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The *Guildford* Globe

Spring has Sprung

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Guildford Ducks

Transport Officer takes the last bus out of town. Yes folks, Leah Galvin is gone to be replaced by Sue Moses. Update next issue.



PLUS!

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But Wait!!...There's more...

THE GRASS IS RIZ.

And we all know where the boidies is.

In Guildford, of course.

All around town the air is filled with new life.

Spring is about rebirth and the plum trees in Franklin Street are in full blossom.

For those aficionados who know where all the streetside fruit trees are, these plum trees are the first in Guildford to bear fruit from around mid December.

Time to get the bottling kits dusted and ready.

Enjoy.

Over that hill! It's them Banjos a-coming!

Those five and six string pickers (as well as a few uke and fiddle players) are heading our way and next week the little town of Guildford will be transformed into a metropolis of music. The details are on page 5 and the organisers want you to volunteer. The form is on page 7.



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Greetings

If there's one thing about going away for seven weeks, as I have just done, it's when you return it's as if you never left.

Maybe there is something in that.

Every now and then in our busy day to day lives we often get to a stage when we have to "get away". But, does getting away, really constitute a break or does it contain its own inherent stress.

Meditation guru Jan Kabat-Zinn coined a phrase, "Wherever you go, there you are" which essentially is the way life is. You may live under the assumption that the grass is greener but in reality it's a delusion. By travelling, you do relieve many of the stress aspects of your life, but whatever issues you have, remain with you. In fact travel itself has the capacity to create or enhance these issues especially if you are out of your comfort zone.

Of course if any place can take you out of your comfort zone it's India, where I have just been. Surviving here, as with any place you go, is a matter of flow. It teaches you many things, the key one being acceptance of the way they live, their attitude to life and their customs. Whether it's riding an overcrowded bus or not using a knife and fork.

I guess the really good thing about travel is it allows time for reflection and to look at where you live. Whilst India is a wonderful place and extraordinarily cheap (bananas at 35c a kilo) there is no place like home.

It was nice to get back to Guildford in the Spring and, of course next week-end the town will literally be going, dare I say it..bananas when the streets come alive with the sound of music. The organisers of the Banjo Jamboree have an insert in this issue with all the details as well as a form for prospective volunteers. If you have the time and energy give them an hour or two.

Enjoy this issue.

Love

Rajeev

Footnote: I did a two week treatment with an ayurvedic (Indian herbal medicine) doctor and at the end he told me to stop eating bananas. No good for my body type. Hrumph!

No Party this Christmas

The Great Guildford Christmas Party is no more. Well, for this year at least.

It seems that the event has slipped into the too hard basket after last year's turn. But confusion reigned as to how the food was organised, this along with a number of out of towners turning up for a "free feed", meant that the food simply ran out.

Held in the beer garden at the Pub, the aim of the party was to combine the CFA, Landcare and Progress and other groups to put on the event for the community.

But a decision was made by all concerned to now put the whole shebang on hold.

There is a possibility that the groups involved may well organise their own individual Christmas gatherings. We will keep you posted.



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Progress creates new constitution

A special meeting of the Guildford Progress Association was held on 22nd August to decide on the model rules pertaining to a new constitution.

The Model Rules adopted are:

1. To promote the township of Guildford within the best interests of the community.

2. Annual subscription fees are set out in the Association's guidelines and are due in advance on or before January 30th in each year.

3. Secretaries duties include to hold registers for Membership, Signatories to Bank Account, Register the common seal use, Key register and Investments.

4. The Treasurer to hold financial records for the current year then, once complete, hands them over to the secretary for filing.

The Association's Rules also include membership fees starting in 2012 as an entrance fee of \$10 with the annual subscription at \$5.

Meetings to be held every second month on the first Monday of that month.

Finally, an audit is not required as the books are to be checked yearly prior to the AGM, and presented at the AGM by a person outside of the executive committee.

Commented GPA Secretary Deb Dodson, "I believe the model rules now give good guidelines to the committee in regards to procedures and duties of committee members".



