

FALLS CREEK & MOUNT BEAUTY

THIS WEEK

PRICELESS

AUTUMN EDITION TEN

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

‘Two Wheeled Heaven!’



Main: This climb up Blowhard is aptly named – and at about the 100km mark, there are still 135km to go. Pic – Bicycle Network
Left: The Victorian Gravity Enduro last weekend was a ripper – with Matt Rousu providing the excellent images. Pic – Matt Rousu
Centre: The 235km Peaks Challenge does provide excellent scenery, this one over the top of Hotham. Pic – Bicycle Network
Right: Last weekend's Interschools MTB Championships saw 96 entrants from 19 different schools have a blast on the great trails around Falls. Pic – Joshua Wood

MTB de FEMME

Returns with Grace!

MTB de femme is back at its rightful home in 2024 after being relocated to Big Hill MTB Park, Mount Beauty last autumn due to the closure of the Falls Creek road. The dates are Friday, 22nd - Sunday, 24th March.

Since the 2022 event, the resort has built new trails, Skyline, Heavy Metal & Downtown which we can't wait to ride. Similar to its winter snow product, Falls Creek has trails suitable for all riders, from beginners through to advanced.

The event weekend is specially designed for all females looking to get into mountain bike riding or learn new skills to become a more confident and safer rider.

What sets this apart from many MTB events is that it is purely social with no race aspect. We believe that mountain biking isn't just a sport, it is a community. "To watch women supporting and encouraging each and forming friendships over the weekend is why we host the event," says Jo Prothero from All Ride MTB, the event organiser. Participants connect with like-minded people and become instant riding buddies. And who doesn't love an excuse for a weekend away with girlfriends!

There are various ticket options, the full ticket (+ a first-timer no shuttle option) at \$435 or \$290, Saturday only \$270, Sunday only \$135 or take on the epic Fainters Backcountry 50km adventure ride from Falls to Mount Beauty at \$165.

New in 2024 is a screening of the Big Bike Film Night, Fainters Backcountry ride, lunches are included, a night of Trivia and fun on the Pump Track.

The low down - Participants can join us from Friday afternoon for a cruisy warm-up ride, a mingle at the Falls Creek Museum which is a great opportunity to meet fellow riders. We'll then screen the Big Bike Film Night, which brings the best cycling short films from around the world together.

Saturday will start with a leisurely coffee before participants join a skills session with the coaches from The Fastline Bikeademy. We ask participants to self-rate their riding ability so they are comfortable with the group (side note, women always rate themselves lower than their ability!) but there is scope to move up or down. We'll stop for a lunch, which is included before heading back out on the trails to put into practice what they have learnt. In the evening, there will be a TRIVIA night which will include a few questions about the history of Falls and mountain biking. For the more experienced riders, there is an option to take on the epic Fainters Backcountry ride from Falls Creek to Mount Beauty on Saturday. This is a 50km challenge of ascents and descents that is rugged and raw and one for the bucket list. An e-bike may be the way to go for this one so you can truly take in the amazing views.



A 'Bucket List' option could be to take on the epic Fainters Backcountry ride from Falls Creek to Mount Beauty on Saturday. This is a 50km challenge of ascents and descents that is a definite challenge. Pic – Matt Rousou

Riders will be shuttled back up to Falls after the ride.

Sunday commences at a slower pace with a Pilates class before we step it up with a manoeuvre skills session which will include learning to bunny hop, jump and tackle the pump track.

Alternatively, you can choose to head for a leisurely guided ride. Lunch will be provided before we have a fun pump track competition to round off the weekend. For those who don't need to rush off, there will be another screening of the Big Bike Film Night.

"We truly hope the weekend ignites a passion in participants for mountain bike riding. From my own experience, the benefits extend much further than just the bike. It improves general fitness levels, connects you with nature, requires full focus (like meditation) and connects you with a community," says Jo. •

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Locate right beside the bottom station of Halley's Comet Chairlift!

