

# The *Guildford* Globe

## BOOMTOWN!

### All over Guildford, they're building, buying & selling

When you weren't looking, it appears to be happening all over town: properties on the market, houses being built, land being sold.

It gives the impression that Guildford has been discovered and over the coming months we will see a whole lot of new blood moving in.

There are currently nine houses for  
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*Trucked in. Almost finished. Little Fryers Street.*



What with Victor Rodda's big beetroot, now comes Irene Fitness and her big radish here being admired by Mary Soderiou.



*House on one acre, Fryers Street opposite the Big Tree \$330,000*



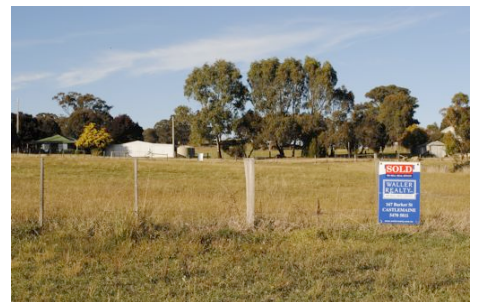
*Recently completed. Franzi Street*



*Slab down. Construction imminent. Franklin Street*



*House for sale, Fryers Street next to Public Hall \$207,000*



*Land sold. New house planned. Franklin Street*



*Materials have been delivered. Construction soon. Franklin Street*

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# Greetings

This issue marks a year since I was asked to edit *The Globe*.

In the ensuing twelve months we have not only survived but thrived. Our combined circulation of print and online copies now exceeds 500 with readership almost twice that.

We have widened our distribution to encompass outlets in Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Newstead.

Thanks go to our erstwhile advertising manager Brian Adams who has almost tripled the number of advertisers. Also

Peter Thompson for printing it so beautifully.

Finally, to all of you have offered support and encouragement over the year, we will continue to support you.

Had a call the other day from a guy wanting details of the Guildford Dawn Service. After telling him the time and place he then asked for directions. I was attempting to explain to him where Bendigo and Castlemaine were when I thought to ask him where he was calling from; Western Australia. There are Guildford's everywhere. We are not alone.

Again another great Dawn Service. Way to go, Maurie.

Enjoy this issue  
Rajeev

# 100

Approximate number of people who attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Guildford

# 9

Number of houses currently for sale in the town as per our front page story

# 2.4 Mil

No of chickens on Moolort farm if Council accepts request to extra numbers. Story page 3

## Letter

Just read your fantastic community newsletter/paper.

For the record, I was not invited to Guildford for the announcement - how short sighted of the Shire and how remiss of the Coalition government not to invite the local Member. Although I was invited to the Castlemaine Golf Club for the opening of their new watering system on the same day which was also a Labor funded project. Maybe there is a conspiracy to keep me away from the good people of Guildford?

Nevertheless, sounds like a great time was had by all and Guildford tennis players will be more than happy that the courts are finally being upgraded!

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## Roadworks finished...almost



After almost a year the Turner/Franklin Street roadworks have finally been completed, if that's the right word.

The hold-up was due to a standoff between the Council and Coliban Water over replacement of the original water pipes. Once this issue was resolved after eight months, it took only a matter of days to finish the job.

Given that the entire strip of road could do with a new layer of asphalt it would have been logical to do the lot. at the same time

Instead, first they sealed the corner. Then they laid gravel asphalt from the highway as far as the school. The rest of the road is as it was.

As in all of these matters it seems everything is done in halves.

A job left for another day...or another decade.

Stay tuned.

## Despite the chill, Maurie brings warmth to Dawn Service

With a projected temperature of 4 degrees it was a chilly morning for this year's Anzac Dawn Service.

Despite the cold and unlike last year, when Anzac Day fell on Easter Monday, around 100 people still showed up.

Maurie Dynon was in fine form relating tales of great deeds done by Aussie Diggers in War's past. He also enlightened us little known facts about how Australia was under siege by the Japanese who not only attacked Darwin but Broome in the West and Sydney and Newcastle in the East.

Maurie also explained the tradition of the Avenues of Honour of which there are over 50 in towns around Victoria.

The service ended with the laying of wreaths on the Cenotaph and the playing of *The Last Post* and *Taps*.

