

March

- 1 - Temora Greyhound racing
- Temora Old Time New Vogue Dance Group, Temora Town Hall, 8pm-midnight. (Practices every Thursday night at the Town Hall).
- 2 - Temora and District Garden Club Meeting, 2 p.m. For further details contact Monica Reid on 69 737 252.
- 3 - Aqua aerobics at Temora Recreation Centre, 6pm to 7.30pm.
- 4 - Temora and District Family History Group - Temora Rural Museum 1.30 p.m.
- Lake Centenary Management Committee meeting, 7.30 p.m. at the Lake Club House
- Temora Greyhound racing
- 6 - Temora Health Services Advisory Committee meeting at Temora and District Hospital, 5.30 p.m.
- Temora Rural Museum meeting at 7.30pm.
- 7 - Temora Greyhound Racing
- 8 - Rural Museum Exhibition Day from 10am -International Women's Day Celebration (Temora Town Hall, 7-7.30 p.m.)
- Temora V8 Jet boats
- Temora Greyhound Racing
- 10 - Aqua aerobics at Temora Recreation Centre, 6pm to 7.30pm.
- 11 - Governance workshop at Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club from 9.30am to 3pm.
- 13 - Mobile Blood Service visit to Temora, at Temora and District Hospital Day Care Centre.
- 14 - CanAssist Gala Pink Ball - Temora Ex-Services Club, Contact: Lindsay Frater or Jennifer Schmidt.
- 15 - CanAssist - Main Street Market Morning - Hoskins Street
CanAssist - Evening Bowls, Temora Ex-Services Club 6 p.m. Contact: Danny Pinney or George Breust
- 16 - CanAssist Family Day with Walk - Contact : Maree Stimson or Sheree Elwin
- 18 - Temora Shire Interagency Meeting 2 p.m. at Temora Shire Council Chambers.
- 20 - Temora Shire Council Meeting, 4 p.m. at Temora Shire Council Chambers
- 22-23 - Temora Aviation Museum Flying Weekend.
- 24 - Temora Greyhound racing
- 26 - Men's Cancer Support Group Dinner, 6.30pm. Contact Ray 6973-9422 or George 6973-2137.
- Diabetes Support Group meeting, 7pm at Lloyd Cartwright room, Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club. All welcome.
- 29 - Temora West Public School Fete, 12.30pm to 5pm.
- 30 - Temora Lions paper pick-up

April

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- 6-13 - Seniors Week
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- Temora and District Garden Club Meeting, 2 p.m. For further details contact Monica Reid on 69 737 252.
- 9 - Crazy Whist Afternoon at Bectric Hall.
- 10 - Mobile Blood Service visit to Temora, at Temora and District Hospital Day Care Centre.
- 12 - Heritage Bus Tour of the Springdale area
- 13 - 'Our Place' cemetery tour.
- 17 - Temora Shire Council Meeting, 4 p.m. at Temora Shire Council Chambers
- 18 - Temora Greyhound Racing
- 19 - Trungley Hall - Pioneers Memorial Wall Unveiling.
- 26-27 - Anzac Day Flying Weekend, Temora Aviation Museum
- 27 - Temora Lions paper pick-up
- 30 - Diabetes Support Group meeting, 7pm at Lloyd Cartwright room, Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club. All welcome.

MEN'S SHED -

Meets every Monday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon at old Goldenfields Water building. All Welcome

Ariah Park Morning Tea at "The Peppers"

10am start
Thursday, 10th April, 2008
Music by Wagga Accordion Band
All Welcome, bring a Chair
Please advise Gwen Fairman for catering numbers 6974 1057

Bus trip away for farmers

The CWA is organising a bus trip for a coach load of farmers and their partners to Canberra on Monday, April 14. The free trip will take in the Australian War Memorial and, hopefully, Duntroon, with a BBQ lunch and morning and afternoon teas provided. The coach will start and finish in West Wyalong, with pick-up sites at Temora and Wallendbeen. It is a chance for farming couples who have been doing it tough to enjoy a day away together. Anyone interested in taking part can contact Gail Commens, President of the Hume Group of the CWA, by email at - commens1@bigpond.com

Free Governance Workshop

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
9.30am-3pm
Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club
Free workshop with morning tea and lunch provided.
For businesses and members of committees such as sports, churches and community committees.
All Temora and district committees are urged to attend.
For more information or a detailed pamphlet, call into the Shire office or phone on 6980 1100.

Big weekend for CanAssist

Temora Shire Arts Council will host a charity concert at Temora Town Hall on Saturday, March 15, featuring seven harpists. The concert, titled 'A touch of heaven', will be part of a big weekend in Temora as the local branch of CanAssist marks its 25th anniversary. The weekend will kick off on Friday, February 14, with a Gala Pink Ball at Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club. It will be followed on the Saturday by a main street market morning, and an evening bowls event at Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club from 6pm. It will conclude on Sunday, March 16, with a family day and fun walk. The weekend will be a celebration to thank local branch members and remember the patients and families who have been assisted by CanAssist over the 25 years.