Spend some time and take in the fabulous history that has earned this community so much respect! And, talk to any member of our team about the rewards of volunteering in the Falls Creek Museum.

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That’s A Wrap

Amidst the breathtaking hills and challenging trails, last weekend Mount Beauty played host to the exhilarating Round Two of the Victorian Gravity Enduro Series at Big Hill Mountain Bike Park. Team Mount Beauty orchestrated an adrenaline-fueled spectacle that brought together mountain biking enthusiasts from across the state. Against a backdrop of steep and technical descents and lung-busting traverses, riders showcased their skill, fitness, and sheer determination in thrilling displays of athleticism.

The event unfolded on a diverse course, designed to test riders on many levels. Each segment demanded a unique set of skills, creating an inclusive and electrifying atmosphere throughout the competition. From novices to seasoned riders, a sense of camaraderie permeated the air as participants embraced the challenge.

The enduro format, with its timed descents and untimed climbs, added strategic depth to the races. Cheers and encouragement reverberated through the hills as riders pushed their limits, leaving an indelible mark on the trails. It was a testament to the passion and dedication that is ever present within the mountain biking community.

Behind the scenes, an unsung army of

volunteers worked tirelessly, ensuring the seamless execution of the event. From trail maintenance to registration, their unwavering commitment played a pivotal role in creating an enjoyable experience for participants and spectators alike. Their selflessness and dedication deserve heartfelt appreciation.

No mountain biking event is complete without the support of sponsors, and Round Two was no exception. A sincere and resounding thank you extends to our Platinum sponsors – Alpine Outfitters, Clif Bar, Crank Handle Brewery, Grass Valley, and Rocky Valley Cafe & Bikes. Additionally, our supporting sponsors – Gather & Harvest, Mountain Monk Brewery, The Park Mount Beauty, and Wildflower Pilates – demonstrated exceptional generosity and commitment to elevating the event.

As the dust settles and the echoes of last weekend’s enduro mountain biking event linger, we cannot overlook the tireless efforts of those who made it all possible. To the passionate volunteers who dedicated their time and the generous sponsors who fueled the excitement – thank you for ensuring that this event transcended mere competition, becoming a roaring success and a celebration of the vibrant mountain biking community. • And thanks DC for a great wrap.

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PEAKS CHALLENGE
FALLS CREEK

ROAD CLOSURES:
Sunday 10th March 2024

EVENT INFORMATION:
Labour Day Long Weekend

ROAD NAME	CLOSURE TYPE	LOCATION	DETAILS	ROAD CLOSE	ROAD RE-OPEN
Bogong High Plains Road	Full Road Closure	Falls Creek to Mount Beauty	Closed to all vehicles, except Emergency Services and official event vehicles	5:30am	9:00am
Tawonga Gap	Full Road Closure	Tawonga to Germantown	Closed to all vehicles, except Emergency Services and official event vehicles	6:30am	10:30am
Great Alpine Road	Full Road Closure	Harriettville to Hotham Heights	Closed to all vehicles, except Emergency Services and official event vehicles	8:00am	1:00pm
Bogong High Plains Road	Full Road Closure	Bogong High Plains Rd turnout to Falls Creek	Closed to all vehicles, except Emergency Services and official event vehicles	12:00pm	8:30pm

On Sunday 10 March 2024, Peaks Challenge Falls Creek will return to the Alpine Region, with 2000 cyclists registered to ride 235km. Across the course during the day there will be changed traffic conditions including full road closures (see table):

In addition, there will also be changed traffic conditions (including speed reductions & the presence of traffic controllers, etc.)

If you need to travel through areas of changed traffic conditions, please remember to:

- Obey all road rules and follow Traffic Controller instructions.
- Allow plenty of clearance when overtaking cyclists.
- Be aware of oncoming traffic when overtaking cyclists.
- Allow ample travel time as the average cyclists will ride between 20-35 km/h.

For further information, please contact Bicycle Network on (03) 8376 8888 or visit www.bicyclenetwork.com.au.