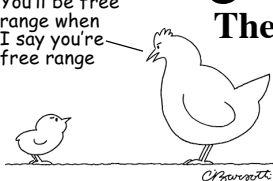
But unlike previous years, the kookaburra failed to make an appearance.

The crowd then retired to the Music Hall where Terry the new publican had the fire lit. The Progress Association offered egg and bacon (supplied by KR Castlemaine) sandwiches along with tea, coffee with the proceeds going to Legacy. Last but not least, the proverbial Anzac biscuits supplied by women from the community.

But sadly, for reasons that can't be divulged, no two-up and no grappa.

## In Moolort it's raining chooks

You'll be free range when I say you're free range



There's an odour in the air in downtown Moolort and it's fowl

The problem is chickens. 900,000 of them in a hatchery on the banks of Joyces Creek the border between the Goldfields Council based in Maryborough and Mt Alexander Council.

The stench is caused in part by the dead birds, thousands of them and chicken waste. This, on top of the trucks, that turn up at all hours to deliver feed and pick up what chooks are still alive.

But now a furore has arisen over the owner.s request to the Goldfields Council to bring in another 1.5 million birds making it a total of 2.4 million. To put it bluntly that's a lot of bird shit. And that makes a big stench much to the chagrin of locals who have Mt. Alexander on side. Chances are the request will be knocked back but if it isn't the locals will be crowing for retribution. We'll keep you posted.

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# Fun and games in Havelock Street

The gravel road to the lookout that is Havelock Street has long been a contentious issue with respect to safety.

And despite it being of some tourist value, getting the Council to actually grade the road had remained in the "too hard" basket.

That was until a red sedan carrying a family group, who were visiting the district, drove into Guildford.

Seeing the sign pointing to the lookout, they decided to satisfy their curiosity and drive up the road to the summit.

Half way up, for some reason, they stopped, stalled and then slid back into a ditch.

Stuck fast, the driver made a bold attempt to jack the car up in the hope of getting the car out, but to no avail.

Meanwhile the disturbance brought out some of the inhabitants of Havelock Street and it was suggested that a tow truck was needed. Not an easy option considering it was Easter.

Upon calling a local towing operator, they were curtly told that it would cost in the order of \$200-\$300 to do the job.

Sounded like a blatant case of exploitation.

Then the flash: Lance McDonald. Yes indeed, Lance was home and he obliged by driving over to lend assistance.

In the interim who should arrive but your friendly neighbourhood police after apparently getting an anonymous tip-off that all was not well on Havelock Street.

"Allo, allo, allo."

"Just about



New, improved Havelock Street. Not such a long way to the top



# Saturday night at The Pub



It's all happening at the Guildford Pub on Saturday night where there's music in the air. On 21st April *The Ghouls Gambit* got into a little Hot Club, whilst a week later *The Blue Diamonds* strutted their stuff



to assist some tourists in distress, officer."

"Ok then."

They got back into the police car and proceeded to reverse back down the road and, you got it, straight into the aforementioned ditch just as Lance was pulling the tourists car free.

Oh dear.

But fear not, Lance again to the rescue towing the police car out.

And a collective sigh of relief as everyone went on their way.

The next day a slab of beer arrived for Lance.

And a few days later the Council arrived with a grader and did the job.

Take a drive up Havelock Street. Very smooth

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# Engine Show motors into history

You heard it first thing on the Saturday morning. The sputtering of an antique engine coming to life signalling the start of yet another weekend of the old and the older.



This was the Annual Vintage Engine Rally which, for the past 16 years, has materialised over an April weekend on the John Powell Reserve.

If it was an engine, or powered



by an engine, or part of an engine, then chances are it was here.

From old spark plugs to old tractors 23 old chainsaws to old water pumps to old lawn mowers and on and on.

This year for the first time, they held a formal dinner on the Saturday night followed by an evening of country music on the Reserve.

The Show was indeed blessed with absolutely perfect weather.

By Monday morning there was not a trace that they were ever there...until next year's 17th Show.



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# Guildford For Sale

sale, three have been trucked in and three at commencement stage. That's fifteen properties in all.

