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Otway WINERY TOURS

The concept of Otway Winery Tours came about one day when I was chatting to a friend about our local Wineries, and as we are both a bit partial to a nice wine, it was mentioned that we should take a day out of our busy schedule, and go for a day tour around our local Wineries.

So, if that happened, the dilemma was that we would need a driver. But who would that be? We then started joking around in our conversation: "How great it would be to have a Wine Bus to chauffeur us around". More laughs later, my friend said: "You should totally do that". Of course, I laughed and said, "Yeah right, sure"! Not thinking anymore of it. The more the conversation went on,

with my friend's positiveness and excitement; I actually started thinking seriously about how the idea could work.

That conversation took place about three years ago.

I pondered on the idea during that time, and pitched my plan to our local wineries, who were keen on the idea also. So... This could really work!

It was this time last year, I got a call from my father saying that he spotted a bus for sale that would be perfect for what I wanted. About two weeks later, I bought the bus and I am thinking, "Well, I guess I better really get serious about this idea". After being an Early Childhood Educator for 12 years now, I thought it was time for a new direction anyway, so I ran with it!



Then, of course, the business side of things started rolling. The legalities of bus regulations etcetera... I saw that unfortunately that perfect bus was not perfect after all... So then I was in the market for a more suitable bus. Just a little set back, and of course, wondering if this business is still a good idea!

A couple of months later, I finally found a more suitable bus and then the fun stuff began, designing logos, brochures and the website, all thanks to the help from my very encouraging friend!

Otway Winery Tours is now open for bookings, finally, with two tours to choose from, depending on your liking. Whether it be wine, beer or chocolate, who wouldn't like any of them?

Sit back and enjoy being chauffeur driven around our beautiful countryside.

Your Host, Carlie Smith
Otway Winery Tours

Website: <https://otwaywinerytours.com.au/>

Call: 0438 743 120



DEANS MARSH MARKET

The Deans Marsh and District Community invite you to visit the Deans Marsh Market on **Sunday 4th November, from 9am - 2pm at the Deans Marsh Recreation Reserve.**

Come and experience our unique hinterland market of local artists, craftspeople, local food growers and producers including Pennyroyal Bushbreads, Hot Chilli Mama, Otway Apairies, Otway Walnuts, Blakes Estate Winery, Yan Yan Gurt West Farm and many more.

Kids will enjoy the fantastic playground and open space, and they can visit the face-painter for some creative fun.

The Deans Marsh Youth Group are cooking up a storm for you to stay and enjoy lunch, while listening to our local musicians Josh and Johanna in the JJ's Duo, with original tunes and classic covers.



Deans Marsh Pavilion & All Weather Stage Project Update

It seems we were around 20 votes short of securing Pick My Project Funding. Thanks to the 124 people who voted for us. Its disappointing that we may have got a few more who struggled with the process, however the good news is that championed by Nicky Angus, who's guided many projects just like this over many years, the Surf Coast Shire decided at the last council meeting to support getting our project to the next stage of designs and estimates with funding to complete important development work such as an underground survey, investigate power to the site and excitingly engaging an Architect to develop a draft design and estimate costs.

We really like the look, feel and practicality of the White's Beach Pavilion at Torquay, without the centre pole at the front (pictured) and believe something similar is very achievable with a similar budget.

Design Principles:

Shade, maximise the Shade in Summer when it gets most use.

Versatile, multi purpose, eg a flat floor. Bring in Staging for events like our Festival.

Weather and Wind resistant Stage, solve the expensive problem of staging music.

Keep It Simple, optional extras will eat our budget so we believe its best to spend the money maximizing the size of the structure. We can design into the project to add additional Art, Lighting, BBQ's etc later.

To have a say, call, txt or email Brendan Brown on 0418 925 106, brendan.brown4@bigpond.com

Deans Marsh Cottage 5236 3388,

cottage@deansmarsh.org.au

Or post comments on the 'Deans Marsh Community Noticeboard' Facebook page.

