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Why is this woman smiling?

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Greetings

Last week's Violin Makers Conference (page 8), along with events such as the Banjo Jambo-ree, next week's Global Garden Festival (page 4) and The Vintage Engine Show in April exemplify the fact that these happenings are great boosters to the local economy.

Deb Dodson's working feverishly doing the catering as is Chris Limm whose establishment Celestine House along with all the other guest houses and B&B's in the town are booked out. Trevor and Hilary at the General Store work overtime doing coffees and of course our local watering hole the Guildford Pub.

It is important to be aware that



keeping the town buzzing is what adds vibrancy to our community. Guildford is gaining a subtle reputation as a quiet achiever when it comes to staging eclectic happenings.

It is these special events that create a vibe in the town and we are small enough to make them happen with a minimum of bureaucracy. If you have any ideas I suggest you let the Progress Association know so that they can be discussed and considered.

Speaking of the Pub, you will note that Zack and Tracy have sold the business to Terry Douglas. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well for the future and muchas gracias for giving Guildford a great venue for just on nine years. Travel well, guys.

As to feedback, many thanks to all those people who showed their appreciation of Ron Passalacqua's memoirs in the last issue. The Globe is endeavouring to publish as many historical articles as we can get hold of. If you have anything you would like to contribute just email them to us or mail them in. Our addresses are on page 12.

Enjoy this issue

Rajeev

This month's letter

Many thanks for a great edition. I found Ron Passalacqua's memoirs fascinating. His generation and those before him were so good at creating fun and ensuring there were lots of activities for residents. I gather there's the same spirit nowadays in Guildford.

Jenny Craig

480

Approximate number of hot cross buns Chris Limm from Celestine House bakes on Good Friday.

9

Number of months since works started and stopped on the cnr of Franklin and Turner streets. Coliban Water turned up a few weeks ago and laid some pipe, but since then nothing.

50

No of delegates who turned up to the Australian International Violin Makers Conference held here in Guildford last week. See page 8.

The vintage engines return for 16th time

16 years on and the huff and puff of the venerable Vintage Engine Rally is once again happening here in Guildford.

It will be held on the John Powell Reserve on the 14th and 15th April from 10.00am to 5.00pm on both days. Entry is \$5 for adults \$1 for children.

On display is everything from old steam engines, electric generators right through to vintage tractors.

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Bus is on the horizon

The community bus project appears to be one meeting away from reality.

A final consultation with sponsors, the Maldon Community Bank is all that is needed to finalise the detail.

So far the Mt. Alexander Council has put up some \$14,500 in seed money for a feasibility study that looked at areas of bus type, scheduling, driver training etc. They have also allocated \$1000 to cover the cost of print material to explain what the bus service will entail.

At present, the plan is for the service to have a number of uses, the main one being a scheduled service between Newstead, Welshmans Reef, Guildford and Castlemaine to supplement the existing Vline service.

It will also be a bus for hire service for community groups and organisations to be offered on a needs basis.

Rail path gets green light

The railway walking/bike track also took a step closer to fruition. Council this week looked at getting estimates on the work involved either to build the track alongside the railway or to fill in the existing tracks. A decision is expected within 12 months.

The pipes, the pipes are coming

Will it or won't it...ever be finished?

Nine months down the track Coliban Water has indicated that, in the next week, work will recommence on the laying of new pipes.

According to Coliban Water spokesperson Lauren McLean, the work will be completed by the end of the month.

"There will still be some testing to

Sherri's the new Shecretary

It took some doing, but they finally lured local girl about town, advertising writer and sometime poet, Sherri McIver down from the hill.

She has accepted the job as secretary of the Guildford Progress Association, taking over from Deb Dodson. After a torrid 2011, Deb has decided to hang up her minutes book and concentrate on her expanding catering business.



Sherri will be in the position for the rest of 2012.

At the 5th March meeting the committee thanked Deb for her service and gave her a round of applause.

Also discussed at this month's gathering were the application of a grant for a refurbished playground and picnic area at Big Tree Park, and plans for the Anzac Day Dawn Service.



Zack hits the track

The Guildford Family Hotel has been sold.

After eight and a half years Zack Grumont & Tracy De Cotta are moving on to pursue their studies.

The pub will officially change hands on 24th March.