According to Rob Delmenico from Waller Realty, who have five properties for sale in the town, there is an unusually high number of houses currently on the market in Guildford.

"The minute you list one or two properties all of sudden it stirs more interest," explained Mr Delmenico, "and with the prices being asked they represent great value for money.

"Driving into Guildford from any direction and you can't help being impressed with the way the town comes up."

Even though houses are not selling, there are just as many being built or trucked in and completed on site. This new energy in town should create its own momentum.



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*Trucked in. Work proceeding Little Fryers Street*



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*For sale in Fletcher Street*  
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## ...as well as The Old Schoolhouse

If you're looking to buy a piece of Guildford history, then this could be it.

Although the date when it was built is sketchy, some say around 1900, it was used for many years as the residence of the "headmaster" at the Guildford School. Hence it became known as the Schoolhouse.

The last owner, Lisa Mitchell, sadly passed away just before Christmas. She



had lived in it for 14 years and maintained it in the original style.

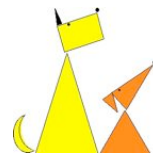
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# Opinion:Rajeev

## How's the Water?

**Y**ou can read a lot into a research document that may not be apparent on first examination. That the Council relied on a research study of 400 people, to make a decision with respect to the Aquatic Centre Project was always prone to conjecture. An anomaly that appears to have played into the hands of the anti swimming pool lobby.

As the research shows the issue wasn't the Aquatic Centre per se, it was the proposal of the Western Reserve as the site. This is exemplified by the Council decision to abandon the Western Reserve site based on 68% of respondents opposing the project as against 23% support. Of course the real truth may lie in the revelation that 57% wouldn't even consider using the centre, even if it was built, which means their opposition to the pool is based on the fact that these respondents can't, don't or won't swim.

What is a more salient figure is that for an Aquatic Centre in Castlemaine, 55% supported while 40% opposed. This figure would have been enough to make an Aquatic Centre a serious consideration.

But the 55/40 figures indicate that the council erred in the development of the project by not offering up alternative sites.

What is left now is a tacit proposal to redevelop the existing pool that is currently leaking quite badly and has about two years life left in it. Rebuilding it as a heated pool able to be open nine months of the year is viable as long as it is open at hours conducive to swimmers.

Roofing the outdoor pool is another option with some interesting ideas from overseas that could be worth looking at.

At present the outdoor pool is open from 1st December to the end of February. So on those warm days we have had in November, March and April there is no pool.

The vocal majority of non swimmers got their way because in matters such as these, opposition elicits its own rallying cry. When a proposal for the betterment of our community is put forward it will be the negative forces that bring it down.

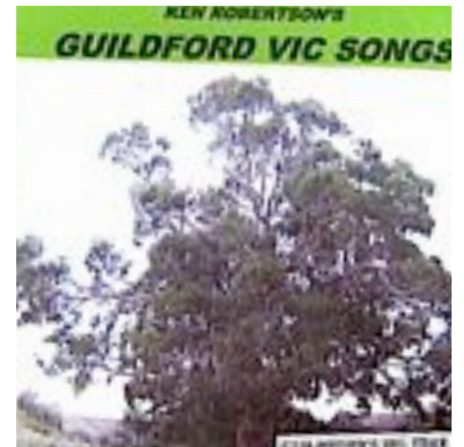
## Guildford: The CD

That's right folks. There exists an album simply entitled Guildford Songs and it has twelve tracks all about Guildford and our illustrious past.

The man behind it is Ken Robertson who is a country singer/songwriter from Swan Hill.

For the record, Ken is 84 and still struttin' his stuff.

Why a CD dedicated to Guildford? The short answer is, why not? Actually, Ken



has recorded around 300 songs, enough for 295 albums.

But Guildford is not alone when it comes to towns that inspire Ken. He has covered Australia with albums on such places as Mt. Gambier, Coonabarabran, Burra, Cobar, Blackall, Wakool and Kerang to name but a few. He has also recorded albums of train songs, waltzes,

tractor songs and horse-riding songs.

There is no end to how prolific Ken actually is.

And, surprisingly, the Guildford Songs album whilst not being earth shattering is well worth a listen.

