



Winter weekends warm the shire

Port Fairy's history will be brought to life this weekend, as part of the *Port Fairy in Sepia* celebrations.

With a focus on the town's history and heritage, *Port Fairy In Sepia* brings together a range of events to showcase Victoria's most popular tourist destination. It is the second installment of the popular Winter Weekend series, with a Food and Wine weekend to be held on August 6-8. The first weekend, in June, included a community ride on the rail trail (right) which was popular with young and old.

This weekend's History and Heritage weekend will see a

variety of events.

Visitors can buy a winter weekend "key" for \$5 from the Port Fairy VIC on Bank Street to receive free entry into the historical sites and activities. Children under 15 are free with a ticketed adult.

The weekend's history events will be coloured with music, comedy and more, including a fishing clinic, concert and



comedy night, featuring three Melbourne comedians.

See page 3 for *Port Fairy in Sepia* event listings.

Lake School launch brings song to Koroit

The program launch for the 12th annual Lake School of Celtic Music, Song and Dance will be held in Koroit tomorrow (Saturday July 3rd) with a day of music and language workshops and the induction of Ewen Baker as a Legend of the Lake.

Workshops start at midday at the Crossley Hall with the official launch evening later at Mickey Bourke's Koroit Hotel.

The first workshop is a free introduction to the Irish language by Chris Mooney, followed by the Winter Workshop Program -

singing, fiddle and Irish language with Maria Forde, Ewan Baker and Chris Mooney. Lunch and afternoon tea at Crossley Hall will be by The Friends of St Brigids at a nominal cost.

Workshops cost \$10 (covers singing, fiddle and the follow up Irish language class) and bookings are essential. The program launch will be held at Mickey Bourke's Koroit Hotel from 6.30pm. This will include the induction of Ewen Baker as a Legend of the Lake by Shane

Howard, a performance by Paddy O'Neill Ward Band - Shanachie, the induction of Leamon Chambers as a life member of the Lake School, and a mighty session.

Launch and Workshop Timetable:

12pm: Introduction to Irish Language (free to general public) with Chris Mooney. Crossley Hall

2pm: Lunch

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What's on in July

1st-31st July: Second annual Biblio-Art competition art exhibition

This competition culminates in a fabulous book inspired art exhibition, with competing artists (amateur, emerging and professional) local, regional and from further afield. First prize is being judged by Melbourne's altered book artist, Nicholas Jones, and regional identity, Gareth Colliton. This exhibition will run until September.

1-4th July: Fun 4 Kids, Warrnambool

3rd July: Lake School Launch and Winter Workshop

From midday at the the Crossley Hall and later at Mickey Bourke's Koroit Hotel. Admission \$25. Bookings are essential, contact Felix on felix@bushwahzee.com

3-4th July: Winter Weekends festival - Port Fairy in Sepia

All that is old made new again. History, heritage and genealogy coloured with music and comedy events. For details contact the Port Fairy Visitor Information Centre on 5568 2682.

4th July: Screening of *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang*

A St Patrick's Primary School, Port Fairy, fund-raiser. Screens 2pm at Port Fairy's Reardon Theatre.

Tickets available from the school and the door.

9-10th July: Geoparks conference



Geoparks: The way forward for Australia is the topic for this conference, to be held at the Mid City Conference Centre, Raglan Parade, Warrnambool, on Friday July 9 and Saturday July 10, from 9am each day. Further information at www.kanawinkageopark.org.au

16th July: Screening of *Brothers at Port Fairy's Reardon Theatre*

When a Marine Captain (Toby Maguire) goes missing in Afghanistan, his brother (Jake Gyllenhaal), just released from prison, takes care of his brother's family. A fine drama by Jim Sheridan. Screens at 7.30pm. (M, 104 minutes).

30th July: St Kilda Short Film Festival

A program in two parts: 16 of the best short films for 2010. MA15+.



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2.30 -3.45pm; Singing Workshop with Maria Forde at Crossley Hall

3.45pm: Afternoon Tea

4.15pm - 6pm: Irish Language with Chris Mooney at Crossley Hall

4.15pm -6pm: Fiddle and Strings Workshop Ewen Baker (Senior Citz, Koroit)

5pm: Lake School AGM at Mickey Bourke's Pub

6.30pm: Lake School Launch at Mickey Bourke's Pub

Can you provide us with tourism feedback? We want to know what you think. What do you like and what do you dislike? Email Tanya on tanya@wordwiz.com.au or call her on 0437 658 007.

