



TALBOT

Talbot Arts & Communications Museum

Open: Sundays 1pm - 4pm and Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm
17 Camp Street, Talbot VIC 3371
Cost: \$5.00 entry

Opened in 1984 in the former Primitive Methodist Church and later clothing factory, Talbot Museum houses the Edwards Collection of photographs, documents and letters, plus trade and lifestyle material from an early settler, watchmaker and jeweller, JB Edwards, and his descendants.

Trace your family roots. Link with other gold era museums, particularly those in the Villages of the Old Goldfields. Trace Victoria's first gold discoveries. Be amazed at mining relics and reminded of the way Talbot was. View the two new displays – 50 years of Decimal Currency in Australia 1966-2016; and, The Impact of WW1 on Talbot and District 1915-1916.

Guided walking town tours of Talbot with Marie Kau are also available by appointment.

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Talbot Engine Restorers Display

Date: Sunday 15 May 2016
Time: 9am - 1pm
The Shed, Heales Street, Talbot
Cost: Gold Coin donation

Well known for their passion and knowledge, the Engine Restorers Club will be hosting displays of heritage machinery. As well as the machinery displays, there are also collectables, cars and a number of working displays.

Contact: Leanne Boyle 03 5463 2114 or 0429 957 210 or talbotengineclub@yahoo.com.au

Talbot Farmers Market

Date - Sunday 15 May 2016
Time: 9am – 1pm
Scandinavian Crescent, Talbot VIC 3371
Cost: Free

Experience the renowned Farmers Market nestled amongst the historic buildings of Scandinavian Avenue and Camp Street with its fresh organic produce and variety of homemade foods.

The Talbot Farmers' Market is one of the best markets in regional Victoria supporting local and regional farmers, growers and artisan food producers.

Contact: Jayne Newgreen 04 5463 2001 or talbotfarmersmarket@bigpond.com



For further information please inquire at:

Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Alma & Nolan Sts, Maryborough VIC 3465

03 5460 4511

visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

www.visitmaryborough.com.au



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MARYBOROUGH

50 Years of Weddings

Opens: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays
Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - 12 noon, Sundays 2pm - 4pm
Venue: Worsley Cottage, 3 Palmerston Street, Maryborough VIC 3465
Cost: \$5.00 entry

Maryborough's Wal Richards had a camera and a passion for weddings. For 50 years Wal was the unofficial photographer at weddings in the Maryborough district, cycling to local churches from 1946 until his death in 1997. After he died his family discovered thousands of prints and negatives in a shed at his home.

Visitors will be able to watch a DVD about Wal's life and hobby, and to see a representative selection of his photographs. Also on display will be some of the wedding dresses that Wal photographed and the bicycle that he rode around town. Anyone wishing to inspect photographs of particular weddings or to provide information about the many unidentified photographs will be able to speak to Historical Society members to make arrangements.

Worsley Cottage in an 1894 bluestone building that now houses the Maryborough Midlands Historical Society. It is beautifully furnished with many treasures on display. In the backyard is a Squatter's Slab Hut Circa 1844, the oldest known building in the district, with shingle roof & rammed earth floor lined with hessian & canvas.

Contact: Betty 5461 2800 or
worscott@bigpond.com

VICPEX 2016

Date: Saturday 23 April 2016
Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm
Venue: Maryborough Town Hall
Cost: Free

A state and local Philatelic Exhibition held in the Maryborough Town Hall.

- Stamp Dealers
- Valuations
- Free Entry
- Light Refreshments

Sponsored by Victorian Philatelic Council and Maryborough Stamp Club
Contact: Alex Stoneman 03 5464 2400 or
als0n@inet.net.au



Historic Site Tour with Rob Brouwers – Parks Victoria

Date: Sunday 1 May 2016
Time: 1pm - 5pm
Meet at: Central Goldfields VIC, 91 Nolan St, Maryborough VIC 3465
Cost: Free

Car tour with Parks Ranger Robert Brouwers, incorporating:

- Grand Duke Arch at Timor Historic Reserve
- Water Race leading into Goldfields Reservoir from Paddys Ranges State Park and Maryborough Regional Park
- Aboriginal Rainwater Wells, Craigie State Forest
- Old Eucy Still Site, Craigie State Forest
- Amherst Quartz Reef
- Bristol Hill Tower
- Finish with late afternoon tea at picnic area or campground in Paddys Ranges State Park. Maximum 20 people for tour. Bookings required.

