

Friday, October 16

Food Bowl Music Festival

Times: 4.00pm (with live music from 6.00pm)

Location: Melville Street, Numurkah

Information: Free community bush dance and produce market in Melville Street, Numurkah. Local bush bands and visiting artists. Family entertainment. More details, visit www.foodbowlmusicfestival.com.au

Saturday, October 17

Food Bowl Music Festival – BROKEN CREEK MARKET

Time: 9.00am onwards

Location: The banks of the Broken Creek.

Information: The Broken Creek Market on the Long standing Numurkah tradition, where you'll find books, hardware, underwear, more local produce, and plenty more. More details, visit www.foodbowlmusicfestival.com.au

Music Galore

Fifty musicians and bands from across the country perform in six different venues. Folk to country, ambient, to rock, something for everyone. The music continues into the night at hotel venues. Festival passes available on the day.

More details, visit www.foodbowlmusicfestival.com.au

Grease Sing-a-long

Special screening and sing-a-long to Grease led by the Numurkah Singers. All ages and singing abilities welcome.

More details, visit www.foodbowlmusicfestival.com.au

Pink Ribbon Pink Lady Day

Time: From 10.00am

Location: Chocolate Apple Factory, 95 School Rd, Shepparton East

Phone: (03) 58 292353

Costs: \$10.00 with proceeds to Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Information: Visit The Chocolate Apple Factory orchard to enjoy Pink Lady apple juice, delectable chocolate coated Pink Lady apples or cup of tea or coffee with Pink Ribbon cupcakes. Wear something pink and participate in the pink raffle with pink prizes.

Relay For Life

Time: 6.00pm start

Location: at Princess Park, Shepparton

Information: Relay for Life is an opportunity to get together with your community and **celebrate** cancer survivors, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** against a disease that takes too much.

Money raised from this event goes to Cancer Research and Support services provided by Cancer Council Victoria. In this our eighth year we hope to pass the \$2 million target with the generous support of people living in the Goulburn Valley.

Sunday, October 18

Official Sunset Launch of Inaugural Greater Shepparton Tourism Week

Sponsored by the Greater Shepparton City Council Events Department, the Official Sunset Launch will be held at the Country Comfort, Shepparton to mark the beginning of Tourism Week celebrations. This will also include the official launch of the "52 Great Discoveries" Brochure, inspiring locals to learn about tourism opportunities in their own backyard!

**This is an invitation only event*

"What's It Worth? – trinket or treasure"

Location: Dookie Emporium, Mary St, Dookie

Time: Shop and Café open 9.00am – 5.00pm; Appraisals 11.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: Free Event!

Information: Bring along your 'treasured' or 'mystery' items and have them evaluated by a team of six experts in various fields of antiques, collectables and fine arts. The team includes the knowledgeable Peter Brewer, Barry Jones (Registered plant and machinery valuer), Chelsea McKay from Kevin Hicks Real Estate and David Smith, among others.

Tastings of Tallis Wines and local chesses at the Dookie Harvest Café within.

More information phone Dookie Emporium on 0409 559 380

Food Bowl Music Festival - Long Slow Brunch In The Park

Location: The banks of the Broken Creek, Numurkah

Cost: \$40.00

Information: Eight course brunch hosted by local 'celebrity' chef Michael Stokes. Music, guest speakers.

9th Annual Jazz and Blues Festival

Location: Monichino Winery, Katunga

Time: From midday onwards

Cost: Entry \$15

Information: Music by 'The Wolfe Gang' with lunch hampers by Francesca available \$20. No BYO.

More details, visit www.foodbowlmusicfestival.com.au

Bus Tour to Camp 1

Location: Meet at Museum (corner of Hogan & Ross Streets, Tatura)

Time: 12.30pm to leave 1 pm SHARP

Cost: \$10 per person

Information:

Hosted by Tatura & District Historical Society. Please wear good walking shoes, bring a drink and hat. Cuppa from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

Contact the Museum (03) 5824 2111 or Lyn Harrison (03) 5824 1867. info@taturamuseum.org.au; www.taturamuseum.org.au

Emerald Bank Heritage Farm

Location: Emerald Bank, Melbourne Rd, Kialla.

Information: Take the kids to enjoy a day with the animals at the Emerald Bank Heritage Farm. Half price entry for families and half price mini golf at nearby Riverside Gardens. Visit the Seven Creeks Chocolate Shop and Pot Werx.

'A Parallel Journey'

Location: Glasson's Art World, 151 High St, Shepparton

Time: From 1.00pm

Cost: Free!

Information: Join artist Susan Fell Mclean as she speaks about her artistic journey. Her work is influenced by the romantic allure of Paris, the 'city of dreams': it's charm, it's energy and style, as well as an 8 week residency in a medieval city in Tuscany. For your enjoyment the exhibition presents a collection of thoughtful work that comes out of the artist's experiences at the International Shibori Symposium, November 2008. Susan had works shown in two exhibitions in Paris and a short film screened in Musee du Quai Branly.