Excitingly the Deans Marsh Pavilion is very likely to happen in the medium term especially if we can get an achievable, shovel ready project lined up for the next Shire budget and positioned to attract any additional funding. The Deans Marsh Cricket Club is offering significant cash support and hopefully other community groups and sponsors will get involved to help make this popular project happen.



SMS MASTER LIST FOR AFTER FIRE COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RENEWAL

Following on from previous years, the Deans Marsh Hall and Community Cottage committees want to consolidate the comprehensive mobile phone number SMS Master List we initiated a few summers ago. We are aiming for the list to include all the names and contact details of all full time and part time residents in the extended Deans Marsh, Bambra, Murroon and Pennyroyal communities.

In building this SMS Master List, your community organisations are seeking to build on the experience of the Strathewen community in Murrindindi Shire in the Black Saturday 2009 fires. Research after the fires in that region shows that after the fires, in small but varied communities like ours, people were already well connected through their various community organisations, and this cohesion was vital for the recovery phase. While the extended Deans Marsh community is reasonably well connected, we need to build that cohesion further.

Research also shows that, very quickly after the fires, all Strathewen community members were provided with the same information directly using SMS. This was essential, as everyone came to rely on that source of information as trustworthy. To have such trust in information is of course vital, in such difficult and often traumatic circumstances. Because infrastructure is so often disrupted, and many people are away from their homes, and thus from home-based computer systems, SMS was found to be the preferred and most reliable method to communicate with everyone at the same time about relief efforts, meetings and information sessions.

Please be assured that the SMS Master List will be held by the Hall and Cottage for use in communicating with residents after emergencies only, not in place of existing CFA apps and other fire warning systems, and not for the regular distribution of our many other community notices and newsletters. Nor will the list be passed to any other person, business or government agency.

In order to consolidate the list, we ask that if you have not filled out a form in previous years and want to be included on the list, please obtain a form from the Deans Marsh Community Cottage or email DeansMarshSMS@gmail.com and we will email you a copy. As we are endeavouring to once again have this list in place for the next fire season, we ask that you forward the information relating to your household by the end of November 2018. We aim to test the system in the early part of December 2018. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Deb Campbell on 52 363 298 or Victor Goldsztein on 0417 557 030 or via the email address above.

DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESPECT, RESILIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

It has been a time of festivals for the students of Deans Marsh Primary School, with students actively involved in two big festivals to start our Term 4 in style...

The Birregurra Festival



It is great that our school plays such a big part in the Birregurra Festival. Our students performed in the choir on Sunday and our families worked on the Lions BBQ on both days.

Our school choir (including soloists, Mae, Soph, Lily, Bella, Gemma, Zahra, Gus and Tom) performed very well on stage. Thank you to the parents who worked tirelessly on the BBQ in such warm conditions.

The Poppykettle Festival



The Poppykettle Festival is an event for junior primary aged students. This year, our P-2 students travelled to Geelong Performing Arts Centre and participated in events involving drama, hip-hop dancing and art. We were also in the audience for a great performance by the Trash Test Dummies. Students had a ball!

Events like these give our students opportunities to learn and grow whilst show casing their many abilities to a new audience.

Russell Taylor-Shaw
Principal

WHAT'S ON: NOVEMBER 2018

Deans Marsh Reserve - **Deans Marsh MARKET**
Martians Cafe - Live Music 'Stomp Dogs'
Martians Cafe - Live Music 'STEFFI'
Deans Marsh Community Cottage - AGM, *All Welcome!*
Blakes Estate Winery - **Film Night** 'Last Cab to Darwin'

Sunday 4th November, 9am - 2pm
Sunday 4th November, 3pm - 6pm
Sunday 11th November, 3pm - 6pm
Wednesday 21st November, 6pm
Friday 30th November, 7pm