

Redgum



Review

Briagolong's FREE Community Newsletter

Edition—December 2022

BEAST HUNTING IN BRIAG



Would your kids love to discover mini beasts and critters or could they channel their inner Sherlock Holmes? Why not book them in to one of Parks Victoria's Junior Ranger holiday program happening right here in Briagolong.

Parks Victoria are running their popular Junior Ranger holiday program again in January. There are a few events in Briagolong that may be of interest to local families, with all events suitable for ages 6-12.

Events can be found on the website after Monday 19th December and bookings are essential. The booking info can be found on the website: <https://juniorrangers.com.au/>

Other sessions including Flora Explorer, Beachcomb, Climate Watch Walk and Bird Brain are being held at Sale, Heyfield, Loch Sport, Golden Beach, Tarra Bulga, Mount Worth and Morwell throughout the school holidays.

Thursday 5 January 2023—10:30- 11:30am

Briagolong State Forest - Minibeast Discovery

Discover a bug's world at Quarries Campground. Get to know some tiny critters, what they mean to our environment, and peer through a microscope into the world of a minibeast.

Please meet at The Quarries Camping Ground, located at 365 Freestone Creek Rd, Briagolong.

Tuesday 10 January 2023—10:30- 11:30am

Briagolong State Forest- Bush Detectives

Become a Bush Detective and learn the secrets of Quarries Campground. Tune your senses to discover who is hiding out of sight and use clues to find out who was in the park while no one was looking. Please meet at The Quarries Camping Ground, located at 365 Freestone Creek Rd, Briagolong.



BRIAGOLONG SENIORS INC.

Tai Chi is held each Wednesday during the school term, at 1.30 p.m.

All Seniors finances are now managed by the Community House and we are most grateful to Shae and her team for this.

The Christmas lunch at the hotel was a wonderful success as usual and we thank Jazz and her team for the great job they do for us all.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of the month. The first Sunday at 2 p.m. and the third Sunday at 8.30 a.m. and services are now held in the Church as the worst of the cold weather seems to have passed.

The service on Christmas Day will be at 8.30 a.m. We hope to see you there.

I would like to thank the Redgum Team for all the work put in over the past year and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas time.

BRIAGOLONG LIONS CLUB NEWS



Lions Cakes—A reminder that a limited number of Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are still available at the Briagolong General Store. Large cakes are \$19, small are \$15 and puddings are \$15. What you see there on the shelf is all that is left!

Lions Spirit of Christmas—Once again we have been hard at work and have handed out a number of “presents” around town. Thanks to Esso for the supermarket vouchers and we may have also tipped in one of our famous Lions Christmas Cake to each of the recipients.



Support your community with a Lions Christmas Cake.



Australia Day Breakfast—Join us at the Briagolong Mechanics Institute for a hearty community breakfast on Thursday January 26th 2023. 8am start. Flag raising at 9.30am. All free of charge. Everyone welcome

Citizen of the Year Nominations—Is there an individual that deserves public recognition for their ongoing commitment to the community of Briagolong and its citizens. We are calling for nominations for the Briagolong citizen of the year award which will be presented at the Australia Day breakfast. Nominations can be emailed to briagolonglions@gmail.com.

Lions Shed - The lions shed will be opening monthly during daylight savings on the third Saturday of the month. We are also open for donations most weekends - call Fiona on 0447351970 to arrange a drop off.

Christmas Raffle—Congratulations to Claire Cochrane, the winner of a brand spanking new barbeque courtesy of Bunnings and Briagolong Lions. We are sure Claire will put it to good use herself or as a amazing gift over Christmas. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.



REDGUM REVIEW IN 2023

Good news! It seems like there is a light at the end of the Redgum Review editor tunnel. Stay tuned in 2023 to find out how the Redgum story progresses.

FREE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Wellington Shire Council will provide COVID-19 rapid antigen tests (RATs) to eligible people until 30 June 2023.

The state government program provides RATs to people living with a disability, people who are immunocompromised, or anyone who may face barriers accessing tests under normal circumstances.