The new owner is Terry Douglas who has run bars in Europe for the past five years and recently returned to Australia looking for an opportunity.

"Apart from increasing the music output, the rest will remain virtually unchanged," he told The Globe.

There will also be a new chef, Terry's partner, who comes from Eastern Europe.

Rumours that the Hotel was going to become a pub brewery are unfounded.

"That was a previous prospect," explained, Zack, "but the whole idea fell through."

Zack's final week will be very much music oriented with the Global Gardens Festival on the 18th and the monthly folk club on the 21st.

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Market moves for April

The Guildford Village Market is moving back to the Music Hall for its April 14th event.

With the Vintage Engine Show on that particular weekend it appeared that the Public Hall was double booked, hence the move.

With extra people in town it promises to be a successful market and convener John Burford suggests potential stallholders book early.

You can do so by calling John on 5476 4266

Anzac service dawns again

The Anzac Dawn Service under the auspices of Maurie Dynon will again be held at 6.00am on Wednesday 25th April at the Memorial.

According to Maurie, last year around 120 people turned up, and because this year is not on a holiday weekend, there could be an even bigger turn-out. Last year Anzac Day fell on Easter Monday.

As usual, outside the music hall, the Progress Association will be providing a hearty breakfast of bacon and egg sangers for \$5 with free coffee and tea. Also, on offer there will be Sandra Major's and Eileen Scopel's legendary Anzac biscuits.

John Lancaster is expected to conduct his infamous two-up game...if you're game.

As to whether or not Maurie's famous kookaburra will be making an appearance, all Maurie would say is, "Stand by!"

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And the music keeps coming

The Global Gardens Festival celebrates music and dance that covers the global cultures of regional Victoria.

It will be held on Sunday 18 March in the garden and music hall of the Guildford Hotel. The Festival is part of the Cultural Diversity Week in March, that presents both performances and workshops by regionally based Victorian artists who specialise in music from around the world. It will be an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to share and explore different cultures through the exchange of music and dance.

The Kwela Swingsters



Global Gardens is presented by Castlemaine arts producer, Krista Horbatiuk who staged this event as part of the 2011 Castlemaine State Festival. Following its outstanding success Krista is now aiming to establish *Global Gar-*

dens as a stand-alone event on alternate years to the State Festival.



The Angels Voices Band

Highlights of this year's program are Congolese music group, The Angels Voices Band, hailing from Shepparton, The Kwela Swingsters led by Malmsbury musicians, Andy Rigby and Polly Christie, The Zaporozhets who offer some great Klezmer-Gypsy fusion, local duo Kinja who marry a cross- cultural combination of traditional Celtic tunes and Australian indigenous music and The Sweet Monas performing gospel and world music with great rhythm, extraordinary singing and spine tingling harmonies.

There will also be dance and instrument making workshops.

The cost of an all-day festival ticket is \$20 for adults, \$15 concession, \$10 youth and free for kids under 12. Global food and drinks will be on sale throughout the day.

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Guildford welcomes Wendy

If you're wandering along Franklin Street on any Friday morning you can hear the sound of drums emanating from the school.

Drumming and the learning thereof is one of the new activities this year at the Guildford School.

Also new this year is Wendy Walsh who has taken over the role of principal.

As we discovered this is not her first stint at the school, having last taught at Guildford in the early 1990's. Since then she has virtually worked the district having done time at schools at Campbells Creek, Newstead, Maldon, Yapeen, Barkers Creek and Malmsbury to name a few. She comes to Guildford after ten years at Winters Flat and upon arriving at Guildford she was chuffed to find some of her former students had also moved here.

One of Wendy's philosophies



about teaching is to not allow it to take over your life.

"When I first started, people told me that I should be a teacher first and a mother second," she said, "but, as a mother, I do not believe this is true.

"I have seen too many of my contemporaries get seriously ill on the job simply because they allowed the profession to take over their lives."

Nobody would suggest Wendy is not conscientious. Considering her record she comes to Guildford with outstanding credentials, given that she hails from a family of teachers with an auntie, sister and now her daughter Caitlyn in the profession.

Currently, the Guildford School has 31 students and whilst there may be some changes under Wendy's watch, they will come slowly.

She has a three year contract and has been warmly welcomed by the Guildford community.