Progress meeting back to normality

Who would have thought it?

After months of Progress meetings that were standing room only, last Monday's was extremely civilised.

The numbers were down by half and no points of order were raised, nor minutes disputed.

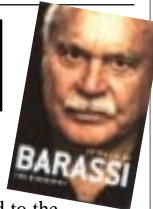
Matters concerning the school's 150th were discussed as were the Turner Street Roadworks and fundraising.

It was all over by 8.15.

The next meeting is on Monday 3rd October.

WIN

We have two copies of Ron Barassi's biography to give away, courtesy of Allen & Unwin. They will be awarded to the best contributions we receive over the next two months. Whether it's an article, opinion piece, letter, poem, drawing or whatever. Just send them to guildfordglobe@hotmail.com or Box 952, Guildford, 3451.



Sal & Gwyn say farewell



A hearty group of Guildford residents turned up at The Stables, on Sunday 14th August to bid farewell to Sally Davies and daughter Gwyneth, ten days prior to their departure from The Guildford General Store.

It was a morning filled with goodwill and bonhomie and featured the usual suspects.

Ten days later, after they had handed the keys over to Trevor and Hilary, they had yet another final farewell with pizzas at the Pub. Again, it was well attended.

Sally and Gwyneth aren't leaving town just yet with a couple of housesits over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile Trevor and Hilary have moved in and have already made adjustments, including more stock such as groceries, bread and other items that used to necessitate a drive into Castlemaine.

One thing remains, the Guildford Store's famous pies and sausage rolls.

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David's Veges attacked by killer bugs

David Wallace's vegie garden has been under attack from some leaf eating bugs and they have totally devastated his vegies.

"I had them just coming good for this Saturday's market," lamented David, "As a result I only have three scruffy looking silverbeets left standing. Basically nothing I can take to market to put on our vegie stall."

So David has sent out a plea for people to bring on the day anything that may be saleable and to pass onto anyone who grows vegies to do the same.

"It's not a good time for vegies I know, but maybe together we can get a few things on the table to continue to have the vegies pull in a bit of a crowd.

"Otherwise it'll just be me standing behind an empty table! Not a good look."

At least he's putting a nice spin on it.

Les at 70



A youthful-looking Les Moon scrubbed up particularly well for the occasion of his 70th Birthday a few weeks back at a soiree for family and friends that was never short of fun and frivolity.



Knitworks take on Hall event

Home is Where the Hall is's an event run by Regional Arts Victoria, (RAV) for the month of November to celebrate Regional Community Halls in Victoria. Local people have been invited to participate in this celebration.

After throwing words around at a furious pace we have all decided upon a name, *The Thread Connection* for our community craft day at the Guildford Hall on the 5th November. It simply expresses our connection as a community. The submission is accepted by Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) and we have a lovely box of donations from Spotlight which I have not opened yet.

It will be fairly laid back, cups of tea, coffee and sweet and savoury biscuits will be available to visitors. All People are welcome to join us from the very experienced in their craft to those who would like to learn.

Yarns and working tools will be made available to learners. If you have some craft that is unique to you that you

would like to share or just drop in for a chat . . . please come and join us to inspire and be inspired! There will be knitting, crochet, tatting, weaving, spinning, quilting, patchwork, rug making and April Deal's nest building.

There will also be a library corner for those of us who like to browse through craft books and dream and scheme of our next project. Children under fifteen will need to be accompanied by an adult for their time at the Hall. You may choose to bring your own lunch or go to the Guildford Community Store just over the road.

We would like to thank Mount Alexander Shire Council for their generous grant and also Spotlight for their donation of yarns and craft books. Some of the work made by Social Knitworks members will be on display also, so come and have a cuppa and enjoy our day at the Guildford Hall!

For any further information: Contact Carol on 54734306

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Guildford Banners Revived

It was 23 years ago that a group of 12 Guildford women came together and worked on the panels of what became known as the Guildford Banners. Six of those women are deceased and six of us remain.