WELCOME

From Bicycle Network

Anyone who has ever attempted Peaks Challenge will understand the deep, personal connection that this physically demanding, emotionally challenging event creates.

I've felt that connection get stronger every year since I took on my first Peaks in 2012 and became a Life Member of Bicycle Network in 2022. To have the 2023 event, the first in which I would have ridden as Bicycle Network's CEO, cancelled due to the devastating landslide last year was a personal and professional blow.

Our organisation and the townships of Falls Creek, Mount Beauty, Harrietville and Omeo were already recovering from the harsh after-effects of COVID, so nature's additional blow was tough.

But Peaks challengers and our Peaks communities are nothing if not resilient. We can take ourselves to the deepest and darkest of places and come out better, braver and stronger. And the High Country mirrors our ability to repair and start anew. The Peaks landscapes now look rugged, challenging and beautiful once more.



So many people are ready to embrace this adventure for the first time, and so many are back to share in the spirit of this incredible event.

We've seen riders flock to the mountains over summer (some of you die-hards were probably there pre-summer too), spending time in the towns that embrace our event and the communities that look forward to hosting us each year.

Saddle up your determination, your endurance, your strength and your courage. Pack a dose or two of generosity of spirit, encouragement and camaraderie. These are the attributes that set Peaks riders apart and make this an event like no other.

Peaks 2024 is set to reach to its biggest rider numbers, surpassing our previous high of 2,000 riders.

So let's really make it personal this year, and conquer the challenges of 2024 together.

Alison McCormack
Chief Executive
Officer, Bicycle
Network



From Falls Creek

Falls Creek Alpine Resort is incredibly proud of being able to host the Peaks Challenge, not just because of its iconic status, but because the resort and surrounds have certainly battled against us all in recent years with several cancellations due to pandemics, bush fires, and a landslide. But our commitment to activate the village and return the event to our summer calendar is just as resolved as your commitment to the training and the many hundreds of hours of you have spent preparing for what is unquestionably the most challenging single day bike event in the cycling calendar.

Falls Creek is Australia's premier all seasons resort and this event showcases our summer offering, complimenting many of the activations, experiences and events we host year round. The Peaks Challenge is the pinnacle of our road cycling offer and on behalf of the board of Alpine Resorts Victoria, our stakeholders, business operators and the residents of Falls Creek, we are delighted to welcome you to our alpine village in the majestic Bogong High Plains. So, collectively, good luck on your challenge, we'll be here cheering you on as you conquer the mountains.

Ride well and ride safe.

Stuart Smythe,
Chief Operating
Officer, Falls Creek
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This would have been 15 years of this fantastic event – had we not had a small landslip above Bogong Village on 12th October in 2022. As we all know, that slip knocked out the road to Falls Creek and businesses in the area are still suffering. The good part is that there is a huge amount of effort going in to make sure this year’s event is one of those screaming successes.

Back in the 2006 AGL decided to dig a tunnel to run water from the McKay Creek Power Station to the new power station to be built underground at Bogong Village. This tunnel would be 6.5kilometres long and five metres in diameter. By my Handymath.com calculator, that works out to 12762,716,912 cubic metres of rock – which was rated at about 200mpa (with average concrete rated at 20 to 30 mpa).

This incredible amount of rock – which had not been designated for any purpose –would surely be enough to seal the 32km of the Bogong High Plains Road from Falls Creek to Shannonsville. And so the process started and as a result of that sealing – many activities have now been able to take place. The good news is that the 10.5km of Bogong High Plains Road from the East Gippsland Shire boundary (this side of Mt Cope), past Cope Hut, Wallace’s Hut and Watchbed Creek to the Rocky Valley Dam wall has now been re-sheeted with a

hot-mix bitumen – and is beautiful to ride – making your trip home just that little bit more enjoyable.