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The Great Flood of 1909

With floods ravaging parts of north eastern Victoria and southern NSW it is interesting to recall an incident from our illustrious past. What with our near misses in September 2010 and February of last year.

The year was 1909 and in the middle of August it rained and rained and rained, wreaking havoc across much of central and western Victoria causing the Loddon River and other waterways in this region to experience their largest recorded flood to date.

Persistent above-average rainfall began to affect most of Victoria apart from eastern Gippsland in April 1909 as a result of strong southern low-pressure systems interacting with moisture in the Indian Ocean. Although April and May were moist, June was exceptionally wet, seeing in many places a record number of rainy days for any month. The heavy June falls had already made the ground throughout Victoria very moist, and despite the fact that July rainfall was only above normal in the north of the State it was of relatively little significance as, because it was winter, evaporation was too low to dry the ground.

With these moist conditions, it was natural that heavy rain in August would cause major flooding on the State's rivers, and a series of very slow-moving depressions naturally caused August to be very wet.

The third of four major depressions for the month arrived in western Victoria and on the 17th August produced very heavy falls upon already-saturated catchments on flat land where water was not draining away quickly. As the slow-moving depression linked with warm air from the Tasman Sea, thunderstorms began to develop over the Wimmera region on the 18th. Rich

Avon recorded 50mm from one of these whilst in the Great Divide there were reports that some areas had received as much as 100mm in as little as six hours.

As a result of this heavy rain, many rivers rose to record or near record levels. The Avoca River rose above the top of sheds of farmhouses near its banks, as the Hopkins and the Merri River near the coast. Further east, houses at Inglewood were swamped and many buildings were wrecked by the



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swollen Loddon River. In Donald itself, not only roads, but even footpaths were devastated as the Richardson River flooded the town to a level never seen before or since, eventually reaching normally-dry Lake Buloke. Near Geelong, four people were drowned trying to cross the flooded Barwon River at Winchelsea.

The floods had a major impact upon agriculture in the region, with many crops in the Western District completely destroyed through being soaked - not only during the floods, but also before they reached their peak. Large numbers of sheep in the Western District were killed because of foot-rot due to the wet ground.

From an article in the Mt Alexander Mail from 21st August 1909 it indicated, that "at Yapeen the Strathloddon dredge was a submarine, with the exception of the top of the chimney. The Chinese Gardens are scoured to a depth of 4ft a thing hitherto unknown. In Smith's store the water was nearly a foot up as is Hollis' bakery. On the railway line several chains of ballast has been taken away and a bridge crossing the road near Woods butcher shop has washed away."

A few days later on the 24th August the Mail reported that "at Guildford by far the heaviest sufferer in this locality by the disastrous floods was Mr. E. Delmenico whose fine orchard

was ruined for some time to come. Hundreds of fruit trees from ten to twenty years old, in prime bearing, have been

laid flat and covered with three or four feet of sand. Many pear and apple trees from a foot to eighteen inches in diameter have been smashed clean off the butt and out of three rows of cherry trees containing 200 splendid trees that were standing 20ft to 30ft in height only one is left upright and as the cherry tree has no tap root but spreads its roots along the surface, these have nearly all been washed up. Others lying on the ground have had their branches broken and bruised by the big timber being carried over them and a current of water from 15ft to 18ft in depth filling the top with rubbish of every description."

Unusually for floods in Australia, not only did the rivers recede rapidly but the excessively wet conditions of the autumn and winter that produced them gave way to much drier weather from September onwards so that a repeat was never remotely possible.

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Floods of 1909 top down: Tallangatta, Warracknabeal, Donald. Unfortunately we were unable to source a picture of 1909 Guildford.

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Fiddler's Paradise

It was the weekend when the violin makers came to town when The Australian Violin Makers Association hosted what was the Fourth Australian International Violin Maker's Conference over the weekend of 2 – 5 March.

The Conference is held every three years and organised by Guildford violin makers Alex Grant and Rainer Beilharz and this was the third time this conference has been held in Guildford over the past 12 years.

International presenters included French bow making legend Stéphane Thomachot, one of America's top violin makers Sam Zygmuntowicz and Andrew Fairfax from the UK.

According to Sam, violin making has come a long way in recent years. However, when commenting on research that indicates that modern instruments are able to match up to those of the old masters, Guarneri, Amati or Stradivari he was a little more circumspect.