Many of the tracks delve into Guildford's past such as Guildford's Chinese Camp, The Prize Fight, Guildford's First Race Meeting and Guildford's Goldfield Girls. So Ken has done his research.

According to local historian, Ray Pattle, most of the incidents that Ken alludes to actually happened including Weston's Threshing Machine and Guildford's Brass Band (a story of which appears over the page).

Ken's *Guildford Songs* album will be available from the Post Office.



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# Brass Band was all class



It is difficult to ascertain just how long the Band existed in Guildford, but it was certain that it was in existence in 1906.

There were many Swiss and Italian families who were particularly fond of music. Most prominent among its members was Antonio (Tot) Vosti, the Bandmaster. It is said that Tot Vosti, on at least one occasion played with the world famous Sousa Brass band in the USA. He was also a poet of note.

Whoever a public function was arranged, the Band was always willing to offer its assistance. *Hospital Sunday* was a popular annual event when men, women and children all assembled at the public recreation reserve for a pleasant after-

noon's entertainment. Guest speakers, vocal and instrumental items were enjoyed by all present.

During the 1914-18 War, the Band assisted at many money raising functions and was foremost in the "Welcome Home" of the returned soldiers. When the Armistice was declared in 1918 celebrations continued all night.

In the photograph dated 1919 the following were members: W.J Mein; T. Campbell; C. Delmenico; T. Mathews; N. Mein; D. McElhinney; Alan Kirkpatrick; J. Vosti; A. Vosti; C. Ingram; J.F oletti; C. Barassi; S. Jennings; A. Passalacqua; J. Curnow; J. Passalacqua; G. Luke.

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# Market in a state of flux

The April Guildford Market turned out to be a small intimate affair with 13 stallholders. This worked out well because it was transferred to the Music Hall due to the Engine Rally having a function in the Public Hall.



Conveners John Burford and wife, Judy,

But they'll be back over the road for the next Market on Saturday 9th June which is on the Queens Birthday Long Weekend.

Despite stall numbers being down, convener John Burford remains upbeat as to the future viability of the Market.

"It's true we have lost a few stallholders in recent months," he admitted, "Especially within the food area, but I'm confident others will come in to replace them."

Whilst acknowledging there is quite a bit of competition around he is not at the stage to consider dramatic changes to the Market just yet.

We, in Guildford, are a small community and, as such, running a bimonthly market is hit or miss affair.

It's a vicious cycle: To get the stallholders you need to be able to attract the punters. To get the punters you need a lot of diverse stalls.

There has been suggestions to just do a once a year event as they do in such places as Taradale, Malmsbury and Glenlyon.



Evol Lancaster (left) and Maria Derrett with crafty offerings



Taradale's annual shindig in early March had over 50 stalls and drew hundreds of people.

As you can see from the picture, March's Taradale Market had a bumper crowd offering a multiplicity of stalls, tastings, music and events.

So, why not consider offering the Guildford Market up as an annual event? Do it as a pre Christmas show on the John Powell Reserve or perhaps on Australia Day or Easter Sunday.

As a one off, it will attract many potential purveyors of produce and provisions. You can also offer entertainment, after all we are a town full of musicians.

Speaking of musicians, as an alternative or in addition, we need to consider a market linked in with the *Banjo Jamboree*. There are already stalls set up outside the post office during the Jamboree so perhaps a two day Market could be arranged under the auspices of the Guildford Market offering stallholders a large customer base and run over the two days.

These thoughts are some of the things that need to be considered if the Guildford Market is to survive.

It's our market,. If we don't offer viable solutions to make it work, it will end up being consigned to history.

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Maurie & Josh talking Landcare at April Market



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## Mandolins make for a magical music afternoon

"Autumn Serenade" is the title of the forthcoming concert to be performed in Castlemaine by the Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra, its third at the Phee Broadway Hall in as many years.

If previous concerts are anything to go by, this one will be a resounding success with the program featuring exciting, evocative and beautiful music.

The program includes "Suite Mexicana" by Eduardo Angulo, "Concertino for Mandola and Mandolin Orchestra" by Gunter Braun (featuring soloist Darryl Barron who is also leader of the orchestra), and "Apanhei-ti Cavaquinho", by Ernesto Nazareth and other pieces.