Susan Fell Mclean is an internationally recognised textile artist – concurrently exhibiting sculptural textiles – "Six Memos" at Shepparton Art Gallery Oct 3 – Nov 15.

'A Parallel Journey' presented by Glasson's Art World include beautifully framed small textile works, featuring rozome, batik, shibori and stitch hangings on wool and silk, water colour paintings and limited edition prints, and will be on show from Oct 9 to Nov 6.

Chocolate Flowing

Location: Chocolate Apple Factory, School Rd, Shepparton East

Time: 10 am to 5 pm.

Information:

Discover indulgence with the Chocolate Fountain at the Chocolate Apple Factory. Dip fruit, wafers or marshmallows in gorgeous chocolate as it flows from the fountain. Charges apply.

Shepparton Craft and Produce Market

Arts, crafts, local produce, gifts, plants, books and more.

Queens Gardens, Cnr Wyndham Street and Nixon Street, Shepparton. 9am to 2 pm.

Contact: Clyde Young 0408 598 200 for more information.

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Monday, October 19

Official Function – Homescape Luncheon.

Location: GV Hotel, High Street, Shepparton

Time: 12.00 – 2.00pm

Tickets: \$25.00 per person, includes 2 course lunch

Information:

Guest Speaker, special guests and tourism industry stalwarts come together to celebrate the tourism industry in Greater Shepparton. New Release cars by Ken Muston on display. Bookings online through www.discovershepparton.com.au or contact the Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre on 1800 808 839 for more information.

Tuesday, October 20

Living with Lavender @ Woodlands Estate Lavender.

Location: Woodlands Estate Lavender, 325 Poplar Ave, (cnr Poplar Ave), Orrvale.

Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes afternoon tea)

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Information: Learn how lavender can enhance your own skin care, first aid kit, cleaning products and cooking. Hosted by lavender farmer Cheryl Hammer, do yourself a favor and join in the fun and take home great ideas to use easily and cheaply in your own home. Limited numbers and bookings are essential, contact (03) 5829 1019.

Wednesday, October 21

Official Function - Shepparton Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Location: The Shepparton Club

Time: 7.30am

Information: The Shepparton Chamber of Commerce Breakfast will be held at the Shepparton Club and will feature Tourism guest speaker Simon Latchford the Tourism Marketing Manager from Echuca-Moama & District Tourism.

Spontaneous Broadway presented by Riverlinks

Time: 8.00pm

Location: WestSide PAC, Echuca Road Mooroopna.

Information: From audience suggestions this legendary team of improvisers create hilarious Broadway musicals that will delight all ages. Dame Helen Highwater (Genevieve Morris), Chad Bradley (Geoff Paine), Sally-Anne DeFinklestien (Julia Zemiro), Gordon Supwell (Ross Daniels), host Russell Fletcher and Maestro John Thorn return for more musical theatre magic and mayhem. Bookings Riverlinks Box Office (03) 5832 9511 or www.riverlinksvenues.com.au

Thursday, October 22

Official Function - Quest Women in Business Breakfast

Location: Quest Serviced Apartments

Time: 7.00am – 9.00am

Information: Guest speaker, Anne McCamish, sponsored by Big 4 Shepparton East Holiday Park.

**This is an invitation only event*

Portraits by Jeanette Sellwood

Location: Glasson's Art World, 151 High St, Shepparton.

Information: Glasson's Art World is proud to present an opportunity for the public to have a portrait drawn by Jeanette Sellwood.

Her particular interest is drawing the human form or portrait. She is particularly noted for her portrayal of the innocence of children and their relationship with nature. Jeanette will be spending two days, 22nd and 23rd October, at Glasson's Art World where she will draw quick portraits on toned paper for an affordable price. Jeanette has an extensive painting history, also tutoring both in our local area and Queensland. She has had many exhibitions and her paintings are seen in galleries in Cairns and Victoria. For bookings (03) 5822 0077.

Media Skills workshop

Location: Peppermill Inn Hotel/Motel, Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Cost: FREE!

Information: Learn the best methods for promoting your business through the media from journalist and Homescape features writer and local tourism operator Cheryl Hammer. Gain insider tips to make your business stand out and see the benefits!

2010 SheppARTon Festival: Inspired in partnership with the University of Melbourne

Location: The Vault, 168R Maude Street (end of laneway opposite 'The Aussie'), Shepparton @ 7.30pm

Information: This evening will preview the 2010 SheppARTon Festival: Inspired. Entertainment on the night will be provided by Ryan & Michelle Black winners of the 2010 song writing competition. More information at www.sheppartonfestival.net.au or artsfestival@shepparton.vic.gov.au

All interested parties are welcome.

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Twilight Stroll to Kidstown

Leave Aquamoves and Chinaman's Gardens in Mooroopna at 5.30pm and walk to SPC Ardmonda Kidstown. Free entertainment , jumping castle, face painting, miniature train rides, BBQ, music. 52 seat shuttle bus on return trip

More info Greater Shepparton Council Leisure Facilities Branch (03) 5832 9536.