- Arts news - 7 Lady Harpists

Performing at the Town Hall, 6.30pm, Saturday, March 15.
Wine and cheese opening light supper after.
Tickets at the shire.

Also...

Temora's Own Arts and Crafts
Open 7 days, 182 Hoskins Street.
Local artists and crafts people are invited to contribute. Phone Andrew 6980 1100

*What's in the next edition...
Changes in Mobile Blood Service
Keeping safe on footpaths and roads*



Day of entertainment at rural museum

The 35th Annual Exhibition, to be held at Temora Rural Museum on Saturday, March 8, promises to be an exciting day as the museum's remarkable showcase of Australiana again springs to life.

The grand parade of vintage tractors, machinery and vehicles will take place in a fairground setting with stalls showcasing a wide range of artistic crafts ranging from blacksmithing to painting on fine china.

Music will be a feature of this year's program. Gordon Ellis will return with his "singing saw" to accompany the church organist, and the nostalgic sounds of the museum's display of early phonographs and record players will be demonstrated.

As a special guest, an enthusiast from the NSW central coast will recall the engaging melodies of yesterday upon his mobile pianola.

The wide ranging program of events will run from 10am until 5pm.

The Morangarell Church will be the site for a number of interesting talks during the day, covering topics such as the fashions of yesterday and farming in the horse years.

Demonstrations of china painting, patchworking, pottery, wood and stone turning, blacksmithing, spinning, encaustic painting and displays of art, glassware, needlework, goldfields memorabilia, bead jewellery and Dohne sheep



will be ongoing throughout the program. The main parade will take place at 2.30pm following the open day's official opening.

So take a step back in time and enjoy a day out for the whole family at Temora Rural Museum on Saturday, March 8.

Celebrating International Women's Day

International Women's Day, to be held on Saturday, March 8 at 7.30 p.m. in the Temora Town Hall, is shaping up to be a great evening for all women in the Temora Shire to enjoy.

The evening will commence with a warm welcome from Temora Shire Council Mayor Peter Speirs, followed by an update on drought and small business assistance by Lloyd Kingham from the Department of Primary Industries. A small group of ladies from Ariah Park will kick off the local line up of entertainers. Guest speaker, Ella James, one of Australia's best known voices,

will talk on her preoccupation with happiness and ways in which to reassess time and attitudes to life.

The Temora Quota Club, View Club and TASK will also perform a variety of acts to entertain the ladies.

Information from Centrelink, HACC, Community Health Nurse (Veronica Ward), DPI and other local service providers will be available.

A light supper will be provided. Individual and group bookings (tables of 8) can be made by phoning Temora Shire Council on 69 801 100 by March 3, 2008.

It's time to clean up Temora

Temora Tidy Towns Committee is encouraging Temora Shire residents to participate in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

All residents have to do is turn up on the day with gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen and register as a volunteer, said Temora Shire Council's Environmental Services Trainee, Kellie Lewis.

The Tidy Towns Committee is again targeting the clean up of car bodies and scrap metal from properties within the Temora township. To assist this, Council is taking bookings for residents to have these items removed by

McShane's Metal on Monday, March 3.

Any person interested in this must contact the Environmental Services Department at Council on 69801100 by 4:30pm, Friday, February 29.

The main clean up will take place on Sunday, March 2, with registration taking place between 8am and 9am at Gloucester Park.

Council will also be providing a bulk item collection for senior residents within Temora township on Monday, March 3.

Any person interested in making the most of this service must contact Council on 69801100 by 4:30pm, Friday, February 29.

Community members recognised for outstanding efforts

It was a big day of celebrations at Lake Centenary as Temora Shire residents gathered to mark Australia Day in January.

Temora Shire Council Mayor, Peter Speirs, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his many years of service to Local Government.

Local residents, Lindsay and Alison Frater, shared the Temora Shire Citizen of the Year award for their work with the local CanAssist

organization for nearly 25 years.

Other nominees for the award were Betty Brabin, Brendon Fritsch, Father Phil Harding, John Harper, Gordon McGeorge, Michael Rea and Marj Whitla.

The Temora Shire Junior Citizen of the Year award went to Temora High School student, Zac Storm, for his academic achievements and community involvement.

Other nominees were Elise Firman, Nicholas

Grant, Teaghan Hodgkins, Jillie-May Reading, Hayden Philp and Jenna Reardon. The shire's Event of the Year award went to the Aria Park Centenary celebrations.