After contacting each other and some of the relatives of those who are no longer with us we were able to meet at the Guildford Public Hall on the 6th August. Some of us had not seen the banners for years and we were surprised by their good condition. We all agreed that we would change as little as possible but as much as was needed. Josie Philipson kindly offered to replace the top sleeve on the banners that holds the support pole and also to provide a bag to keep them in.

Irene Fitness drew the designs from the ideas of the 12 people who made the panels.

"I seem to remember us all meeting at the Guildford Community Hall with a large roll of newsprint and people telling me galah, eagle, koala, magpie, etc.," said Irene, "Then they went away with the drawings and cut the patterns for the applied designs.

"The reason why I love community art is because it documents people's histories and in this case taking us back 23 years ago, as if it were today.

One of the women who worked on the banner was Gwen Fairweather who has since passed away. Gwen and her husband Len, who still lives in Guildford, used to run the General Store some years back.

Gwen's daughter, Jacqui Nolan offered a reflection on what the banner means to her.

"The purplish colour on my mum's part of the quilt in the gumnuts was originally used to make my recorder cover in Primary School. She has kept the scrap and used it on this, years

later. The recorder cover is still in use and occasionally so is the recorder. Also the branch the cockatoo's are sitting on is a khaki colour and was originally used to make a jumpsuit for me in the mid-eighties. I have lots of photos of me with the boyfriend at the time (who for those who remember wrapped the big tree in fabric that he had friends paint with "Happy Valentine's Day Jacqui Fairweather"). The jumpsuit has gone but the memories remain. Brought back by the quilt."

Says Irene, "Community art is really something when seen in this context; when you consider that only six of us remain of the twelve women who worked on the banner. In a funny way the women who are no longer here make you feel more comfortable about your own mortality."



Jacqui Nolan with daughter Jessie and the banner.



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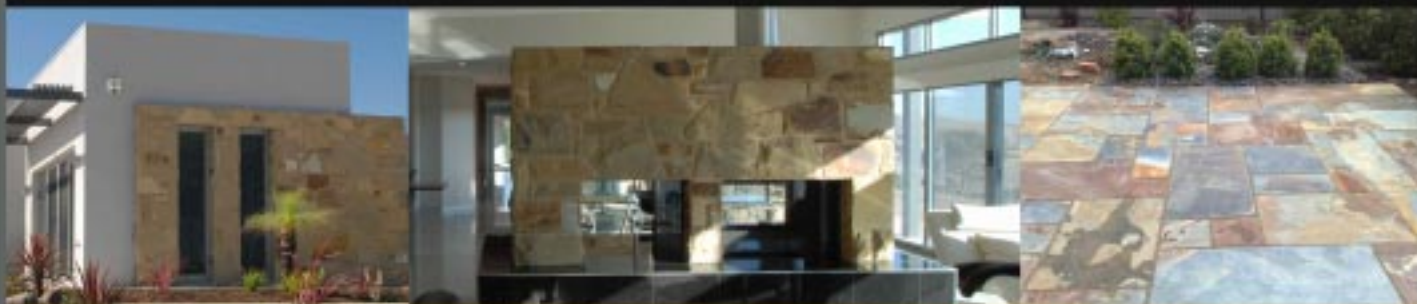
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The Guildford Primary School's 150th Celebration will be held on Saturday November 19th commencing with a parade to the school at 10:00 am.

During the day there will be presentations, performances and reminiscing.

A catered lunch is available at reasonable prices.

The day will be light-hearted and will celebrate an intrinsic aspect of Guildford's history.

We will publish a detailed program in the next issue of *The Globe*.

At present the organisers are looking for old school alumni to come and share their recollections of being at the school.

If you have a suggestion or want more information, email

Julie Holden:

holden.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Penny Larkins:

pennylarkins@gmail.com

School bags Buda garden award



Last Friday night the Guildford School was awarded **Buda Fest** Best School Vegetable Garden

Winners are grinners as school shows they are full of green thumbs

competing against 12 district schools.

