

Yarra Valley weekend, AGM, footy and other stuff

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'NO WORRIES MATE' NEWSLETTER



Annual General Meeting.

Please note that the AGM of the Victorian International Teachers' Association will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 5:00pm at the Yorkshire Stingo hotel on the corner of Hoddle and Langridge St. Collingwood, followed by a social dinner at the same venue. You are all invited.

If you wish to nominate for the committee, please contact the ITA President at moore.mary.mk@edumail.vic.gov.au for a nomination form. You are also welcome to nominate others :-)



May 4th and 5th – Yarra Valley Weekend.

This is an alumni event - all welcome.

See the scenic Yarra Valley, visit Healesville Sanctuary, taste some local wines or gins. Experience an Australian campfire and catch up with others who understand our adventures.

This is a special tourist area. Homestay accommodation can be arranged for ITA members. \$25pp [members] and \$30 [non-members] covers food and campfire. Nibbles, Pizza, soft drink and icecream. And excellent company. If you are keen on exploring the gin, wine or ale venues, let us know and we can talk safe transport for you :-)

Badger Weir park has reopened after almost 3 years of storm devastation. If you are interested in lunching there before the campfire, let us know. You might see wildlife and there is a lovely walk to the weir as well.

BYO musical instrument for around the campfire.

Please RSVP by the end of April or before to Mary -

moore.mary.mk@edumail.vic.gov.au



Alice has gained 40 footy tickets for August 10 at the G at 1.35 It is Collingwood vs Melbourne. All ITF alumni are invited. If you are not an ITA member, cost will be \$5.00. ITA members free. We do meet for lunch prior - details closer to the date. :-) Yiiippee. Go Hawks.

Spare Weekend?

The following past ITFers offer their homes and/or advice on their districts. Please respect that we would like teachers who take advantage of these generous offers to be members of the ITA.

South Gippsland:

ITF teachers from previous years offer to billet Fellows and their families while you travel around the South Gippsland area. Check out Wilson's Promontory

for bushwalking, rail trail and cycling. Visit a wildlife park, enjoy beach activities, camping and indulge in a surf lesson.

Contact - Gary & Sue McGrath garyandsuemcg@tpg.com.au

Want to visit the magic of Koonawarra? [the turn off to Wilson's Prom and a GREAT cafe]- Gene Vanderzalm says "If you are heading down to South Gippsland, look us up. We're happy for exchangees both International and Australian to stay with us while they explore this beautiful part of the country.

Gene: vanderzalm.gene.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Geelong:

A satellite city with a country feel. It's the gateway to the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy fish n chips by the sea, taste local wines, visit an Aboriginal co-operative, walk along the waterfront and see the artistic bollards.

Contact susannestrong@hotmail.com

Bendigo:

The Bendigo Chapter is happy to assist with information and accommodation if you decide to visit this beautiful and historic area. Visit Central Victoria, Bendigo with its wonderful architecture – a city founded on gold in the 1850's. A ride on the Talking Tram will help you see the sights. A journey down the Central Deborah Gold Mine is a must. The area is surrounded by many award winning wineries.

Contact – Doug Jamieson dbjamo@yahoo.com.au

Wodonga:

Plenty o fhomestay is available when you choose to explore this area or stop off on the way to Sydney or Canberra. Activities can include a visit to historic Beechworth, Ned Kelly sites and Rutherglen Wineries. See Aboriginal art, canoe along the Murray River and /or cycle along the rai trail across Lake Hume.

Contact – Jan Bedson yackqueen@gmail.com

Phillip Island:

Explore the beaches and wildlife of this popular island. Visit the fairy penguins, koala park and Churchill Island which has early history of white man in Victoria.

Contacts – Kylie Carlson

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Healesville:

If you've missed the Yarra Valley weekend or would like to visit the world-renowned Sanctuary or the many wineries or go for a walk amongst the hills, contact the Yarra Valley chapter contrary33@gmail.com

Appollo Bay:

Close to the beach and lovely shops and of course, the Great Ocean Road, this

is a great place to share the memories of the exchange. Contact -

brian.mckenzie6@gmail.com

INTERSTATE CONTACTS

We often receive requests from current exchangees, especially from those living near state borders, asking how they can contact Exchange Leagues in other states. Exchange Leagues in other states welcome the interest of exchangees and the following states can be contacted through these connections:

NSW: ETL [Exchange Teachers League – Barry and Trish

tba.pecar@bigpond.com

Victoria: <https://www.ita-victoria.com> - moore.mary.mk@edumail.vic.gov.au

Queensland: Helen Leben – Email: hele@optusnet.com.au

South Australia: www.saetl.sa.edu.au or contact: Martin Downing (President)

Phone: (08) 8270 5928.

Our next newsletter will include more of your stories and ideas.

We would like to collect YOUR story about your ITF experience [an invite to our overseas teachers as well] to celebrate the fantastic years of ITF as we have known it. Our next newsletter hopes to have an update on any progress with the DET working party regarding future offshore learning opportunities. Watch this space.

We are planning a big event for the end of year.

**More details to come and we'd love your ideas too.
Stay tuned.**

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