

WHAT'S ON IN THE DANDENONG RANGES & YARRA VALLEY

Around the Mountain

1/03/2010 - 31/03/2010 6 - 7pm

Little Creatures Happy Hour

The Pig and Whistle Tavern, Cnr Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd & Dickens Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 H4

Happy Hour has just been made even happier with pints of Little Creatures for just \$5 nightly between 6-7pm at The Pig and Whistle.

Around the Mountain

11/03/2010 - 7pm - 9pm

Men Only Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

This is a class just for men! Ben will teach you a few of his easy nutritious dinners over a beer or two. \$60 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

17/03/2010 - 7pm - 9pm

Italian Secrets Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

Troy Anderson will guide you through making the perfect bolognese sauce, lasagna and tiramisu. \$55 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

4/03/2010 - 7pm - 9pm

Sensational Seafood Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

Join Ben Higgs and learn to cook mussels, calamari and oysters to perfection. \$65 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

12/03/2010 - 12pm - 3pm

Worlds Longest Lunch

Sky High, Observatory Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 52 F12

As part of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, be seated at our long table with magnificent views. With lunch prepared from our best local produce, and wines from nearby vineyards you really will be on top of the world. \$85 per head. Call 9751 0443 to book.

Around the Mountain

17/03/2010 -

St Patrick's Day at The Cuckoo

The Cuckoo, 508 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Olinda
Melways 66 J8

Leap like the leprechaun to an Irish jig to be sure, to be sure. Bookings essential on 9751 1003.

Around the Mountain

6/03/2010 - 10am - 1pm

Breaducation Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

Make your own artisan breads. Learn about all the different flours and yeasts and take home all of your breadly creations. \$120 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

13/03/2010 - 10am - 2pm

Cooking with Kids Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

This hands on fully supervised class will include such things as home baked cupcakes, gingerbread and decorating. \$55 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

17/03/2010 -

St Patricks Day at The Pig & Whistle

The Pig and Whistle Tavern, Cnr Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd & Dickens Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 H4

Celebrate in true Irish style with a pint of Irish Ale, Boiled bacon & bubble 'n squeak or Steak, potato and Guinness pie with Baileys chocolate mousse for just \$20. With happy \$5 pints all day it's a very Irish day indeed!

Around the Mountain

6/03/2010 - 7/03/2010 9.30am - 4.30pm

Upper Ferntree Gully Market

Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station
Melways 74 F6

Drop in on the way up (or the way down) the mountain as the Upper Ferntree Gully Market has lots of craft stalls, fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and home made goods.

Around the Mountain

13/03/2010 - www.creamatsassafras.com.au

Private Dinners at Pirianda Gardens

Hackett's Rd, Olinda
Melways 124 A1

Enjoy a seven course Degustation Menu with superb wines at the former Ansell (Rubber) Family Stately home. On 25+ acres this beautiful property is the special venue for our Private Dinners. \$129 per person. Book early on 9755 2338.

Around the Mountain

18/03/2010 - 7pm - 9pm

Fast as Hell Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

The name says it all, meals in a flash when you need them. \$50 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

10/03/2010 - 26/03/2010

Luscious Lunches 2010

Restaurants and Cafes across the Mountain
See www.villagesofmtdandenong.com.au for details

As a freshness hits the mountain air, our chefs are busy creating their Autumn menus, full of the fresh produce from this luscious region. This is your opportunity to try these dishes, as our restaurants and cafes invite you to lunch with them for just \$25.

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13/03/2010 - 14/03/2010 9.30am - 4.30pm

Upper Ferntree Gully Market

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Around the Mountain

20/03/2010 - 10am - 1pm

Thai Fusion Cooking - Tricks of the Trade

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways 66 G5

Australian produce, Asian flavours. Learn Ben's own signature blends. \$120 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

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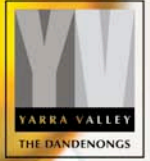
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28/03/2010 - 10am - 12.30pm

Make your own Belgian Chocolate Easter Eggs

Wild Patch Chocolates, Olinda

Melways 66 H7

Learn the basic techniques of traditional chocolate making and take home your own Belgian chocolate eggs just in time for Easter. \$85 per person. Call 97512576 or go to www.wildpatch.com.au to book.

Dandenong Ranges

13/03/2010 - 14/03/2010 Starts 9.30am

Day Out with Thomas

Puffing Billy Emerald Station, Emerald

Melways 127 E5

See Thomas the Tank Engine in full steam at Puffing Billy's Emerald town station. Entertainment for the entire family at different times during the day. Adults \$20 Children 4-16 years \$20, 1-3 years \$10. Tel: 9757 0700.

Around the Mountain

25/03/2010 - 7pm - 9pm

Food Presentation Plus Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong

Melways 66 G5

"You eat with your eyes" so Len Kruesniski will go through the finer points of presenting foods to a restaurant quality. \$65 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Around the Mountain

30/03/2010 - 10am - 3.30pm

Free Family Fun Day

National Rhododendron Gardens, Olinda

Melways 66 K6

Enjoy a fun-packed day out for the family with games, activities and giveaways. Ranger Roo will be there as well as Melbourne's famous Possum Lady, free gardening demonstrations, guided walks and creatures from the wild. Free entry.

Dandenong Ranges

13/03/2010 - 14/03/2010 9am - 4pm

Gardening & Rare Plants Expo

357 Monbulk Rd, Silvan

Melways 123 B5

Tesselaar Gardens in Silvan hosts this expo of 50 specialist growers stocking new, rare and unusual plants. With expert talks and demonstrations this is a great day out for the green fingered. Adults \$10. Concession \$8.

Around the Mountain

26/03/2010 - 7pm onwards

Live Jazz at Wild Oak Restaurant

Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong

Melways 66 G5

Enjoy dinner with the smooth sounds of live jazz from our resident Jazz Band. Bookings 9751 2033.