Other nominees were the Temora and District Drought Breaking Bash, Sunday in Pink 2007, and Rotary District 9700 Conference.

Temora Shire Council extends its congratulations to all the award winners and nominees.

Addressing the need for respite care in Temora

Following Council's meeting with representatives from Kurrajong Waratah, Member for Riverina, Kay Hull, and Member for Murrumbidgee, Adrian Piccoli, a small committee has been formed to address the needs of people who care for people with a disability and to determine the type of respite care facility so desperately needed in Temora.

Stephen Jacques and Tracey Collins, Kurrajong Waratah, who again visited Temora, were sympathetic to the concerns of residents over the lack of respite care available locally and provided information on programs currently offered to parent carers of children with a disability.

Interlink is a new service offered through Kurrajong

Waratah to support older parent carers who are still caring for their adult son or daughter with a disability at home.

Interlink is a two year pilot program funded by NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, which assists ageing parent carers over the age of 65 or aboriginal parents over the age of 45.

The program is designed to determine the current and future needs of these carers.

Interlink provides older parent carers with information on current government benefits and entitlements, supported accommodation services, health care information, referrals to services and information on legal issues such as wills, trusts and guardianship.

Interlink assists these older par-

ent carers to make decisions regarding the future care for their son or daughter with a disability.

Tracey Collins, a coordinator for Interlink, will be attending the next Special Persons and Carers meeting on March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Lloyd Cartwright room at the Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club.

Despite the various programs being offered to support parent carers, local residents caring for children with disabilities are determined to lobby for a respite care facility in Temora. For residents wishing to offer their support for establishing a facility in Temora please phone Community Services Officer, Karen McLaren on 0427 762 034 or Pat Thomas on 6977-2278.

Successful 21st Golden Gift

The 21st annual Temora Golden Gift proved to be a highly successful event, with a day of good weather and strong competition attracting a crowd of around 1200 people.

Among the highlights of the day was the presentation of life membership to outgoing president, Rick Firman.

Mr Firman, who has held the position of president for seven years, was honoured at the official opening of the event, with fellow committee members, Rob Hartwig and Paul McMullen, presenting the award.

Another highlight was the running of the main 120metre Golden Gift event, which was won by 16-year-old Brendan Matthews of Canberra, the youngest ever sprinter to win the race.

Temora Shire Council is one of the Gift's major sponsors, along with Telstra Countrywide and Country Energy.

Week of celebrations for seniors

Temora Seniors will be celebrating 50 years of Seniors Week this year with a number of activities planned for the week beginning April 6, 2008.

Funds granted to the Seniors Committee will be used toward the celebrations and an excursion to Wagga.

On Sunday, April 6, a Church Service and afternoon tea will be held at the Temora Senior Citizens Centre from 2.30pm.

On Monday, April 7, Bruce Barrett will be addressing seniors on road safety issues at 1pm at the Temora Bowling and Recreation Club.

This will be followed by a fashion parade at 2pm, organised by Sadie Michael's. (Cost \$3 per head)

On Tuesday, April 8, a luncheon and dance will be held at the Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

Music will be performed by Ron Brown of West Wyalong.

The cost for the luncheon will be \$10 per head and tickets will go on sale on March 10 and

can be purchased from Temora Shire Council. On Wednesday, April 9, the very popular Port and Poetry Evening will be held at 6.30 pm in the dining room at Greenstone Lodge.

All seniors are very welcome.

Greenstone Lodge residents are very excited to be hosting the Port and Poetry evening and look forward to other seniors joining them to be entertained by local poets.

On Thursday, April 10, Temora Seniors are welcome to attend the Coolamon Accordion Band which will be performing at "The Peppers", Aria Park.

Seniors will need to organise their own transport to Aria Park.

For more information phone Gwen Fairman on 6974-1057

On Saturday, April 12, an excursion has been organised to Wagga to visit the Wagga Glass Gallery.

A bus will be departing at 9 am outside the HACC centre.

For bookings phone Temora HACC Centre on 6977-1326.

New faces sought for TYRO

Do you want to organize music festivals and other events for young people?

Do you want to have your say about entertainment events and activities held in Temora?

Do you want to have a say on issues relating to young people and contribute to Council policy?

Are you aged between 13 and 18 years of age?

If you answered yes to these questions, then we would like you to be a part of Temora Youth Representing Others (TYRO).

TYRO has been on a short break and is now currently looking for new and old members to join and bring fresh ideas on activities and events that the Youth of Temora wants. Upcoming events and activities include Crescendo, YouthROC Camp and the Cinema. A meeting will be held on Thursday 6th March at 4pm in the Temora Shire Council Chambers. For more information please contact Kellie Lewis on 69801100.

