

Tuesday 27 September 2011

Historic Precinct celebrating its 10th Anniversary

The Historic Precinct in Beechworth is celebrating its 10th Anniversary on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October.

The celebrations at the Historic Precinct will include a range of events including the opening of the new Beechworth Archive Centre, a reception hosted by Deputy Mayor Cr Bernard Gaffney and a 'Picnic in the Paddock' at the Police Paddocks.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that all of the community have shown ongoing support to the Historic Precinct since it opened 10 years ago. "As a thank you to the community the Precinct Buildings and the Burke Museum will be open to the public free of charge between 10am and 4pm on Sunday 9 October," Cr Pockley said.

The day includes:

- **10.30am - 11am** History of the Precinct at the Courthouse
- **11am - 3pm** Picnic in the Paddock. People are invited to bring a rug and a picnic basket and take part in traditional games and activities are planned.
- **12.30pm - 1pm** Trials in the Beechworth Courthouse
- **1.30pm - 2pm** Telegraphy in Beechworth

The celebrations will coincide with the opening of the new Beechworth Archive Centre in the Beechworth Historic Precinct's Chinese Protectors Office on Saturday 8 October from 4pm.

"The Archive Centre is a great resource for people doing local, historical, family and social research. It is available to residents or visitor who have an interest in the history of the area," Cr Pockley said.

The Archive Centre is an ongoing project partnership with Public Records Office Victoria and will be open to the public every Thursday and Friday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm. Other times will be by appointment only and subject to staff or volunteer availability. Bookings are essential for access to records and microfilm reader.

The Celebrations will be hosted by the Burke Museum & Historic Precinct Advisory Committee and the Friends of the Burke Museum.

To become a volunteer, to make a booking for the Archive Centre or for more information, please call the Burke Museum on 03 5728 8067 or email beechwortharchive@indigoshire.vic.gov.au .

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