The concert starts at 2:30pm this Sunday May 6th. Tickets cost \$20 (children under 12 free) available at Instrumental Music Centre (5479 5913) in Templeton Street, Castlemaine, or at the Lyttleton Street Medical Clinic (5472 3233) and also at the door.



The Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra came to life in the late 1960s due to the efforts of a number of European immigrants and some Aussie enthusiasts of the classical mandolin repertoire and has since regularly performed all over Australia, Europe and Japan.

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## Adult Mentors Needed for Mount Alexander Youth Mentoring Project

Castlemaine District Community Health, in partnership with Castlemaine Secondary College and Mount Alexander Shire Council, is running a mentor program to assist young people (age 12 to 25 years) who are experiencing life difficulties in towns across Mount Alexander Shire.

The project is looking for mentors who:

- Are interested in assisting a young person to make positive changes in their lives;
- Have empathy, good communication and listening skills;
- Have knowledge, skills and passion to share with young people;
- Can give a couple of hours a month over 6 to 12 months.

Mentors with a wide range of interests and skills are needed, as mentoring activities could involve fishing, woodworking, poetry, sport, art & craft, cooking, study assistance or simply catching up for a chat.

The aim of the mentor relationship is to support vulnerable young people to cope better with their life situation, define and set goals for the future and feel connected to and supported by their community. It will also allow them to complete their education or employment training as appropriate, with access to services and training and one to one tutoring in literacy and numeracy.

All mentors will be offered free training and ongoing support by the project worker. with free mentoring training during May This training takes place over three sessions on May 3rd, 10th and 24th, 5.30pm to 8.30pm in Castlemaine.

To register or find out more contact Shannon Lacy, Youth Development Worker on 5471 1743, Mob. 0429 421 214 or Email [s.lacy@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.lacy@mountalexander.vic.gov.au), or Melanie Mitchell at Castlemaine Secondary College on 54791111



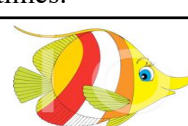
## How's the Water?

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End result, the pool proposal is dead and will now be the domain of the next council, to be elected in October, to deal with. And who knows what their attitude might be.

Finally, what happened with the new Guildford tennis courts? There was no community consultation. No research document. They just arrived one day with the money and said "It's a goer".

We do live in interesting times.



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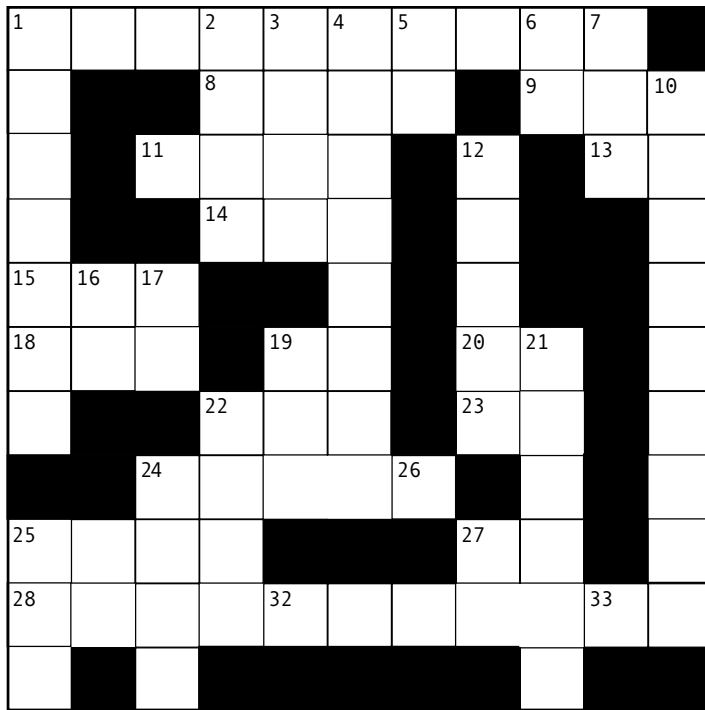
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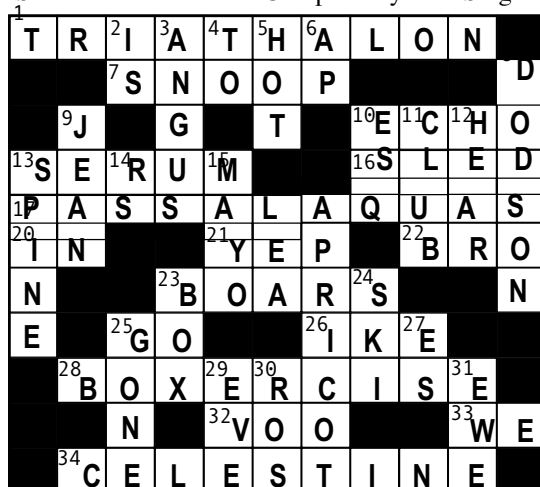
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- 9 Possessive of 'she' (3)
- 11 1921 German tractor (4)
- 13 Perform, bring about (2)
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- 15 Not in good health (3)
- 18 Hot --- engine (3)
- 19 Ian Oshlack (Abbr) (2)
- 20 North Maldon (Abbr) (2)
- 22 Very Warm (3)
- 23 Kick off (Abbr) (2)
- 24 1894 German tractor (5)
- 25 .Young woman (3)
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- 28 WA tractor manufacturer (11)