As you can imagine, there was much excitement about being declared the overall winner.

The garden

was judged according to: Links to the school curriculum, student involvement, use of produce at school, water saving ideas, creative use of space, plans for the future and overall appearance.

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Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort may afford some protection from radiant heat, the biggest killer during bushfire. However, the degree of safety afforded by the location will depend on a number of factors, including the intensity of the bushfire. Please be aware there are still a number of risks associated with the Neighbourhood Safer Place:

They are not an alternative to either leaving early or staying and actively defending your property. Nor are they inherently "safe" places during a bushfire. Travelling to a Neighbourhood Safer Place may be dangerous due to traffic congestion, fire activity, heavy smoke, accidents or fallen trees.

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GUILDFORD BOOKLET REVISION

For a long time now the booklet *Guildford* has been out of print and unavailable in bookstores.

The small, black & white format booklet is largely a collection of local history articles contributed by citizens of the day, items from the Mount Alexander Mail newspaper or research articles and images gathered by the editors of the previous editions.



The *Guildford* booklet was first compiled in 1970 by Castlemaine historian Marjory Rilen and revised in 1988 by Ray Bradfield. A lot of Loddon water has since flowed under our bridge and further history and progress has accumulated along the way.

The Guildford Public Hall Committee of Management (GPH) has recently obtained the printing rights to the *Guildford* booklet and is now considering the feasibility of an update to the booklet.

GPH recognise their lack of talents when confronted with a challenge such as this and would like members of the Guildford public to become involved in the update process. GPH would appreciate your comments and possible input.

•What new material should be included?
•Do they possess items/photographs

suitable for consideration?

•Can they assist in the production of our revised booklet?

-Any other constructive comment or ideas will be greatly appreciated.

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Committee of Manage-
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GUILDFORD BANJO JAMBOREE

16TH, 17TH & 18TH SEPTEMBER 2011

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Greetings folks! It's September already and the **Eighth Guildford Banjo Jamboree** is almost upon us! We are sure that this year's Jamboree will be as enjoyable as the last seven, with loads of talented artists in **concerts and workshops**, and with **jam sessions** going night and day.

The Jamboree aims to be a **friendly, enjoyable and informative** gathering of **musicians and music lovers** and we trust that all readers who are attending will stand by that ethos and ensure that everyone has a wonderful weekend. I know it is the highlight of the year for many people!

Old favourites such as the **Saturdee Dance**, the **Gospel Singalong**, the Big Tree **Parade** and **Photo** and the **Instrument Makers** Display at London House and Glen's **Big Banjo** will still be featured.

The Friday night program will be dedicated to the memory of **Ron de Graauw**, with the groups **S.E.G.U.E.** and **Mysterious Mose** featuring, followed by a **chalkboard** segment. Our Hawaiian-themed **LOGO** is also a tribute to Ron. Thanks heaps to **Jason Conn and Rob Massey** for the terrific drawing. (Please do not use or transmit this image without the permission of the committee. Thanks.)

The **Robbie Watts Pick-Off** during the Saturday afternoon concert will again see some fierce banjo pickin' competition. The Open category will be sponsored by InstrAmental Music in Castlemaine, and there will be a Youth Award to be sponsored by the Ron de Graauw memorial fund.

The **Saturday afternoon concert** in the Public Hall will feature: Pennyweight, Faux Grass, High and Lonesome, Luke R Davies and Chris Mangan, Lonesome Still, and Archer and the Long Gone Daddies. The **Sunday afternoon** in the hotel beer garden will feature: Ricketty Bridge, Sean Kenan and Friends, Appalachian Heaven, Hard Drive Bluegrass Band, The Taylor Project, Chilly Strings, and Fat Chance. There will be four **"chalkboard" concerts** – Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Register at reception at the Public Hall if you wish to perform.