Welcome to the whales

The first sighting of the delightful Southern Right Whales were reported in late June along the coastline near Warrnambool.

Whales are the world's largest mammal and each year they make their way to the warm waters off Warrnambool's coastline to give birth.

The baby whales, weighing in at nearly a tonne and measuring five metres in length, are born between July and September and spend the winter in the nursery at Logan's Beach before heading back out to sea. Whales are often seen in Port Fairy's bay and also at Portland.

They are a spectacular sight



to see, including this whale in Port Fairy's bay, photographed by Port Fairy Boat Charter.

Port Fairy in Sepia program

The Little Doll House Museum - Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

Port Fairy Cemetery Walk - Meet at the Cemetery, Sat 10.30am

Port Fairy Genealogical Society Rooms - Get started with your family tree, Sat 10.30am

Port Fairy History Centre - Local History Museum, Sat & Sun, 2pm-5pm

Motts Cottage(National Trust) - Sat 2pm-4pm

Guided Walking Tour of old Port Fairy - Meet at VIC, Sat 1pm & Sun 10.30am (Bookings advisable Ph: 5568 2682)

Battery Hill Interpretation - Historic cannons and fortifications Sunday 11am-11.20am Griffiths St

Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Station - Historic lifeboat & rescue equipment c.1858, Sun 11.20am-1pm

Full weekend programs at

www.visitportfairy-moyneshire.com.au

David Scheel in concert as part of Winter Weekends festival

DON'T SHOOT ME, I'M ONLY THE PIANO PLAYER

Saturday July 3, Port Fairy Reardon Theatre

A unique, inspiring and entertaining combination of beautiful, technically brilliant piano music and side-splitting comedy.

South Australian born David has enjoyed careers as a concert pianist and actor, on stage, in films and on television. He has starred in the famous News Revue in London's West End and had the lead in the musical Stepping Out.

His colleagues convinced him to try to a solo show and what started out as a dare has now turned into the show you will see in Port Fairy – Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player. The show has sold out in the West

End, at three consecutive Edinburgh Festivals, and led to David becoming a regular on top-rating BBC TV and radio shows, such as Stop the Week and Garden Party.

On Saturday, July 3, David will perform in the Port Fairy Reardon Theatre as part of the hugely popular winter weekend series, in a unique blend of comedy and beautiful piano playing, which is bound to appeal to all ages and tastes.

Tickets are available from the Port Fairy Visitor Information Centre, phone 5568 2682 or 0409 860 382.

David Scheel appears courtesy of Arthur Shafman International, New York. More information on David can be found at his website – www.davidscheel.com



Victoria Tourism Week Moyne calendar

The inaugural Victoria Tourism Week is scheduled for 6th to 11th September, with events scheduled across the state, including the Moyne Shire. The event will help people understand the social and economic contribution the tourism industry brings to the community.

Big 4 Holiday Park, Port Fairy
Stay for 3 pay for 2. Stay 3 nights in any of our cabins or Shearwater units and only pay for two. Or enjoy our Tick, Tick, Tick special. Stay three nights in any of our cabins or Shearwater units and receive FREE wine, chocolates, family mini golf voucher, Go Kart family ride, two hours free wireless coverage and late check out. 115 Princes Highway, Port Fairy. 1800 063 346

Great Ocean Road Tourist Park
Stay in any cabin or at any site before September 17 and enjoy a 20 per cent discount!
Peterborough, on the Great Ocean Road. 1800 200 478

Monday 6 September

Mortlake bluestone precinct self-guided walk
View the beautiful bluestone buildings that abound in Mortlake. Free. All day. Begin at the town's Visitor Information Centre. 03 5599 2899

Tuesday 7 September

History walks
Interesting guided tour of the historic seaside village of Port Fairy. Gold coin donation. 03 5568 2682

Wednesday 8 September

Mount Eccles volcano tours
Walk and talk guided tours of volcanic attraction Mount Eccles, including the Lava Tunnel Cave. Weather appropriate clothing and footwear necessary. Free.



