Cost \$15.

Parents Club Wood Raffle (\$1)will be drawn at the school assembly on 19th May. Please return ticket books by 9th May. Wood donated by Steve and Maria Kennedy and Neil and Jodi Frost.

School Sports will now be held on Friday 2nd May at the Avoca Public Park / Recreation Reserve.

Members of the **Avoca Health Service Auxiliary** are on a Recruitment Drive !

The auxiliary raises money for special items for the residents of the Avoca Hostel and Nursing Home. The small band of volunteers would welcome any offers of support from members of the community. The group meets on the first Monday of the month at 2pm in the Health Service meeting room
Sue and other members would love to hear from you — 54653245

AB&T Update:



Avoca Business & Tourism Inc

Meetings: are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm. Venue : RTC Meeting Room at the rear Avoca Information Centre. Enter from Rutherford St

OUR NEXT MEETING: Monday 19th May 2014

Tristar Medical Clinic: Thank you to all who have supported the fundraising for renovations to the building being used by the new clinic. We have nearly reached our target of \$40,000 thanks to the many generous donations from groups and individuals. AB&T also acknowledges the support of the Pyrenees Shire Council. Any further **Donations can still be made at the Avoca Community Bendigo Bank.**

The clinic is now open 5 days a week. Bulk Billing Available Please contact the clinic for details: 03 54 653 088

Natural Gas for Avoca: SPAus Net plan to commence work on the pipeline in Aug /Sept 2014. Community Consultation will take place prior to work commencing... stay tuned for details.

Annual General Meeting: will be held on Monday 21st July at the Avoca Hotel, 6pm for dinner. Meeting at 8pm

The current committee welcomes new members and encourages business owners and members of the general community to attend the general meetings and bring fresh ideas to the table. Following the recent Regional Living Expo in Melbourne, many potential residents enquired about business and employment opportunities in Avoca & district. We need your ideas to revitalise Business & Tourism and promote our town to potential visitors and permanent residents.

The Casablanca Movie Club Inc.

The movie club is a great opportunity to see well known movies in our Avoca Town Hall

Admission to children's shows(1.30pm) only \$5.00 for everyone.

Admission for other shows as follows :-

Members : \$6.00 for one show. \$10.00 for two shows.

Non Members: \$10.00 for one show. \$15.00 for two shows.

The cost of membership is \$20.00 per person.

NEXT SHOWING : Saturday 3rd May

1.30 p.m. "Turbo." A story about a freak accident which just might help a garden snail achieve his dream of winning the Indy 500. 96 Minutes.

3.30 p.m. Classis movie – "From here to Eternity" a winner of 8 Academy Awards including Best Picture 1953. 118 minutes.

7.30 p.m. "Captain Phillips." Based on the true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama cargo ship. 134 minutes.



Fire Restrictions for the Pyrenees Shire were lifted on Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

Information about fire restrictions within the Country Area of Victoria can be obtained from www.cfa.vic.gov.au or your local CFA District Officer or Municipal fire Prevention Officer.

Euan Ferguson AFSM Chief Officer, CFA

Avoca RSL Bias Bowls Club

Please note that Avoca RSL Bias Bowls will now start at 7:30pm instead of 7pm on Wednesday evenings in the RSL Hall. New bowlers and supporters are always welcome.

Avoca Sub Branch meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm as from 13th May.

Spotlight on Community Group

Avoca & Beaufort Food Pantries : "Food for Thought"



At times it is difficult to put food on the table when a lot of bills come in at once.

The Food Pantries in Avoca and Beaufort enable people to 'get a hand up' when those times arise.

At the food pantry, registered participants can obtain a food hamper, usually consisting of non-perishable foods, free of charge. These foods are generally a mixture of general use foods, pasta, tinned fruit, tinned fish, sauces, long life milk, and any additional stock items available that fortnight.

When you register with the food pantry you will be asked to indicate whether you are a single person or a family, and you will be issued a hamper with goods according to those criteria. The hamper does NOT contain fresh food. No health care card is required. Your participation in the food pantry is confidential, whilst you will need to give your family details, this information will not be passed on to anyone else

Open fortnightly, on Fridays between 1.00-3.00pm, and are located in the community health building in Liebig Street, Avoca.

Avoca & District Historical Society

The ADHS has been collecting, recording and preserving, local historical items and assisting families with their family tree research since 1984.

The members of ADHS will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the historical society on the 18th May 2014 in the RTC Room at the back of the Avoca Information Centre (enter from Rutherford St) at 2pm. Afternoon tea will follow the official ceremony and guest speaker, Helen Harris, OAM.

Like many enthusiastic and hard working community groups, the historical society is always looking for new, active members to lighten the load for existing members. The committee welcomes interested guests to attend the 30th celebrations and learn how they can assist the group.

RSVP : Cheryl Mallinson cherylmarie7@bigpond.com or 54653118.

Members also organise the Garage Sale in High St to coincide with the monthly Riverside Market. Call in and meet the staff ...you might also find a special treasure!

Watch This Space !



Pyrenees Historic Vehicle Club

Proudly supporting the
Avoca Riverside Market

Members of the Club welcome you to the May Market and their display of historic vehicles on Sunday 25th May 2014

The feature display at the May Market will be

'Wheels for Littlies'

Come along and relive your childhood days of pedal cars, scooters, trikes, billy carts and prams...and show your kids what the oldies played with!