One of the first and still the biggest event is what was then called the Bicycle Network Three Peaks that took place on Sunday 7th March 2010. 1852 riders entered, with some electing to ride from Falls Creek to Dinner Plain and others electing to do the second half – Dinner Plain to Falls Creek. The weather on Saturday was great – but Sunday – Oh dear! It rained and it was cold – especially climbing Hotham –with many pulling out at Dinner Plain.

Over the years many locals have ridden the event. Names like Bernie McArdle, Andy Mero, Justin Hanlon, Tina Cook, Mitch Cook and Larry Franklin are just a few that come to mind. Then later we have Brian Peacock from Rocky Valley Bikes and Meredith Iaria; Ron Gallagher; Mandy Bland; Atilla Kerestes; Shaun Power (having done it five or six times) Kevin Bradley and Iain Morrison.

And as the weekend approaches, we must simply say thanks to the team at Bicycle Network and to all of the volunteers who make this event happen.



Having just completed 200km, with about 35km to go, riders turn left at Shannonsville and... That sign on the road says 'Seriously WTF? The altitude here is around 720m ASL, and in the next 14km, riders climb to around 1520m ASL. A great effort. Pic - Courtesy Bicycle Network'

One thing we can do is welcome everyone who has made the effort and make sure they understand that we appreciate their support and the effort they have made to get here.

Let’s all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the challenge! •

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EVENTS



PEAKS CHALLENGE 2024 – MARCH 10

Equivalent to a mountain stage of the Tour de France, Peaks Challenge is a 235km loop ride with 4000 plus metres of climbing and a 13-hour deadline. More info [HERE](#)



JUNIOR PEAKS 2024 – 10AM MARCH 10

After the main event kicks off the next generation of riders get to take on the mountain! Children under 8 years should be accompanied by a support person. Sign up at the Falls Creek marquee on Saturday.

ACTIVITY GUIDE



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WHAT'S ON?
Labour Day Weekend



DINING GUIDE

RESTAURANT	OPENING HOURS	DETAILS
1550 @ St Falls	Open daily 8am – 4pm Breakfast and Lunch	Serving up some seriously tasty breakfast and lunch. It's the perfect place on a sunny day to enjoy a beverage on the terrace with stunning views down the valley.
Powderkeg @ St Falls	Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 4pm till late. (CFA raffle on Thursdays).	Head to Powderkeg for a tasty Mexican style dinner with cocktails, spirits, boutique beers and delicious wines.
Blue Dirt Cafe	Open weekends 8am–5pm	Friendly crew. Local hangout. Come and sit by the fire and enjoy true mountain hospitality.
Foodworks	Open Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 3pm	A good selection of fresh food and a bottle shop. Pre-order online for perishables at Foodworks Online
Slides Cafe	Open for Peaks Challenge Fri 9th 8am onwards Sat 10th 7:30am – 4pm Sun 11th 5:45am – 12pm	Situated in Slalom Plaza Slides is meeting place for visitors to Falls Creek and locals... and it's always a hit with the kids. Serving up coffees, hot chocolates and refreshing drinks
Snonuts	Sat 9th March 10am –6pm Sun 10th March 9am – 7pm	Offering the famous decadent Milkshakes, French Crepes (GF), Snonuts Donuts & coffee all freshly made to order.
Spud Shack	Sat 9th March 11am – 6pm Sun 10th March 11am – 7pm	The Spud Shack offers simple and quick hearty meals and snack options.
Milch Pop Up	Open for dinner, Fri 8th, Sat 9th and Sun 10th March from 3pm. Open for lunch Sat 9th	Milch is opening a pop up at Someplace Else for Peak Challenge Weekend.
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Chophouse	Wednesday – Thursday 3pm till late. Friday – Sunday 2pm till late.	Wednesday is Steak night \$33 will get you a 300g steak with a pint. Friday night is 2 for \$30 cocktails from 8pm till late. Bookings can be made online or Phone 03 57 58 3888
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WHAT'S ON?
Labour Day Weekend