2009 Powercor 95 3SRFM Business and Excellence Awards

Location: GV Hotel, High Street, Shepparton

Time: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Cost: \$60.00 for Chamber members and \$70 for non-members

Information: The 2009 Powercor 95 3SR FM Business and Service Excellence Awards showcase and celebrate the amazing diversity of the business within the Greater Shepparton business community. The awards are an opportunity to recognise and honour outstanding contributions and to encourage future business success and this year will encompass the first ever Tourism Excellence Award for outstanding service, knowledge of their product and other attractions in the area, along with the overall service provided to their guests.

Saturday, October 24

VIC Open Day & Meet the Maker market

Location: The Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre, 534 Wyndham Street, Shepparton.

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Information: Visit the Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre and learn about the passion and patience that goes in to dozens of local products from right across the region. Taste, smell and experience the region as a visitor would!

Live 3SR radio broadcast and *free* sausage sizzle. Colouring competition for local primary schools. Contact: The Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre 1800 808 839 for more information.

Discover Shepparton, FREE bus tours

Location: Bus departs the Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre, 534 Wyndham Street

Time: 2.00pm to return at 4.30pm

Information:

Bus 1 – Belstack Strawberry Farm, Riverside Gardens, Broken River Vineyards.

Bus 2 – Chocolate Apple Factory, Woodlands Estate Lavender, Big 4 Holiday Park for afternoon tea. Bookings essential and can be made through the Greater Shepparton Visitor Information Centre on 1800 808 839 or www.discovershepparton.com.au

Tatura & Shepparton Racing Club - Girl's Day Out

Location: Tatura & Shepparton Racing Club, Tatura.

Information: Spend a day at the races with the Tatura & Shepparton Racing Cup Ladies Day! Featuring Fashion on the Field and with a curtosey bus running from Shepparton, this is an event every punter will love!

Sunday, October 25

Bridal Expo

Location: Country Comfort Wyndham St, Shepparton.

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation to charity

Information: Everything you need to plan your perfect wedding, from the venue, to the celebrant, to the dress to the honeymoon available at one location, the Bridal Expo!

Lavender Blues @ The Churches.(encore)

Location: The Churches, 325 Poplar Ave, Orrvale

Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Cost: Free entry

Information: A casual afternoon of blues music by Luke R Davies, of Wangaratta, in this gorgeous setting. Tree lined cottage gardens flanked by two historic churches. Enjoy wine tasting, gourmet barbecue, devonshire tea. BYO chair.

Contact (03) 58 29 1019 or visit www.thechurches.com.au

Tom Vincent Quartet presented by Riverlinks

Location: Eastbank Centre, Welsford Street Shepparton

Time: 8.00pm

Information: Tom Vincent is a pianist, composer, arranger - an original jazz stylist and captivating performer with unique harmony and melody. Tom Vincent is currently based in Tasmania, where he composes and records.

Tom studied composing/arranging and performance with Don Burrows, George Golla, Mick Nock and Roger Frampton. He graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium in 1989 with encouragement from Burrows to further his study abroad. Burrows described Tom as a trailblazer, "...a musician who does not merely recycle what he's heard, but will really take music somewhere of his own."

In 1993 he was awarded an International Study Grant from Australia Council for composition study in New York, where he lived, studied and performed for three years. Tom has also spent over two years living in Europe where he performed regularly in Amsterdam and also in London, Paris, Berlin, Luxemburg and in 2006 in Tokyo.

Tom lived and performed with his trio in New York and Amsterdam over several years and has a contingent of musicians from around the globe with whom he performs. Tom also writes for film and television and is planning the next European Tour with his new quartet.

Bookings Riverlinks Box Office (03) 5832 9511 or www.riverlinksvenues.com.au

Week-long events

On a Short Rein: portraits of country racing. Serana Hunt

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm daily

Dates: 16 October – 15 November

Location: Shepparton Art Gallery

Information: 'On a Short Rein' is an intimate collection of photographic images that are an ode to Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds in action. The beauty, passion and effort of the small-time racehorse is made obvious through this collection of photographs, offering a unique and unusual view of country racing.

The face of horse racing is changing. The devoted lives and the lifestyle of the local trainer who's passion is their handful of horses in work, the jockeys, the social atmosphere and day-time glamour that country racing provides local communities is diminishing.

This collection of photographs are a beautiful documentation of country racing by photographer Serana Hunt. She has taken these images while working as a Course Photographer at country racetracks throughout Northern Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

Visit Cussen Park – Tatura

Discover Cussen Park in full spring bloom. Check out two bird hides and the viewing platform to glimpse abundant bird life. FREE entry. Great family entertainment!

Discover Shepparton – Photography competition winners

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Dates : Saturday 3 October – Saturday 31 October 2009 (seven days a week)

Location: Eastbank Centre

Information: View the winning entries in the Discover Shepparton photography competition! Designed to give locals the opportunity to showcase what is special about their town, the winning images on display have been selected from over 350 entries and encapsulate what makes the region special. The winning images are also on display on the new tourism website

www.discovershepparton.com.au