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DEANS MARSH FESTIVAL 2018

The 2018 Deans Marsh Festival was a resounding success and we can all be proud of our community and the efforts that contributed to the day.

Mother nature tested us and we did really well!

To the Deans Marsh Festival Committee,

Congratulations, you really did deliver a fantastic well-organised festival (even with cooler weather and rain threatening).

Many attended from the suburbs and the coast, arriving to see great displays of diversity, cultural foods and cultural music (from the choir and bands). It all added to the day's great atmosphere.

Everyone's needs were met. Loved the unique hay bale making machinery, vintage cars, and motorbikes. High standards of craft were on display, organics, food stalls, and local produce of jams sauces, chutneys and garlic.

Land care and displays of trees and supportive planting ideas re: erosion was of interest to farming community.

Children's activities, horse riding, gum boot throwing, face painting, arts/craft, and many holding on to their excited dogs for their racing or jumping events.

A great effort by organisers on decorating the staged events with artistic displays of local flora materials and even the cattle skull.

Well done Deans Marsh - Lets hope the Fire Brigade did well with their gate gold coin collection too.

DOGS:

Best Dressed Dog – Beau Noble (purebred Cavalier), owner Suzii Holt.

Dog Parade - The Dog Parade was informal:

Cr. Rose Hodge awarded prizes for 'Best Dressed' to Beau and Bella, and to Teddy for looking most like his owner! Several prizes for 'Good Behavior' and 'Great Temperament' were awarded.

Dog Jump results - Little Dog Winner, Reggie, owned by Lucy Quarterman

Big Dog Winner - Titan, Owned by Dan (also won this event in 2016 and 2017)

QUOTES:

When Rose Hodge was on stage, she quoted a proverb (Chinese I think) "That many flowers make a bouquet".

I think we can now all quote a Deans Marsh proverb that many hard working community volunteers (not as many as the flowers in that bouquet!) make a bloody good festival!



Below are some reflections from those involved in organising and attending the event...

“Absolutely fantastic Festival... The best rendition I've ever heard of Amazing Grace!”

“The atmosphere and general cheer was so good. A credit to the organisers and everyone who braved the squalls. Well done.”

“Great result, great team. The talent and passion that came from the stage made me feel very proud to be involved, thank you.”

Kiralee Wilson – “The enthusiasm on the kids faces when they pat the pony’s for the first time.”

Judy Goddard – “The Red Cross had a great day at our Hall based community position. Such a powerful theme bringing our community together. The OMM Choir experience is our voice, when voices are not heard.”

Lucy Quarterman – “The rain hasn’t dampened anyone’s festive spirit.”

Cr. Rose Hodge – “Deans Marsh Cottage is to be congratulated on the diversity of the Festival. This event is a wonderful thing for the Surf Coast community, and a fantastic model for all of us.”

Mark Drayton – “Theses Tractors belonged to my Grandfather and worked the original local farming areas.”

Tony Hampton – “For me it’s about the identity of the community. The Festival is a snapshot of who we are, how we work together and what we have to offer.”

Brett Smith – “It’s a marvellous way of bringing this diverse community together to celebrate all that Deans Marsh has to offer. A great opportunity to showcase our local talent.”

Milly Zdybel – “Everyone is so friendly. Beautiful community spirit.”

Jen Stewart – “Great atmosphere and aromas.”

Jill Stewart – “Collaboration and community. Diversity and acceptance.”

Hannah Stewart – “Bloody Ripper!”

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DEANS MARSH COMMUNITY HALL CURTAINS

Great job beautifully done

Now we can see our Community Hall Curtains in all their glory it's a good time to thank personally all those who eighteen years ago scissored and sewed, and stitched and embroidered the curtains under the brilliant guidance of Master Textile Artist, Jan Preston.

So, our thanks to you one and all for a great job beautifully done.