To continue to help with early detection and treatment of COVID-19, free rapid antigen tests are available to support those most vulnerable in our Wellington community, including:

- People aged 70 years or older
- People with a disability, immunocompromised people (self-declared) or their carer including NDIS participants, Disability support pensioners and people with a disability who receive a Transport Accident Commission benefit
- Commonwealth Concession Card holders including people with a Victorian Seniors card, Pensioner Concession card, Commonwealth Senior Health Care card and Health Care card, Low Income Health card and Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold, White or Orange cards.

Eligible people are encouraged to collect free tests from collection sites located at Council Customer Service Centres in Sale and Yarram, or at any Wellington Shire library branch.

Wellington libraries are located in Heyfield, Maffra, Rosedale, Sale, Stratford and Yarram.

A limit on the amount of test kits available per person will be at the discretion of Council.

For more information about accessing free RATs, visit <https://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> or contact the Wellington Shire on 1300 366 244.



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FRIENDS OF FREESTONE CREEK

As 2022 ends and 2023 begins it's good to remember the past year.

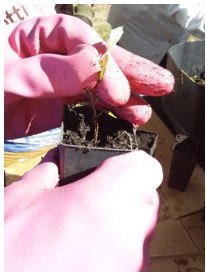
Friends of Freestone Creek have been busy and although activity centers in simple activities like picking up rubbish, weeding and a bit of work with plants these actions do have a positive effect not just locally but downstream as well.



Going in 2023 we will start the year with a meeting on January 28th to do a tidy up around the Quarry Reserve. We meet at 10am at the Quarry Reserve shelter (4th Saturday of the month) and after a bit of activity we have a cuppa and a nibble.

Members are connected by Freestone Creek, to care for it and the environment, and enjoy the social aspects of the group (picking up rubbish and weeding can be surprisingly fun with Friends!).

The membership is mostly from around Briagolong - some members are property owners on Freestone but there are also members who live in town. Some members who have historic connections enjoy using the Friends of Freestone Creek group to keep in touch with Freestone Creek and the area. All are welcome.



2023 will be the 3rd year that Friends of Freestone Creek have been active and it will be exciting to see what it has in store.



2023 Meeting Dates

Meetings
4th Saturday of the month
10am
Quarry Reserve shelter

January 28th
February 25th
March 25th
April 22nd
May 27th
June 24th
July 22nd
August 26th
September 23rd
October 28th
November 25th

Happy Holiday Season to all and a happy Summer Solstice and New Year!



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Briagolong Fire Brigade Christmas Eve Santa run

Leave the Fire Station at 5pm and travel to:

Marathon Road, Valencia Creek Road intersection - Freestone Creek Road to Quarry Reserve

Quarry Reserve to Coopers Road - Coopers Road to Boundary North Road

Boundary North Road to Boundary Road - Proceed along Boundary Road to Cemetery Road

Cemetery Road to Briagolong/Stratford Road - Briagolong/Stratford Road to Lees Road

Lees Road to Maffra/Briagolong Road - Proceed along Maffra/Briagolong Road to township

Arrive back in the township area around 6pm

Avon Street to Blundy Street then left to Cahill Street then right to Church Street

Move down Church Street to Fitzgibbon Street then down Fitzgibbon Street to Forbes Street

Right from Fitzgibbon Street along Forbes Street then turn right into Victoria Street

Along Victoria Street to Church Street then left along Church Street

From Church Street left into Rosstrevor Avenue

Along Rosstrevor Avenue to Forbes Street then left along Forbes Street to Victoria Street

Right into Victoria Street then drive to McMillan Street - Right into McMillan Street to Railway Avenue

Right into Railway Avenue and around to Smith Street

Across Station Street and along Smith Street to Victoria Street

Left into Victoria Street down to McLean Street - Left into McLean Street and drive to Station Street

Right into Station Street to Landy Street - Right into Landy Street and drive along to Victoria Street.

Turn right along Victoria Street and continue up to McLean Street and drive back to Station Street

Turn right and continue down Station Street to Forbes Street

Turn right along Forbes Street back to the Briagolong Hotel where Santa will dismount and hand out lollies to the patrons and their children between 7pm and 7.30pm

Travel along Forbes Street to Cahill Street. Turn left at Cahill Street. Return to Fire Station

We would appreciate it if the parents and children assemble at the street corners if possible.