A Brilliant Effort by All

The Conquestathon was first held in 1969

Looking through the results on Alpine Timing, there are some great efforts put in by many great locals. Well done to everyone for getting out there and having a go. Some had done the Grand Traverse to Hotham last week and a couple are walking Falls to Feathertop and Harrierville and back this weekend. •



After completing 50 Conquestathons, Simon Goss receives his 'Lifetime Member of Conquestathon' award from organising committee members Nick Wright and Warren Sanders. Pic - Owen Davies Photography



*Alpine Outfitters Family - Pierre Azemat and son Alex
heading across from the top of the Staircase Spur
toward the summit of Mount Bogong.
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Re: Renewable Infrastructure Projects in the Alpine Shire

Thursday 14th March at 7pm at the Dederang Recreation Reserve.

Four of our local councillors will be in attendance. We will have Senator Bridget McKenzie and Hon Tim McCurdy MP. Mint Renewables have been invited to speak on the Dederang BESS Proposal.

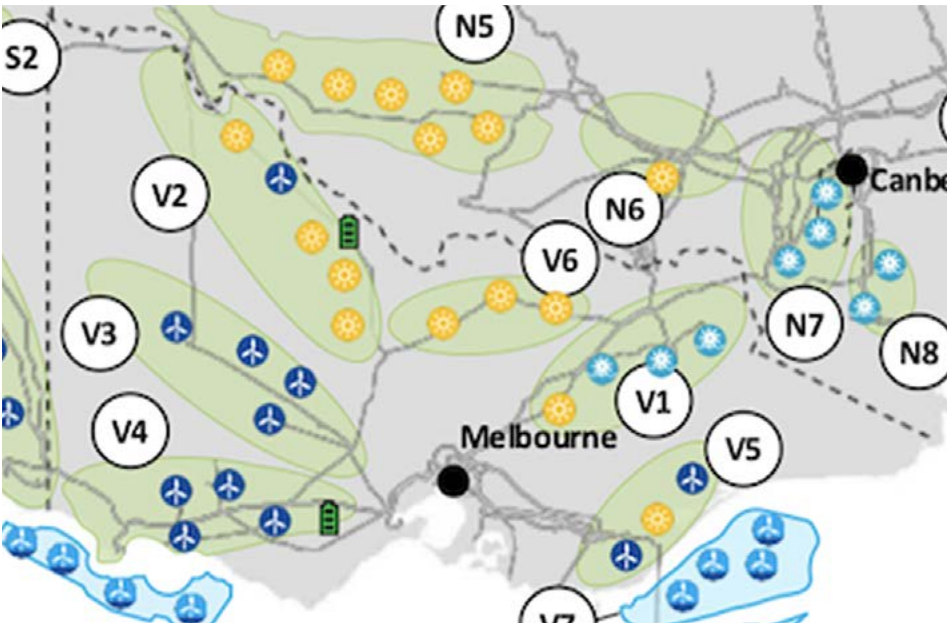
There are nine residences within 1km, 23 residences within two km and 57 residences plus the Dederang Primary School and the Dederang Hotel within 3.5km of the proposed site. The Kiewa Valley is in V1. If you reside in one of these green blobs on the map anything can happen! Where in the Kiewa Valley will we be able to find a rural haven free from the adverse impacts of renewable infrastructure. Our scenic views and peaceful existence are being impacted.

Our energy transition is being guided by the dictates of developers. Where are the principles of justice, equity, the well-being of communities and the care for our natural environment?

AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) 2023 states: The Ovens Murray REZ (V1 on the map) has been identified due to good pumped hydro resources. Infrastructure coordination is not urgent and modelling outcomes indicate a low likelihood of significant investment in VRE (Variable Renewable Energy) being required. No transmission infrastructure will optimally be required in the next 12 years.

It also gives a Solar Report card score of E and a bushfire score of E for the Ovens Murray REZ (on a scale of A to F). Yet energy companies are wandering around trying to sign landholders up for solar facilities. This is now happening near Mount Beauty, Tawonga, the Buckland Valley and Mudgeonga.