"There's been vast improvements in acoustics," he said, "but comparing them to the old instruments is a little more subjective."

Also presenting were locals, Alan Coggins on violin photography; Kae Sato-Goodsell demonstrating the use of computer generated outlines, moulds and templates and David Guscott presenting on electric instruments.

David first brought his electric violins to the conference some six years ago.



"They were a little dubious at first, he confessed, "but now they are accepted as part of the art form."

It was not only violins that were covered but also the full family of stringed instruments, the viola, cello and double bass.

There were also some

unusual instruments including Tasmanian Adam Edwards' Norweigan Hardanger Fiddle complete with Tassie Devil carved out of the head and has five extra strings that run underneath the four main ones.

As the pictures attest, there's more to violin making than meets the eye...and ears.



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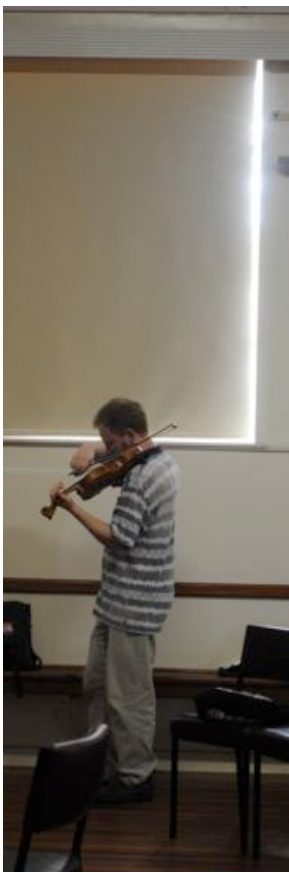
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Busy year ahead for Saddle Club

It's looking to be a big year for the revitalised Saddle Club.

The word is out, "If you love horses, saddle up and join the fun, or just come and get involved," extols Saddle Club convener Fran Reed.

The Guildford Saddle Club has started 2012 well with a campover as well as a series of riding lessons with Tracey.

Says Fran, "The club caters for all ages with family involvement encouraged and we've made exciting plans for the year ahead."

These include:

- March 24th Working Bee
- March 25th Dressage lessons with Justine and instruction with HRCav grading for those who want to compete
- April 22nd HRCav Dressage competition- volunteers needed
- May 27th Show Lessons and possible bonfires
- June 24th Winter Woollies Gymkhana with HRCav showing volunteers needed



Riding tall in the saddle, local rider Nicole Skoda

- July 22nd Fun day
 - August 26th Riding Instruction
 - September 16th Club Away at Bendigo Showgrounds hosting HRCav show ring in Spring Horse Show
 - October 28th Trail Ride
 - November 18th Navigation Ride competition. Volunteers needed
 - December 16th Christmas fun day
- It's all happening at the old recrea-

tion reserve, Reserve St. Guildford,

The cost to Join: Riding member \$90.00 adult \$66.90 junior -

This week the Council came good on construction of new fencing, gates and other works. All will be in readiness for the start of the horse riding season.

For more information call Fran Reed on 5476 4477 .

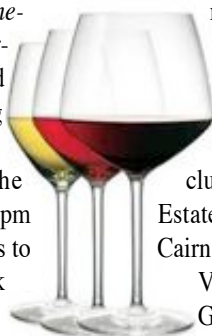
Guildford on the wine trail

Local wineries *Guildford Vineyards* and *Limestone Track* are two of 20 wineries participating in this year's Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Taste of Gold, presenting wines from The Mount Alexander Region.

Taste of Gold will be held in the Castlemaine Market Building, from 4pm to 7pm on Saturday 17th March which also happens to be St. Patrick's Day, a great day for a drink or three.

You can meet the winemakers and taste a wide range of local boutique wines and pick up a bottle or two to take away.

As well as Guildford wineries represented, reach beyond Castlemaine to Harcourt, Sutton Grange, Newstead, Taradale, Mia Mia, Redesdale, Maldon, Welshman's Reef and Guildford including Amherst Winery, Barfold Estate, Blackjack Wines, Chapple's Cairn Curran Estate, Charlotte Plains Vineyard, Coliban Valley Wines, Giblot and Davies, Glenwillow



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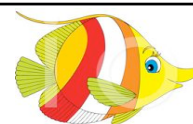
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Organisation Meetings

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