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Marysville Sparkling Wine Festival

As you read this the Festival for 2010 will be over and the planning starting for 2011, we hope to provide a full report and photos in next weeks Triangle..... However, two parts of the Festival took place last week

The Sparkling Wine Competition on Tuesday October 26th. Almost 70 wines from across Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the ACT were judged by eminent representatives of the industry, Chief Judge John Ellis with James Halliday and Ian Mackenzie, who had travelled from Adelaide for the event, the Associate Judge was Cait Looney from Brown Brothers.

The judges were each presented with a photograph by Donovan Wilson as a memento of their day. The wines were tasted in a specially set up tasting room at the Golf and Bowls Club. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were awarded to many wines and the Wine of the Show was declared to be *Clover Hill Blanc de Blancs 2006* from Tasmania.

The award was kept secret until the announcement at the Cup Eve Dinner on Monday 1st November. The trophy was created from glass sculptures by Tali Dalton from Healesville Glassblowers and was set on a piece of Marysville blackwood timber specially prepared by Marysville resident Chris Ffinch at Maton guitars.

The success of the show and the interest shown has firmly placed the *Marysville Sparkling Wine Competition* on the calendar of wine events. The organisers would like to thank the Lions Club for the loan of the refrigerator an essential piece of equipment!

The Business Breakfast was held at the Holmesglen Rural Learning Centre on a beautiful sunny morning on Wednesday 27th. John Ellis was the speaker and spoke about the synergy of the wine industry and tourism and the importance of both to the local economy. Christine Adams, President of Mystic Mountains Tourism, thanked John on behalf of the Festival Committee and those present at the breakfast. She presented him with a large Donovan Wilson photograph of Keppels Falls in recognition of his time and the help given to make the Show and the Breakfast a success.

Spring Ding Dance Festival a great success.

On 23 October Buxton Memorial Hall was centre stage for the Big Spring Ding Dance Festival. Organised by RSVP: to life, this great event was co-ordinated by Pastor Ian Whitehill. The motto for the event was 'planned for your pleasure'.

Ian approached Buxton Memorial Hall Committee of Management after hearing about the fantastic dance floor in the hall and the decision to have an exhibition of dances was made. The day started at 1pm and concluded at 11pm with a family bush dance.

There were many dance demonstrations through out the day, including Hip hop, African dance, Scottish country, rock n roll and groovy jazz, with a family bush dance from 8pm.

Bush dancers were entertained by Couch Grass from Benalla, which included our own back yard talent of locals Di Gaylard and Frank Murphy. Young, old, experienced and non experienced were there for the Pride of Erin, the Brown Jug Polka, Gypsy Tap, Virginia Reel and more. The day and night was a free event and the enjoyment of participants throughout the day was obvious, with many comments being made; 'even better than we thought', 'fab day' and a request for 'more please.' Ian would like to thank Tony Field who is a superb teacher of Merengue, Claire and Chris James for being wonderful versatile performers and teachers and Di Gaylard and David Alleway, Les Robertson and Tom and Frank for their great range of sound and everyone who helped set up on the day. Some starting at 11am and still there until the end. Ian deemed the whole occasion a wonderful success.

"Hopefully this will be the first in a series, but next time we will include more activities for the children and maybe a barbecue," he said. He was very pleased with the day and looks forward to, as does Buxton Memorial Hall Committee, a repeat of another event next year, if not sooner.