Please join our quest to save the Alpine Valleys. Only people power can win this one. For more information contact Sharon McEvoy 0438 289 293.



Map of REZ (Renewable Energy Zones) for Victoria.

From The Ed

It goes without saying that we should all accept our responsibility not to poop in own back yard – or anyone else's for that matter. We would all like to accept our responsibility not to ruin the environment for our future generations. But this jumping on the bandwagon with protests (see truck on Westgate this week) and ideology is only creating a fair degree of angst in the community – which is certainly not helpful.

During the construction of the Kiewa Hydro Scheme there was an attitude of 'Let's get on with it – we're doing something good for our state – and considering after the war, when many of the workers had seen active service, this job was 'a piece of cake!'

In the main, everyone was proud of what they were building and everyone was involved. Now it feels like projects are being forced upon us under the banner of 'renewable energy!' Firstly, is it actually 'renewable?' Secondly, is it actually safe and thirdly is the whole community going to benefit.

One of the benefits of living in this valley is that there is very little wind. Oh sure, we get winds, but not to the same degree as other places. And

with this small amount of wind, would wind turbines be viable.

Also, the Kiewa Valley produces a fair share of environmentally friendly power. To be 'forced' to take on a 'renewable facility' because it can be located near transmission line infrastructure sounds to me like "we'll do this the cheapest way possible" irrespective of the community being impacted – and by today's community standards, we need to ensure that all members of the community are considered.

Another way we could all help this energy crisis is to turn off more appliances! • Regards, KB

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Expression of Interest Opportunity.
The Falls Creek Historical Society (FCHS) invites interested artists to submit a proposal for a piece of public art that honours Falls Creek's rich history and environs. FCHS is an inclusive organisation and supports artists from diverse backgrounds.

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at 4 Slalom Street since 2016. A registered Charity with DGR Status, FCHS is committed to ensuring the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the unique history of Falls Creek and the Bogong High Plains. By way of interactive and informative displays and detailed archiving, we aim to stimulate community interest and involvement in preserving and presenting our distinct alpine history. Alongside the comprehensive museum collection, there are plans to undertake diverse methods of storytelling such as curated walks, village history trails, public art and pop-up museum displays.

In 2018 the Eagle Chairlift in the Bowl at Falls Creek was replaced with new chairlift infrastructure. Falls Creek Ski Lifts auctioned the 'old' chairs at an event in the village bowl and generously donated the proceeds to FCHS along with Chair 47, to represent 1947, the year Falls Creek was named.



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Closing date: 30 April 2024. For Expression f Interest Document please contact us via Email to info@fallscreekmuseum.com.au.

Settlers Recycling

The response to the container deposit scheme was quite overwhelming for the

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team at Settlers over the busy holiday period. Here are the details to make it all run a little smoother for all.

We accept container returns between 12noon and 4pm every day except for Fridays.

Containers must be sorted in their categories: Aluminium - Glass - Plastic - Paper board (fruit juice boxes etc). Containers must be counted per category.

Call through the drive through bottle-shop first so we can enter your totals and hand you the cash.

Check that your containers are eligible by making sure they have the 10 cent return symbol on them. Not all containers are eligible like wine bottles etc. It is understood that wine bottles will all soon be eligible.

Remember not to crush your cans, the barcode needs to be readable. (This is the rule of the company that picks them up.)

The team at Settlers have received over 100,000 containers between November 1st and February 29th. Tell me if I'm wrong but that sounds like about \$10,000 returned to the community. Not bad for helping keep littler off the streets and out of the bush. Cheers from the Settlers team! •

Community Forum

Thursday, March 14th. 7:30pm in the Auditorium, @ the info centre, Bogong High Plains Road, Mount Beauty.

Guests: Dr Helen Haines, MHR Indi,

who will bring us up to date with Federal Government issues; and, Will Jeremy, CEO Alpine Shire, to give us all the news of current local projects and concerns.

