



Where the Victorian Goldrush began

CLUNES TRISTATE 2016

Proudly hosted by the Jackaroo Club of Australia, Victorian Branch Inc.



This is the second newsletter to Holden and Jackaroo Clubs and members who lodged expression of interest forms.

The organising committee is busy making all the necessary preparations for a great event. We are drawing on past experience and adding some new touches, so we hope you will be thoroughly entertained.

The more we explore Clunes and the surrounding area, the more we like the atmosphere of the district. The locals and shopkeepers are very supportive of our event and look forward to helping where possible. Clunes is such an accommodating town. It draws people from near and far. Over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of March 2016 the showgrounds will host the 34th annual display of Historic and Commercial Vehicles.

On the 21st of November this year, the showgrounds will come alive again for the 155th *Clunes Agricultural Show*.



When you arrive for **the start of our event on Thursday 25th March**, you will be in for a treat. We are putting together a special gathering called **"Welcome to Country"** where you will have time to savour the produce from the area and appreciate the diverse skills of the locals.

It is anticipated that the following will be in attendance on the Thursday afternoon:

Mt Beckworth Wines

Tasting and purchases and provider for happy hour on Friday

Ballarat Mushroom Farm

Tasting and sales of mushroom dips and fresh mushrooms and provider for happy hour

Kyirong Emus

Emu based handcreams, shampoo etc, try and purchase

Inglenook Dairy

First cappuccino free. Purchase fresh real farm milk

Goldfields Farmhouse Cheese

Tasting and purchase and provider for happy hour on Friday



Duncan McHarg Custom Boot maker

Trade demonstration and sales of kangaroo skin leather boots

Wild Trout Downunder & Gordon Hat Shoppe

Sales of the finest tweed hats and waist coats. Truly amazing souvenirs

Clunes Spinners and Weavers

Demonstration of ancient crafts

Harrop Engineering

Demonstration vehicle on site

Mayor elect **Neil Newitt**, photographer, will welcome all of us to our event on behalf of the community and council

CFA 'bushrangers' will rob attendees for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal

Jenny Ealey a local author will be available to talk to.

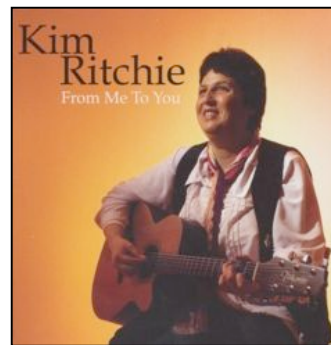
This event will go for several hours, so you will have plenty of time to sample the produce, talk with the traders, mingle and reacquaint yourselves with friends from previous events.

Trip planning is progressing well, with only seasonally closed tracks holding up trip finalisation at the moment. Easier trips to historic sites, wineries and interesting towns are in hand.



Other entertainment we

have lined up includes country and variety singer, **Kim Ritchie**. Kim has achieved a lot in her music career. She has played alongside the biggest names in country music, recorded two albums and plays multiple gigs each week. Not bad for a girl from the rural town of Pyramid Hill, who was born blind.



But as Kim herself explains, you accept how things are and move forward towards the things you're good at. With a little help from her guide dog Forrest and chauffer duties from her partner John, Kim is making the most of her gift, and entertaining everyone lucky enough to hear her perform.

Colin Driscoll, bush poet, who you may remember from Moonambel will again enthral us with his talent.

He was raised on a small sheep and wheat farm at Barkly, in the Wimmera District of Victoria before moving to Geelong to live and work.

Over the last fifteen years he has travelled extensively throughout Outback Australia, where he has worked as a tour guide in such iconic places as Uluru, Kakadu, The Gulf of Carpentaria and The Kimberley.

He has gained inspiration from those innocent days growing up on the farm, as well as the sights he has seen, the places he has visited and the fascinating people he has met during his travels around Australia. In his poetry he strives to capture the colours, the humour, the hardships and the spirit of Australia.



Merchandise

Registration and merchandise order forms will be sent to you soon. This year we will offer stickers, and polo shirts and chambray shirts in both mens and womens sizes.



Sponsorship

We have secured many sponsors for our event and they have been very generous with their support. Sponsorship is forthcoming from wineries, 4WD accessory distributors and publishers of great travel magazines, to mention just a few.



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ARB KEILOR PARK

ARB THOMASTOWN

The teams at **ARB Keilor Park** and **ARB Thomastown** have impressed many of our members with their excellent personalised service and support. ARB is Australia's largest manufacturer and distributor of 4x4 accessories. They have a vast international presence, with an office in the USA and an export network that extends through more than 100 countries around the globe. Their philosophy, however, has never wavered from its original course – quality, reliability and practicality above all else.



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We are looking forward to your attendance.



Mapworks is a fabulous shop to visit. They stock a huge range of wall maps, travel maps, travel guides, world globes, map accessories and historical maps.



The BCF store in Taylors Lakes has gone out of their way for our Club, even hosting Club meetings and offering great discounts. So if you love everything boating, camping and fishing then make sure you get into your closest store and check it out - with over 100 stores nation-wide there is probably one right around the corner from you! They claim to have everything you could possibly need for your next boating camping or fishing adventure under one roof.



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DINNER THEME – “1860 to Booktown”

What does that mean? You may ask...

The Borough of Clunes was incorporated on 19 October 1860 with an area of 23.31 km² (9.00 sq mi) surrounding the town of Clunes.

One hundred and fifty five years later Clunes is known as **Booktown**. The village of Clunes is famous for its bookshops, from the collectables to the bargains, from the small shops to the large shops stocking thousands of titles.

The Clunes Booktown Festival started in 2007 with over 50 booksellers from around Australia setting up shop for the day in the town's heritage buildings. The Clunes Booktown Festival returns on Saturday 30 April & Sunday 1 May 2016, with 20,000 people expected to attend along with 72 book-traders from across Australia.



For those two days, the village becomes home to the largest collection of rare, out-of-print, new, small-press publications, second hand and collectable books in Australia.

So give some serious thought to how you can get into the swing of things and dress up for our Sunday dinner, with something from this very wide topic - “**1860 to Booktown**”

For further information please contact Greg Moore on tristate2016@gmail.com or 0412 750 299.

Please register your interest by emailing: tristate2016@gmail.com
We are looking forward to your attendance.