Heritage Festival 2008 to celebrate 'Our Place'

This year's Heritage Festival program in Temora Shire, co-ordinated by the Temora Shire Heritage Committee, will have a variety of events and activities to appeal to a wide range of interests.

The Festival will run from April 5 to April 20, and will be focusing on the theme of "Our Place".

Kicking off Temora's Festival will be the Temora Rural Museum's 35th Annual Exhibition Day which will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 10am.

Also included in the festival events

will be two Heritage Bus Tours of the Springdale Area.

These bus tours will highlight the areas of Lintondale, Combaning Siding, Dinga Dingi and Scrubyards.

The tours will give people the opportunity to learn new stories and/or tell their own stories relating to the area.

They will be held on Sunday, April 6 and Saturday, April 12, starting at 9.30am. Bookings are required.

A Crazy Whist Afternoon is being organised for Wednesday, April 9,

at the historic Bectric Hall.

The afternoon, which will start at 2pm, will be filled with fun and activities, with a delicious country afternoon tea and prizes (bookings required).

A Guided Tour of the Cemetery will start at 2pm on Sunday, April 13, with the aim of recognising the people who helped make "Our Place".

Concluding the Shire's Heritage Festival will be festivities at Trungley Hall on Saturday, April 19.

The day promises to be extremely interesting with the unveiling of the Pioneers Memorial Wall at 11am followed by a tour of "Gladstone" (property of the Robinson Family), which will be celebrating its centenary.

All details of the events are on Council's Website at www.temora.nsw.gov.au and will be promoted in The Temora Independent closer to the festival's commencement.

For more details or bookings contact Belinda Bushell on (02) 6980 1100.

Twilight family gatherings across shire

Residents across the district have the chance to put the drought behind them for a while, and enjoy a night out with other local families as part of the twilight family gatherings being held across Temora Shire.

Two highly successful family twilight gatherings were held in February, with Springdale and Combaning Bushfire Brigade areas holding a BBQ at Lake Centenary, and Bectric, Tara and Aria Park brigade areas gathering at the Bectric Hall on Saturday, February 16.

The gathering at Bectric Hall attracted over 100 people, with entertainment by The Tinshed Rattlers continuing until after midnight.

The event was considered a success by organisers, with a good cross-section from each of the three brigades being represented.

The remaining twilight family gatherings will be held in March.

The Temora Town event is being organised by Council and will be held on Saturday, March 15, at Temora Recreation Centre swimming pool.

The evening will be free to all, with a movie trailer to be set up on the grassed area beside the pool.

Temora Apex Club will be providing a sausage sizzle, while complimentary drinks will also be provided from the kiosk.

Dates of the remaining family gatherings to be held are as follows -

Bush Fire Group Area (Narraburra, Pinnacle, Morangarell)

Date: Saturday 1st March, 2008

Venue: Lake Centenary (alternate wet weather venue, Trungley Hall)

Time: 4:00 PM Kickoff

Details: BBQ meal, Apex Jumping Castle

Bush Fire Group Area (Mimosa/Thanowring)

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008

Venue: Lake Centenary

Time: 4:00 PM

Details: BBQ Meal, Jumping Castle, Family Focus



Temora Town Event

Date: Saturday, 15th March, 2008

Venue: Temora Recreation Centre

Details: BBQ Meal, Movies under the Stars

Time: 6:00 PM Kickoff

The events are being sponsored by Lachlan Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Primary Industries.

Residents urged to assist with control of noxious weeds and fruit fly

At the March meeting of Council, the residents of the Temora Shire were requested to assist council staff in the control of noxious weeds.

With recent rains the area covered by noxious weeds is too large for council resources and staff and residents are requested to weed or spray noxious weeds on footpaths and in areas adjacent to their properties.

These weeds include Khaki and Catheads.

Fruit Fly

Orchard Hygiene

Orchard Hygiene is an important part of fruit fly management. Make sure you:

- * remove unwanted fruit trees from around sheds, houses and along boundary fences;
- * keep all house trees free of fruit fly;
- * remove all late hanging fruit missed during harvest;
- * dispose of fallen fruit properly;
- * don't send damaged or fallen fruit to the packing shed;
- * maintain good orchard hygiene.

Control Measures

Control of fruit fly can include collection of ripe and fallen fruit, disposal of infested fruit, and use of bait traps and cover sprays. A simple, non-chemical method of reducing fruit fly

is to remove all overripe and fallen fruit from around trees. Place infested fruit inside strong plastic bags and expose to the sun for at least three days; seven days if temperatures are below 30C. This disposal method should also be utilised for bought fruit also.

Products are available for the control of fruit fly which includes splash baits and full cover sprays.

With the severe infestation this summer Council has decided to investigate a disposal facility at the Landfill Site and will be coordinating an education campaign to alert residents of their responsibilities.