Stay after the presentation for a light supper and an opportunity to have an informal chat with our guests. •



Resilient Community Picnic

On behalf of the Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre's 'Keep Calm Committee' we would like to thank everyone for once again being involved with the upcoming Resilient Community Picnic on 4 May, 2024.



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THOUGHT FOR LIFE

History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from. And if it offends you, even better – because you are less likely to repeat it. History is not yours to change or destroy!

MISSING BOOK

A hard-bound copy of Dr Ruth Lawrence's Thesis titled 'The Interaction between Land Use, the Environment and the Hydrology of the Bogong High Plains between 1850 and 1985' was given to this community in the care of the late Bill Sutton. It has been loaned out – and not returned. This is a vital piece of the history of this area and it would be fabulous to have it returned. If you are going through your old bookshelves, keep an eye out for it. Fortunately your Editor has obtained a Digital Copy from the Melbourne University for reference. Any news, please call 0400 350 488.

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Things can get more complicated for some people who are faced with the challenge of having to deal problems with their Centrelink claims.

Locals with Centrelink challenges will be able to get some help from two legal experts who specialise in Centrelink issues at a free workshop on Tuesday, March 19 between 10.00am and 12.00pm at the Neighbourhood Centre.

The lawyers, who work with Social Security Rights Victoria, will cover topics ranging over:

- rights and options if you have been refused a Centrelink payment or had your payments suspended or cancelled and you do not agree with the decision;
- Centrelink debt waivers and debt recovery issues;
- Disability Support Pension eligibility and review pathways;
- review of Centrelink decisions where you have been impacted by family violence;

- disaster-related social security legal issues;
- Centrelink payment review rights for people who have been affected by a disaster, such as bushfire or flood;
- compliance requirements, including income reporting, mutual obligation and program of support;
- Centrelink decisions relating to Membership of Couple issues;
- Centrelink decisions relating to income and assets issues;
- Jobkeeper Debts objections; and,
- Status Resolution Support Payments debt waiver applications.

The two-hour workshop will provide a one-hour review of common Centrelink issues, including disaster-related Centrelink legal issues, and a one-hour Q & A session where people can ask questions related to specific Centrelink concerns.

To register your attendance at this event, please contact either Hume Riverina Community Legal Service on 02 6055 8090 or the Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre on 03 5754 1166. Online registration is also available through the Humanitix website:

<https://events.humanitix.com/centrelink-consumer-rights-and-common-legal-issues>

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- MAR 14** Community Forum at the Auditorium @ Vis Centre, Mount Beauty with Helen Haines and Will Jeremy presented by the UKV Community Association.
- MAR 14** Community Information Meeting re: Renewable Infrastructure Projects in the Alpine Shire. 7pm at the Dederang Recreation Reserve. Four of our local councillors will be in attendance. We will have Senator Bridget McKenzie and Hon Tim McCurdy MP. Mint Renewables have been invited to speak on the Dederang BESS Proposal.
- MAR 15** Falls Creek Longest Lunch. Gourmet delight. Ph: 03 5758 1200. Em: events@falls creek.com.au. Wb: <https://www.falls creek.com.au/listing/the-long-lunch-falls-creek/>
- MAR 22-24** Mountain Bike de Femme – a weekend for the ladies with riding for all standards, instruction, film, social events and <https://www.falls creek.com.au/listing/mtb-de-femme-falls-creek-2024-falls-creek/>
- MAR 29- APR 1** Falls Creek Easter Festival. Kids Games, activities, food and MTB Shuttles. Plenty for all. Ph: 03 5758 1200.
- MAR 30** Mount Beauty Easter Community Market. 9am – 1pm. Hydro Park beside the Pool and next to Mountain Monk Brewery. You make it; you bake it; you grow it – you're welcome. Bookings to 03 5754 1118.
- APR 25** ANZAC Day Services. Falls Creek 5:30am at Eagle Rock. Mount Beauty Dawn Service. 7am at Bicentennial Park, Lakeside Ave. 10:45am ANZAC Day March, Hollonds St for the service at the Cenotaph.
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