Contact: Rob Brouwers 03 5461 0800

Coiltek Gold Prospecting Tours

Dates: Friday's and Saturday's for the months of May
Time: 9am – 4:30pm
Meet at: Coiltek Gold Centre, 6 Drive In Court, Maryborough VIC 3465
Cost: Price for the day is \$120.00 which includes Detector hire per person or Couples \$200.00. Price for the day is \$85.00 with your own Detector.

Come and learn how to prospect for gold using the latest gold prospecting detectors and other equipment.

Coiltek supplies all the latest gold prospecting detectors and other equipment.

Participants only need to supply their own food and drink, outdoor clothes and shoes or boots without steel caps.

Participants use their own vehicles, as all locations are accessible by car. The first part of the day will show you how to prospect for gold. This includes what to look for, read the ground, plants etc. You will then be taken to a test patch and learn how the latest detectors are set up and used.

Lunch is around 1pm for 30 minutes.

In the afternoon you will be able to go detecting with guidance of an instructor. All participants do not need a current Miner's Right as you are covered by Coiltek's tour licence.

Note: Booking is essential. A maximum of only 6 people per day.

Contact: Coiltek Gold Centre 5460 4700

Maryborough Historical Town Tour

Date: Each Friday for the month of May at 10am. Minimum group number of six to go ahead.
Meet at: Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre, 91 Nolan Street, Maryborough VIC 3465.
Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Join Steve Greenwood for a guided historical walking tour of Maryborough. Covering the Maryborough Railway Station, McLandress Square including the Town Hall, Post Office and Courthouse, Old Fire Station which is now houses the Central Goldfields Art Gallery plus much more.

Contact: Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre 5460 4511 or
visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au



TIMOR

Tour of Timor

Date: Monday 18 April 2016
Time: Meet at Dunolly Museum at 10am or north side of the Timor Bridge at 10:20am.
Venue: Timor
Cost: Members \$5 / Visitors \$10

This historical tour will visit the old gold mining town of Timor and the surrounding areas of Coxtown, Chinamans Flat and Bowenvale. Timor is known for once having 38 hotels. You will visit the sites of some of them and debunk a number of historical myths about the town. Organised by Goldfields Historical & Arts Society (Dunolly Museum). Bookings not required.

Contact: John Tully 0428 178 669

CARISBROOK

1916 Exhibition

Dates: Sunday 24 & Monday 25 April 2016.
Times: 9:30am – 3:30pm
Carisbrook Senior Citizens' Hall, cnr Powlett and Urquhart Sts, Carisbrook VIC 3464
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
(Free entry for ex-service personnel).

The exhibition showcases the Carisbrook and district's contribution to the AIF and on the Home Front in 1916. The 105 exhibition pages cover the major battles on the Western Front at Fromelles, Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, where the Australian losses were catastrophic. All local servicemen and the one local army nurse who were involved get a mention. On the Home Front the exhibition covers the local Red Cross, Comforts Fund, State Schools' fundraising, the enlistment campaigns, the official farewells to local soldiers, and communications with home [featuring the Mason family WWI collection]. The exhibition finishes with a coverage of the Conscription referendum campaign and its results. 28th October 2016 marks the centenary of the first Conscription referendum.

Contact: Carisbrook Historical Society:
Alex Stoneman 03 5464 2400.

Carisbrook Log Gaol

Open: Daily 10am - 5pm
Venue: 46 Bucknall St, Carisbrook VIC 3464
Cost: Free

The town's old log lock-up is thought to have been built around 1851 on the police paddock and moved to its present site in 1886.

The walls are made of interlocking horizontally-laid logs. The shingle roof has been replaced with corrugated iron. It's the oldest log jail in Victoria. Special heritage displays will be on show inside, as will George, the resident ghost.

