

Monday 19 September 2011

## Seniors spoiled throughout Seniors Week

Seniors Week celebrations will kick off in Indigo Shire with a performance by the Victorian Concert Orchestra on Sunday 2 October.

A range of activities are planned for the week, including an old-time dance, artist workshops and a tour of the Old Beechworth Gaol, and Indigo Shire Council Mayor Cr Ali Pockley is encouraging all senior residents to get involved.

“We are very lucky this year to welcome the Victorian Concert Orchestra, who will be playing at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall on the first day of the festival, Sunday 2 October. All of the events in Seniors Week are free of charge, and we have arranged for buses to take people to and from most these events so that people don’t miss out, regardless of where they live in the Shire,” Cr Pockley said.

“Seniors Week is important to recognising the outstanding contribution that seniors provide to our community. Our senior residents are some of the most vulnerable in the community, and can often feel isolated. This was highlighted after the Black Saturday bushfires. Seniors Week is about bringing people together from across the Shire and reconnecting senior members of our community with people in similar circumstances,” Cr Pockley said.

### The Seniors Week program includes:

#### **Sunday 2 October**

The Victorian Concert Orchestra will perform at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall from 2pm to 4.30pm. Buses will be leaving from Beechworth, Chiltern, Wahgunyah, Kiewa and Yackandandah to take people to the event.

#### **Monday 3 October**

The Old School Gallery in Loch Street, Beechworth will have a range of events from 1pm – 4pm including a Silk Painting Demonstration with Sandra Godfrey, a Tablet Weaving Demonstration with Ian McKinnon and entertainment from the singer Lazy Harry between 2.30pm - 3pm.

#### **Wednesday 5 October**

An Old-Time Dance will be held at the Yackandandah Public Hall between 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Buses will be leaving from Rutherglen, Chiltern, and Beechworth to take people to the dance.

#### **Thursday 6 October**

Tours of the Old Beechworth Gaol Ford Street, Beechworth will run for an hour and begin at 1pm, 2pm and 2.30pm. Buses will be leaving from Tangambalanga, Kiewa, Yackandandah, Wahgunyah, Rutherglen and Chiltern to take people to the tours.

#### **Friday 7 October**

The film *Red Dog* will be showed at the Yackandandah Public Hall from 2.30pm. Buses will be leaving from Wahgunyah, Rutherglen, Chiltern and Beechworth to take people to the movie.

**Saturday 8 October**

An Artist Workshop will be held in the Art Room of the Rutherglen Primary School.

**All events are free and bookings are essential. Buses have been arranged to run free of charge for some events with limited numbers, so make sure you get in early. Please call Indigo Shire Council on 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1100 to book an event or one of the buses.**

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**Caption: The Victorian Concert Orchestra will perform at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall on Sunday 2 October.**

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