Of course the Jamboree could not possibly happen in our little village without the generosity of the performers, MCs, dance musos and callers, sound crew, local businesses and organisations, committee of volunteers, and **YOU**, the **VOLUNTEERS** who come to the party and offer some time to sit on doors or sell tickets or merchandise, or help with the 101 other tasks necessary for the Jamboree to function. Please peruse the **Volunteer Commitment Form** in this newsletter to see whether you could give three hours of time for a weekend pass, or just donate an hour or two through the weekend. Forms can be returned in a number of ways – refer to the top of the form. You can also go to the Volunteers page on the **website** and fill in and submit the form directly.

If you have the **website** in your **Favourites** folder, please make sure you click on **Refresh** each time you go into it (and even on each page you open) to make sure you are viewing the latest information. Thanks to Chris Allan for maintaining the website at reasonable cost.

We will be repeating our experiment of installing a **session marquee** on the oval. This year it will be sited near the Cricket Pavilion, so be aware when choosing a camp site that music will be happening there well

into the night. If you are a sessioner you are asked to maintain quiet outside the marquee and generally be respectful of campers' need to have some sleep. There will also be a smaller tent available to sit and chat – we're labelling it "The Philosopher's Zone"!

Jamboree merchandise (T-Shirts, mugs, stickers and stubby holders) will be on sale at various times in the Public Hall or the CFA shed. Some merchandise from past Jambos will also be on sale at reduced prices. Castlemaine's **InstrAmental** Music Store and Gerry Hale's Melbourne store the **Guitar Gallery** will both have stands at the CFA shed on the Saturday morning.

Ticket prices have risen slightly again this year, but we are still able to keep our prices to a minimum as all artists play for the love of the music. **The full weekend ticket is only \$30.** Other ticket prices are on our website. Monies received go towards the running costs of the Jamboree, and towards donations to various local groups who give time, facilities, energy and skills to help the weekend to succeed.

The weather seems to be telling us that the **John Powell Reserve** will be back to normal this year, with camping and vehicles permitted. The shower block will be operational and there will be extra portaloos as well both on the oval and at the River Reserve.

FOOD PROVISION: We welcome Trevor and Hilary to the General Store. It's their first Jambo as food providers, so treat them gently! They will have lots of yummy things available. The Guildford Hotel, the CFA and the Primary School will also again be catering for our culinary needs in fine style! The Castlemaine Lions Club were not able to bring their food van this year, but we hope to have an alternative in place.

The issue of **FIRES** on the oval during the Jambo is always a difficult one. Absolutely **no uncontained** fires are to be lit on the oval at any time. Campers bringing **fire drums/burners** must agree to them being inspected by CFA volunteers. Drums are only to be used if they are on **stands** which are not going to be harmful to the grass. Patrons who bring drums are advised to bring their **own supplies of firewood/fuel**. It is illegal to gather wood from the River Reserve and the cost and logistics of the Jamboree supplying and distributing firewood make it impracticable to do so.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

1. FLOWERS

The Jamboree has become well known for its beautiful flower arrangements – even in the loos! However many of our normal supplies have flowered early this year and may be past it by the Jamboree. If you are able to supply flowers, blossom and/or wattle boughs, and/or green boughs suitable for everything from large arrangements to small vases, please let us know. You can bring them into the Music Hall on **Wednesday** 14th between 7pm and 8pm, or to the Public Hall between 10am and 11am on **Thursday** 15th. (Please bring them in a named bucket or other receptacle.)

2. LARGE UNWANTED CARPET and/or UNDERLAY PIECES

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3. JAMBOREE STORAGE SPACE

Many thanks to Peter White for providing storage this year for all our precious Jamboree decorations and equipment. However we need to move, and we are needing a waterproof and hopefully mouseproof space – either a spare room or shed – for storage following this year's Jamboree.

Our contact details are:

Email: info@banjojamboree.org

Phone: Jeanette Gillespie: 5473 4201

Cheers all - Jeanette Gillespie for the committee - Annie, Ray, Gayle and Dianne.