## Down

- 1 Aust made stationery engine (7)
- 2 Brown, mud colour (4)
- 3 Many centuries (4)
- 4 Sydney engine builders (8)
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- 6 Classic Holden (2)
- 7 Big --- Beetroot (3)
- 10 ----- Tippet (9)
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- 22 Ship steering wheel (4)
- 24 Type of vintage saw (4)
- 25 Guildford Cricket Club (Abbr) (3)
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Solution in next issue. Compiled by Lisa Sargent

**SOLUTION  
TO LAST  
GLOBEWORDS**



# Dressage anyone?



The Guildford Saddle Club members held their first Official HRCV (Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria) Dressage Competition on the 22nd of April. Members were able to ride at their graded level and also have a try at the next level of dressage.

Local riders who did well in the competition were Nicole Skoda on Skye who came first in Level 5 and Julia Bull on Falconhurst Studebaker won at Level 3. Level 4 was won by Maxine Fitzgerald from Avoca and level 2 by Sue White from Smythesdale. Portia Mareki from Trentham won Level 1 and Maria Gleeson from Bulla won both Advanced level tests.

The Saddle Club is now planning the annual Winter Woollies Gymkhana for June 24th. Competitors, volunteers, spectators and fine weather most welcome!



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## Food + Entertainment

Guildford Family Hotel  
Wed: Pizza Night  
Thurs: Curry night  
Fri: Dinner Jam Session  
Sat: Dinner Live Music  
Sun: Lunch with live music  
Folk Club Wed 16th May  
[www.guildfordfamilyhotel.com.au](http://www.guildfordfamilyhotel.com.au)

## Bus Timetable

• Mon-Fri	• Saturday
Dep. Guildfd	Dep. Guildfd
06.30	9.25
07.20	18.45
10.25	Dep. Cas. Stn
15.05	10.00
16.20	19.20
Dep. Cas. Stn	• Sunday
07.25	Dep. Guildfd
13.00	18.15
20.10	Dep. Cas. Stn
	9.20

## Organisation Meetings

Progress Association Meeting. Monday 4th June  
Public hall. All welcome 7.00 pm

John Powell Reserve Committee of Management Monday 14th May.  
Pavilion. JP Reserve 7.00pm

Hall Committee Meeting. Tuesday 5th June, Public hall.  
All welcome 7.00 pm

## Classes

Strength Training  
Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Hall 1-2.00pm  
\$5 per session

Tai Chi for Arthritis with Teresa  
Fridays 10-11 in the Hall  
Details: 5473 4180

## FREE CLASSIFIEDS

### Community Forums:

A conversation about community-owned wind park in Mount Alexander Shire  
Castlemaine Wed 9 May, 7-9 pm, Town Hall.  
For more info [www.masg.org.au/communitywind](http://www.masg.org.au/communitywind) or call 5470 6978,

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## Groups

Social Networks (Craft Group)  
Wed 9th, 23rd May 6th June 10.30am  
Sat meeting 5th May 1.00pm Public Hall

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