Dandenong Ranges

- Until 14th March 2010

Tiffany Bishop & the Scum Pups

Burrinja Gallery, 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey

Melways 75 B12

Station Rats and Other Scumbags. A tongue-in-cheek title for an exhibition with serious intent. It compassionately considers a community of young people living in and around Upwey - a community that is often criticised for their anti-social behavior.

Dandenong Ranges

18/03/2010 - 11/04/2010

Vivid Visions at Burrinja

Burrinja Gallery, 351 Glenfern Road, Upwey

Melways 75 B12

Six schools from across the Dandenong Ranges will be represented by their best Year 11 art students which will include artwork across a range of mediums. This exhibition creates a space for young artists to share ideas and techniques.

Around the Mountain

27/03/2010 - 10am - 1pm

Lemon Day Cooking Class

Wild Oak Cooking School, Corner Ridge Rd & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong

Melways 66 G5

All things lemon! this hands on class will show us how to make different preserves, and you'll have some goodies to take home at the end as well. \$50 per person. Call 9751 2033 to book.

Dandenong Ranges

3/03/2010 - 6/04/2010 10am - 4.30pm

Inspirations of Mont De Lancey

Mont De Lancey, Wellington Rd, Wandin.

Melways 121 B2

An exhibition and art sale in by the Two09 Group of artisans, inspired by the Homestead, it's surrounds and history. Open Wednesday - Sunday. Group bookings welcome Monday & Tuesday. \$5 entry inc self serve coffee and tea. Contact 5964 2088.

Dandenong Ranges

19/03/2010 - Train departs 7.15pm

Murder on the Puffing Billy Express

Puffing Billy Railway, 1 Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave

Melways 75 G9

Join an intriguing night of murder, mystery and suspense aboard Puffing Billy's evening dinner train special. Come dressed as your favourite Agatha Christie character. Adults \$109 Children \$55 (under 12). Tel: 9757 0700.

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13/03/2010 - 9am - 1pm

The Country Market

Mont De Lancey, Wellington Rd, Wandin

Melways 121 B2

Featuring fresh produce, artisan breads, herbs, wines, and unique craft, and much more! See blacksmiths and woodturners at work. Come along and help grow our Community project. Gold coin entry. Contact 5964 2088.

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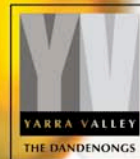
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Yarra Valley

7/03/2010 - 9am - 2pm

Healesville Racecourse Harvest & Craft Market

Healesville Racecourse, Healesville-Kinglake Rd
Melways 269 J12

A wealth of crafts people, artists and food producers from the Yarra Valley come together so you can sample the best of what the area has to offer.

Yarra Valley

16/03/2010 - 17/03/2010

Discover Yarra Valley Cuisine

Stones of the Yarra Valley, 14 St Huberts Rd, Coldstream.
Melways 275 E11

A 2 day hands-on food and wine experience showcasing the diversity of food, farm fresh produce and internationally recognised wines the Yarra Valley has to offer. Cost: \$750. Bookings 9739 0900.

Dandenong Ranges

28/03/2010 - 9am - 3pm

Gembrook Market

Gembrook Railway Station
Melways 312 K10

Promoting sustainable living, many of the 90+ stall holders are artisans and craftspeople who have created unique items from recycled materials. Purchase home grown produce including some wonderful gourmet foods.

Yarra Valley

7/03/2010 - 8am - 1pm

Lilydale Farmers Produce Market

Bellbird Park, Swansea Rd, Lilydale
Melways 38 G8

A farm fresh produce market with over 50 stalls with a variety of fresh foods.

Dandenong Ranges

28/03/2010 - 9am - 2pm

The Basin Craft Market

The Basin Primary, Cnr Mountain Hwy & Liverpool Rd
Melways 65 F6

The Basin Craft Market is a small, varied Market showcasing quality handmade works by local arts and crafts people.

Yarra Valley

7/03/2010 - 9am - 2pm

Yarra Glen Market

Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grv, Yarra Glen
Melways 275 C1

The wealth of crafts people, artists and food producers in the Yarra Valley made the Racecourse an obvious location to hold a monthly Craft Markets Australia. It is a great location to begin sampling the best of what the area has to offer.

Yarra Valley

6/03/2010 - 12.30pm - 4pm

Seville Hill Winemakers Lunch

8 Paynes Rd, Seville
Melways 119 J11

Join Seville Hill Winemakers as they present a selection of back vintages matched with a 3 course lunch provided by Yarra Valley Deli & Wine Bar. Enjoy a journey into Wine Production as the makers discuss their wine styles and aspirations for the 2010 harvest.

Yarra Valley

7/03/2010 - 9am - 2pm

Yarra Valley Food, Wine & Craft Market

The Racecourse, Armstrong Grv, Yarra Glen
Melways 275 C1

Quality products and produce presented in a relaxing friendly environment. Browse the numerous stalls looking for that unique gift or handmade treasure or relax under a tree with a coffee and some delicious Yarra Valley fare.

Yarra Valley

7/03/2010 - 8.30am - 2pm

Healesville Community Market

River Street, Healesville
Melways 270 B12

In the heart of Healesville the Community Market is a range of 130+ stalls of fresh produce, arts, crafts and much more all in a beautiful rural setting.

Yarra Valley

14/03/2010 - 12pm - 5pm

Summer Jazz at Seville Winery

Seville Hill Winery, 8 Paynes Rd, Seville
Melways 119 J11

A perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends under the shade of the 150 year old elm trees or on the terraced lawn while relaxing to the gentle sounds of jazz from the 'Chris Dal Trio'. Entry is Free.

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