Mount Eccles National Park.
11am and 1.30pm. 03 5568 2682

Opening of Mott's Cottage

Mott's Cottage is a rare example of a two-storey cottage. Furnished as a working man's home, the first section dates to the 1840s and at one time was used as a bakery. 5 Sackville Street, Port Fairy. 2pm-4pm. 03 5568 2682

Port Fairy History Centre

This is an accredited museum, telling the story of the Port Fairy region through displays and photographs. \$3. 30 Gipps Street, Port Fairy. 2pm-5pm. 03 5568 2682

Thursday 9 September

History walks
Interesting guided tour of the historic seaside village of Port Fairy. Gold coin donation. Thursday and Friday. 03 5568 2682

Friday 10 September

Indigenous experiences at Tower Hill State Game Reserve
Indigenous cultural experiences, interpretive tours and wildlife stories at dormant volcano and State Game Reserve Tower Hill, near the Irish Village of Koroit.

Free. Tower Hill, enter from the Princes Highway, just past the turn off to Koroit. 03 5568 2682

Opening of the historic lifeboat station at Battery Hill

The Port Fairy lifeboat was built in Williamstown in 1857 and is the oldest surviving self-righting, self-draining lifeboat in the world. Gold coin donation. Battery Hill, Port Fairy. 2pm. 03 5568 2632

Saturday 11 September

Port Fairy's historic lighthouse open to the public (weather permitting)
The Port Fairy lighthouse guided ships safely at night since its development in 1859. Gold coin donation. Griffiths Island, Port Fairy. 1pm-4pm. 03 5568 2682

Craft market

See a delightful array of arts and crafts at this spectacular craft market. There is guaranteed to be something for everyone! Free to attend. Village Green, Port Fairy. All morning. 03 5568 2682

Car boot sale

Find a bargain at our car boot sale. Free to attend. Railway Place, Port Fairy. Morning. 03 5568 2682



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Moyne
Magic

Shared hands make a fine feast

A sumptuous shared feast is planned for St Brigid's Church in Crossley this August, bringing together the finest local chefs and amazing produce from the paddocks and pastures of the Moyne Shire region.

The "Shared Hands" dinner will be held on August 7 from 7pm at St Brigid's Church. The Friends of St Brigid's and The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program are working together to stage the event.

Local chefs Tanya Connellan from The Stag and Ryan Sessions from Merrijig Inn join with Melbourne's Stokehouse chef Tom Keegan and chef Damien McCarthy to create the meal with the help of produce grown by children from the Port Fairy Consolidated School's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

The Kitchen Garden Program is for students from grades 3 to 6 who spend a minimum of 40 minutes a week in the extensive organic vegetable garden on the school grounds, which they have helped design, build and maintain. Students also spend time each week in a kitchen classroom preparing and sharing a wonderful variety of meals created from their produce.

Buses are available for travel to and from this unique event for only \$5 and will stop at all existing transit bus stops, or can be flagged down at safe spots along the routes below. Bus 1 from Yambuk via Port Fairy, Toolong, Rosebrook, Kirkstall, Killarney, to St Brigid's. Bus 2 from Warrnambool via East/West, Dennington, Illowa, Southern Cross, Koroit, Crossley, to St Brigid's. Buses will be marked with "St Brigid's". For more bus information call Donna on 0447 662 227 or Mary on 0437 652 825.

Tickets can be purchased at PFCS, The Stag, The Merrijig Inn, Port Fairy Newsagency, Koroit Bakery, Liebig St Newsagency or South West Collectables and Antiques, Killarney.



Well they laboured down below in the fields their crops they'd grow

The Friends of St Brigid's and
The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program invite you to

SHARED HANDS

From shared hands, a dinner is created from paddocks and pastures, to be thoughtfully plated

 Shared hands built St Brigid's, the venue for a shared meal created from locally grown produce.

The skilled hands of local chefs Tanya Connellan (The Stag), Ryan Sessions (Merrijig Inn), Tom Keegan, (Stokehouse, St Kilda) and Damien McCarthy, will create a memorable meal in collaboration with ... 

 the small hands of the Port Fairy Consolidated School children from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program - growing, harvesting, preparing, sharing...

A unique sumptuous shared feast with good music, wine and company

August 7th @ 7pm
\$60 per head/\$30 per child
incl glass of wine on arrival. Local alcoholic beverages avail.

St Brigid's Church
186 Pt Fairy-Koroit Rd Crossley

Bus from Yambuk/Port Fairy and from Warrnambool are avail. route overleaf.

Get your hands on tickets at PFCS, The Stag, The Merrijig Inn, Port Fairy Newsagency, Koroit Bakery, Liebig St Newsagency or South West Collectables and Antiques, Killarney



... and then walk the well-worn way to Sunday church. Share forward



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