Rae Watt, Helen Stewart, Marjorie Anderson, Monica Dannini, Liz Maginness, Sue Harris, Belinda McKenzie, Anne Mitchell, Marea McGuire, Sandra Dempsey, Doreen Maston, Barbara Kitchling, Rebecca Rayner, Joy McPadden, Carol Clissold, Chris West, Karen Rayner, Nicky Stewart, Heather Smith, Claire Clarke, Janet Kitchling, Baiba Lowther, Thea Barry, Irene Spokes, Jacinta Pritchard, Rhonda Elms, Lyn Dickson, Rosalie Chappell, Jill Stewart, Margaret Stewart, Maureen Stahl, Noelle O'Flaherty, Heather Light, Valerie Kauche, Rosie Geffke, Wendy Robinson-Koss, Heather McFarlane, Jean Cameron, Joan McMahon, Catherine Hercus, Cathy Elms, Dulcie Swayn, Jess Parker, Ron Parker, Lindsay Stewart, Andrew Stewart, Dorothy Harrison, David Dickson, David McGinness, Andrew Prosser, Mike Robinson-Koss, Karen Charles, Nicole Donnelly, Jan Cramp, Judy Bartle, Karla Charles, Heath Smith, Andrea Swayn, Hilary Steel, Shirley McConchie, and all from the Year 2000 Deans Marsh Primary School.



SURF COAST YOUTH POD IN DEANS MARSH

The Surf Coast Youth Pod will be in Deans Marsh until May 2018, located next to the Community House and skate park. The Pod is in response to last year's Surf Coast Shire Youth Survey. The survey found there was a need to establish a youth-specific facility that provided a place for young people to come together and connect with each other socially in an entertaining and safe environment. The Youth Pod will provide the young people of Deans Marsh direct access to the Surf Coast Shire Youth Team giving them the best opportunity to have their voices heard.



If you would like to come check out The Pod while it is in Deans Marsh, here are the opening times and dates:

Wednesday 4th April, 12pm - 3pm
Friday 6th April, 'Makey Makey Workshop' 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 10th April, 12pm - 3pm
Thursday 12th April, 12pm - 3pm
Sunday 29th April, BBQ and music at The Pod for the last open day, 12pm - 4pm
** Times and dates subject to change*

Come check out The Pod while it is in Deans Marsh, to listen to some music, eat some snacks and play some games!

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DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had an exciting and memorable end to Term 1 at Deans Marsh Primary School. Here are two big events from March that we would like to share with you.

Sovereign Hill Camp:

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have just returned from a 3-day camp at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. This camp is often one of the many highlights of the year for our students as they get into character and immerse themselves in the Gold Rush.

Here are some student perspectives:

"Going on the Red Hill Mine Tour was amazing. You get to see the welcome nugget." - Len (Year 3)

"It's fun to play in the water and see if you can find gold." - Asha (Year 3)

"I enjoyed dressing up in the old costumes and going to school. I also liked all the performances" - Camryn (Year 4)

"I liked that you could buy stuff and I bought a metal pan and lollies." - Rudy

Athletics Day:

On Friday 9th March, the students from Deans Marsh Primary School travelled to Alvie to compete in the annual Polwarth Sports. We as a school community could not be prouder of the students that represented us and despite the hot weather, Deans Marsh students stayed firm and displayed tremendous grit, tenacity and perseverance. These values, combined with many examples of individual excellence, lead to us winning the overall competition for the first time since 2011. Congratulations to all students. The winning shield is now on display in the school foyer.

Deans Marsh PS: Great students, great staff, great community = great school!

Russell Taylor-Shaw
Acting Principal

DEANS MARSH HALL MEETINGS

The Deans Marsh Hall and Recreation Reserve will hold their meetings this year on **May 24th and August 23rd at 6.30pm at the Hall.** The November meeting date has not been finalised.

* Deans Marsh residents are invited to attend these meetings at any time.

For further information: Contact the Secretary - Fran Permezel on 52 36 3248



TITAN - BIG DOG JUMP WINNER - Deans Marsh Festival 2016, 2017 and 2018

WHAT'S ON: APRIL 2018

Martians Cafe - Dean Cockerel & Brad Hunt
Gosling Creek Winery - Gerry Kennedy & Ben Hester
Martians Cafe - Brian Fraser & The Drive
Gosling Creek Winery - Matty Orchard
Martians Cafe - Lucy & The Night Sky
Gosling Creek Winery - TriGuthan, Celtic Trio
Blakes Estate Winery - Film Night, 'Made in Dagenham'
Gosling Creek Winery - The Red Violets
Deans Marsh Hall - Committee Meeting (*public welcome)

Sunday 8th April, 3pm
Sunday 8th April, 1pm - 4pm
Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm
Sunday 15th April, 1pm - 4pm
Sunday 22nd April, 3pm
Sunday 22nd April, 1pm - 4pm
Friday 27th April, 7pm
Sunday 29th April, 1pm - 4pm
Thursday 24th May, 6.30pm