GUILDFORD BANJO JAMBOREE

VOULUNTEER COMMITMENT

16TH, 17TH & 18TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the Jamboree!

Feel free to contact us at: 5473 4201

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Weekend passes are available to folks who commit to THREE HOURS OR MORE of volunteer labour. TIME MAY BE TAKEN IN MORE THAN ONE SHIFT.

Please indicate in the "Other Comments" box if you would like to split your times.

We know that many people will offer more time than three hours and we thank you all in advance.

You may also like to just donate a one-and-a-half hour shift.

Please drop your completed forms into the

Guildford Post Office or General Store, or post to PO Box 917, Guildford, 3451,

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You will receive confirmation times and instructions as soon as possible before the Jamboree.

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

1. Availability of station wagon, caged trailer, van or ute (we will contact you regarding most useful time):

☐ Between 2pm and 5pm ☐ Between 5pm and 8pm.

2. Availability of labour:

☐ Between 2pm and 5pm ☐ Between 5pm and 8pm.

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

1. Availability of station wagon, caged trailer, van or ute (we will contact you regarding most useful time):

☐ Between 9am and 12 noon ☐ Between 12noon and 4pm

2. Jobs requiring reasonable strength, eg sign erection, bin distribution, oval set-up, furniture moving.

☐ 9am to 12 noon

3. Other set-up jobs of many types. As many as possible from 10am onwards.

☐ 10am to 12.30pm ☐ 12.30pm to 3pm ☐ 3pm to 5.30pm

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

1. General set-up duties at venues and around the town

☐ 10am to 12.30pm ☐ 12.30pm till 3pm ☐ 3pm till 5.30pm

2. Reception at Public Hall, gopher, doors, merchandise selling, etc.

☐ Between 4pm and 7pm ☐ Between 7pm and 10pm

☐ Night shift - Between 10pm and Midnight

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

1. Availability of vehicle with tow bar, van or ute:

☐ Midday to 1pm ☐ 6pm till 7pm

2. Availability of labour for chair movements, concert and dance set-up and clean-up, movement of merchandise.

☐ Midday till 1pm ☐ 6pm till 7.30pm ☐ Night shift - 11.30pm till 1.30am

3. Reception at Public Hall, errands, doors, merchandise selling, tidying, etc.

- ☐ Between 8am and 11am ☐ Between 10am and 1pm ☐ Between 1pm and 4pm
☐ Between 4pm and 7pm ☐ Between 7pm and 10pm ☐ Night shift - Between 10pm and 12.30am

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

1. Availability of station wagon, caged trailer, van or ute:

- ☐ 9.00am to 10.30am ☐ 10.30am to 11.30am

2. Labour for chair and other furniture movement between venues:

- ☐ 9.00am to 10.30am ☐ 10.30am to 1.00pm

3. Assistance with the clean-up and pack-up of the CFA premises:

- ☐ 1.00pm till 3.00pm

4. Clean-up of Public Hall and Music Hall:

- ☐ Between 1.00pm and 3.30pm ☐ Between 3.30pm and 6.00pm

5. Reception at hall and beer garden, errands, doors, merchandise selling, tidying, etc.

- ☐ Between 8am and 11am ☐ Between 10am and 1pm ☐ Between 1pm and 4pm
☐ Between 4pm and 6.30pm

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

1. Availability of station wagon, caged trailer, van or ute:

- ☐ 8.30am to 11.00am ☐ 11.00am to 1.30pm ☐ 1.30pm to 4.00pm

2. Availability of labour for pack-up, furniture removal, bin collection, hire toilet return, dismantling, removing and storing all decorations and signs, final clean-up:

- ☐ 8.30am to 11.00am ☐ 11.00am to 1.30pm ☐ 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Name/s:

Phone No/s:

Email:

Location: (eg, Guildford, Newstead, etc):

Types of Jobs Preferred (if you have a preference. We can't guarantee but we're happy to negotiate – you are our lifeblood!!):

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