Even if you are not a club member, but have an old pedal car or trike, we invite you to bring it along and add it to our display.



The heart of the Pyrenees
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Touch with People"**
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Marg know.

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Apologies: the Avoca
Community Website
www.avoca.vic.au has
been undergoing an
upgrade and is
unfortunately currently
offline due to unforeseen
circumstances.
We apologise for any
inconvenience.

What's On in Town !

	MAY 2014
2nd	Avoca PS : Athletic Carnival
3rd	AFNC Rd3:HOME –Lexton
3rd	AFNC:A Night at the Races: Wooden Horse Cup
7th	New Resident's BBQ: 6pm –APP (Rec Reserve)
9th	"The Man they Call the Banjo" : Shire Hall 7pm
10th	AFNC Rd4:AWAY-Harcourt
10th	ACG: A Winter Planting Workshop: 9 -1pm
11th	Mother's Day.
17th	Family Fireworks Night: 5:30pm ASTC
17th	AFNC Rd5:HOME—Campbell's Creek
18th	Historical Society 30th Anniversary:2pm –RTC
22nd	BIGGEST Morning Tea: 10am Anglican Hall
23rd	Trivia "With a Twist" Night: 7pm—APP
24th	Interleague F/N : vs Geelong &DFL
25th	Avoca Riverside Market (& Historic Vehicles)
26th	Jobs Expo in Avoca :
	JUNE 2014
22nd	Avoca Riverside Market

What's On in the District !

	MAY 2014
3rd	Beaufort Market
3rd	Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally
18th	Talbot Market
	JUNE 2014
7th	Beaufort Market
7-9th	Pyrenees Art Exhibition :Beaufort
15th	Talbot Market

NEW AFTER HOURS GP Helpline:

Residents in Maryborough and district
will now have access to after hours semi
urgent medical advice.

The service is a collaboration between
Grampians Medicare Local, local doctors,
MDHS and local health service providers.
This service will assist people who are
unwell at night or over the weekend and
don't know what to do.

Call 1800 022 222

However, in an **emergency people
should still call triple zero.**

**Stop Press: Pyrenees Wine Run :
25th May has been postponed until
later in the year**

Auskick in Avoca: Commencing Thur 1st May at 3:30pm. Registration is online at the Auskick website and participants MUST be registered prior to starting the clinic. Please contact Luke Davis & Alex McLay.

Football Boot Library: 2nd hand boots available for children with fast growing feet. Any donations and enquires to Luke Davis on 0425 777 202



Monthly Meetings

Week 1	Mon: 1.Breast Cancer Support :11am - AHSMR 2. Avoca Men's Shed : 1:30 pm - APP 3. ADHS Meeting : Avoca Court House 4. Health Service Auxiliary : 2pm - AHSMR Wed: Senior Citizens Lunch/Meeting:12noon ASSC
Week 2	Tue: 1. Avoca & District Landcare:8 pm RTC Room Tue: 2. RSL Sub Branch : 7:30pm RSL Hall Thur: 1. CWA :1:30pm AHSMR
Week 3	Mon: 1. Probus : 10 to 12 noon - RTC 2. Avoca Business & Tourism :7pm— RTC Tue: U3A Book Club— 2-4pm Wed: Avoca Masonic Lodge : 7:45pm Thur : 1. Avoca Carer's Group : 1:30pm AHSMR 2. U3A : Meeting 11:00 AI&CC - Lunch : 12 noon Venue Varies
Week 4	Sun:1.Avoca Riverside Market : 9am to 1pm 2..ADHS Garage Sale : 9am—182 High St 3.ADHS Museum /Archives:10:30 –4pm at the Avoca Court House— High St

AHSMR : Avoca Health Service Meeting Room.
RTC : Meeting Room behind Avoca Information Centre
ASSC: Avoca Senior Citizens Centre
APP: Avoca Public Park
RSL: Returned & Services League Hall
ADHS ; Avoca & District Historical Society
AI&CC : Avoca Information & Community Centre

Weekly Events

Mon	1.Walking Group: 9:30am Meet at Avoca Health Service Car Park 2. Community Gym: 9:30 to 12:30 @ APP 3. Men's Shed : 8:30am –12:30 pm (APP)
Tues	1.Patchwork Group 10am – 2pm CFA Shed 2. Strength Class — 9-10am & 10-11am @ Senior Citizens Centre 3. Community Gym: Outdoor circuit –9:30am (@ APP) 4. Avoca Cub Scouts : 6:30 to 8pm - Scout Hall 5..Avoca Guides : 6:30pm - Guide Hall
Wed	1. Craft Group—Merryl Clifford : 54 653 358. 10-12 2. Avoca Historical Society Open — 10:30 am to 4pm 3. Avoca Playgroup :9:30 -11:30am— Children's Centre 4. Men's Shed : 8:30 am to 4:30pm : — APP 5. Community Gym: 9:00 to 12:30 @ APP 6. RSL Bias Bowls—RSL Hall 7:30pm 7.Senior Citizens Bowls / Cards 1pm to 4pm 8. U3A Computer Club 10am to 1 pm - AI&CC 9. Petanque - 5pm
Thur	1.Strength Class— 9 -10am & 10 -11am @ Senior Citizens Centre 2.BINGO ! Senior Citizens Centre @ 8pm
Fri	1. Men's Shed : 8:30 am to 12:30 - APP 2. Community Gym: 9:00am to 12:30