Contact: Carisbrook Historical Society:
Alex Stoneman 03 5464 2400.



DUNOLLY - BEALIBA

Boy out of the Country

Date: Sunday 15 May 2016
Time: Starting at 2pm
Address: Dunolly Town Hall (Dunolly Historic Precinct), Broadway, Dunolly VIC 3472
Cost: Tickets \$30 per person (on sale at
www.dunollyhistoricprecinct.com.au)

Funny, fast paced, and written in an Australian poetic vernacular reminiscent of the poetic tradition of Banjo Patterson, Boy out of the Country tells a story of land, family and belonging. A family property worthless for generations is suddenly re-zoned as part of a regional housing estate to accommodate an ever increasing urban sprawl. It is a play where old Australia meets a new Australia: where a country cop comes to terms with catchment areas, where a fifth bedroom is more important than a backyard and where new technologies have the potential of uncovering old family secrets. Written with wit and in crackling Australian idiom by award winning playwright Felix Nobis, this is a fast paced, funny and highly satisfying piece of theatre about life beyond the big city.

Contact: Marion Da Costa 0438 168 634

The Court Session

Date: Sunday 22 May 2016
Time: Starting at 2pm
Address: Dunolly Court House (Dunolly Historic Precinct), Cnr Bull and Market Sts, Dunolly VIC 3472
Cost: \$15 includes entry to the Court House, event, and afternoon tea.
Book through The Capital Theatre, Bendigo. (Other packages also available)

An afternoon with writer Gideon Haigh in the historic Dunolly Court House. Dunolly, a tiny town 40 minutes from Bendigo, part of the goldfields boom in the 19th century, is now a heritage must-see. In the main street, you can visit the Town Hall, and a short detour up Market Street brings you to the Georgian elegance of the Old Courthouse, which is the glorious venue for our Law Week celebration event.

You'll be met at the Old Court House with a glass of wine or cup of tea and a chance to browse the historical displays. At 2.30pm, Bendigo Writers Festival director Rosemary Sorensen talks with Gideon Haigh, with contributions from special guest, veteran barrister Brian Bourke. There'll be books available for Gideon to sign, and a sumptuous afternoon tea to follow, with local wines and home-made treats.

Contact: Marion Da Costa 0438 168 634

Goldfields Museum – Dunolly

Open: Saturday and Sunday 1:30pm - 4pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 10am - 3pm
75 Broadway, Dunolly VIC 3472
Cost: Adults \$4 / Children 20c
Goldfields Museum is home to many relics and historical displays. It hosts a large collection of WWI and WWII firearms, large replica collections of locally found gold nuggets, including the 'Welcome Stranger' the largest alluvial gold nugget ever found, and displays and information on the township of Dunolly and it's residents.

Contact: John Tully 0428 178 669

Tiny Towns Arts, Crafts and Atrisans Trail

Date: Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 April 2016

Open: All the exhibitions and shops are open from 10am - 4pm on both days

The Tiny Towns region of Central Victoria is home to many talented artists, artisans and craftspeople. This inaugural event over the ANZAC weekend is an opportunity to enjoy and purchase their work on display in small galleries, historic public buildings, restaurants and wineries. For a full list of participating businesses go to Facebook; TinyTowns-Art,Crafts,Artisans Trail

Contact: John Moir 0439 029 989,
Marion Da Costa 0438 168 634 or
Fiona Lindsay 0428 322 208

Bealiba Historical Society and Museum

Open: Anzac weekend on both Saturday and Sunday 11am - 3pm.

Main St, Bealiba VIC 3475

Cost: Donation at the door

Join in for a traditional country Anzac service on April 25th at 11 am. St. Arnaud Pipe band, street march, memorial service, speeches and CWA refreshments. Also call into the historic Bealiba Railway Station.

Contact: Colin 54691262 or Heather 0427732093

Dunolly Cycle Trails

All of May
Cycle tracks to be also featured during the month. Seven cycling tracks through the Dunolly and surrounding goldfields will be featured and takes in all the historical points of interest.