This will make sure that Santa does not miss seeing any children. Listen for Santa's bell.

LOCAL SWIMMING POOL HOURS

The summer season runs from Friday 25 November 2022 until Monday 13 March 2023 with operating hours listed below:

Peak - 17 December 2022 – 29 January 2023

- Weekdays 11am - 7.30pm
- Weekends and Public Holidays 10.30am - 6pm

Off Peak - 30 January 2023 - 13 March 2023

- Weekdays 4pm - 7.30pm
- Weekends and Public Holidays 10.30am - 6pm



During the summer swim season, outdoor pools will open on days when the forecast at 4pm the previous day is for a temperature of 25 degrees celsius or higher in Sale. If you're planning on visiting, please make sure you check the [Bureau of Meteorology's website](#) and follow the [Aqua Energy Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with opening hours and important information about outdoor pools and the summer swim season.

During peak season, outdoor pools will be open 12 - 3pm regardless of the temperature, and lap swimming will be available at Maffra, Sale and Yarram outdoor pools between 6am - 8am weekdays throughout the entire summer swim season.

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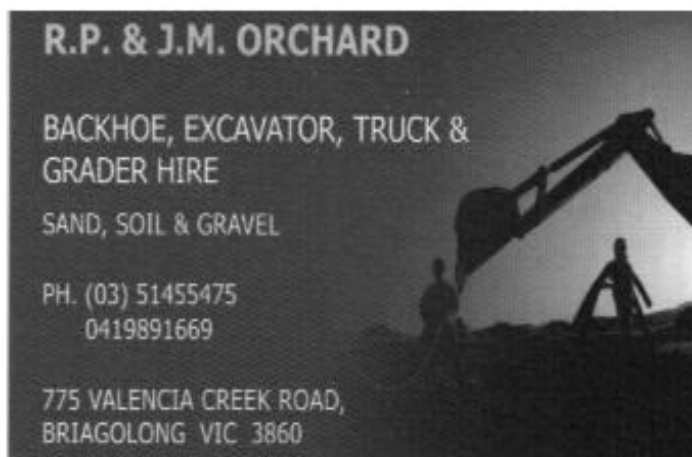
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BRIAGOLONG CEMETERY TRUST

The Cemetery is looking great at present. The Trust members are doing a wonderful job in tidying up around the shed and the tank and all necessary fittings have been installed. Some new shelves have been made by clever Trust members and add considerably to the neat and tidy appearance inside the shed.

A working Bee to tidy up for Christmas will be held by Trust members on 20th December at 5 p.m.



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Contact 0429 196 269

briagolongartgallery@gmail.com

Open: 11am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday

Briagolong Community House

Contact 5145 5425 or Shae 0427 206 692

Briagolong Lions Club

Meets 7pm on 3rd Tues of month at Hall

Contact briagolonglions@gmail.com

Briagolong Mechanics Institute Hall

Bookings (03) 5145 5383

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Briagolong Senior Citizens Group

Contact Judy Short (03) 5145 5253

Briagolong Strum Group

Contact Julie Bradley 0456455595

Meets at Hall first Sat of each month 10-12pm

Briagolong RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Meets 1st Friday of the month, 7pm at RSL

Secretary: Trevor Gartung 0429 455 336

Friends of Freestone Creek

Meets 4th Sat of month, Quarry Reserve

Jen Parker—0484791700

All Saint's Anglican Church

Services first & third Sunday in each month

First Sunday 2 pm, third Sunday 8.30 am

Contact Judy Short (03) 5145 5253

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month—9.30am

Contact Margaret Anderson—0418 455 382

Upper Avon Landcare Group

Contact Gerard Condon 0438 821 728

Tough Guy Book Club

Meets 1st Wed of month, 7pm at RSL

Contact Dave Coate 0429 856 608

Upcoming events

20 December—Cemetery Working Bee

24 December—Briag CFA Santa Run

5 January—ParksVic Junior Ranger
Program in Briagolong

10 January—ParksVic Junior Ranger
Program in Briagolong

26 January—Lions Australia Day
Breakfast

30 January—Community House re-opens