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Buxton & Acheron gardens feature in local Open Gardens weekend

This year Alexandra & District's Open Gardens weekend celebrates 21 years of offering superb town and country garden viewing. The open garden weekend has steadily developed into a longstanding and successful weekend in the north east of Victoria just 90 minutes from Melbourne.

With substantial rainfall recorded throughout the region recently, the district's gardens are not only recovering from prolonged dry years and bushfire devastation, they are flourishing. Showcasing the stunning landscapes and featuring the spectacular spring burst of growth; this is a favourite and popular event for garden enthusiasts from interstate and throughout Victoria.

Already a broad range of enthusiasts' gardens as well as some professionally designed, are included in the carefully selected list offered to the public.

This year the Alexandra & District Open Gardens is pleased to include for the first time, Geoff Olive's garden in Buxton and Julie Foletta's 'Acheron Park'. Both will be open to visitors on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd October 2011. Of great interest to all gardeners will be the property of Jill & Geoff Olive at Buxton. This garden, originally undeveloped farmland, was gradually formed over twelve years by clearing blackberries, building infrastructure and planting mostly tube stock or seeds collected on the property. The garden was taking shape when sadly many shrubs and trees were destroyed by the Black Saturday bushfires. With Geoff's experience and knowledge and much hard work by both Geoff and Jill, this garden has regenerated beautifully in just two years. Set amidst the borrowed landscape of rolling hills, forest and the Cathedral Ranges this is an impressive property.

The hilltop garden comprises landscaped beds surrounding the home and sweeps down to an expansive and tranquil dam beyond which, is their vegetable garden and fruit trees. Geoff, formerly a lecturer at Burnley Horticultural College for many years, has a wide range of areas of expertise including park management, residential garden design, plant production and floristry exhibitions. He has recently retired from his position at Parliament House Melbourne, where he was Team Leader of the Grounds & Garden Services. Now living at Buxton, Geoff's understanding of issues for gardeners in the north east will be of great interest and value as he and Jill have worked on their property in the Buxton area for many years. This garden will impress visitors with its abundant regeneration since the fires.

Acheron Park is also open to visitors for the first time. Heritage trees feature strongly in this garden, many planted in the thirties and forties. The magnificent trunks of cedars, cypress, maples and crataegas are impressive. Massive Monterey cypress line the driveway leading to the house garden where towering rhododendrons, dogwood, horse chestnut and wisteria provide a beautiful spring flowering display. Having survived years of drought with minimal water, then spared damage by the 2009 fires, plentiful rain in recent seasons has restored new growth to the garden. Whilst the garden bursts into colour and fragrance with many early spring flowering bulbs, special features include the enduring Atlas cedar, a fifty year old Chinese dogwood, a huge Monterey cypress and a towering multi-trunked white pearl rhododendron. Flowering

perennials, including forget me not, purple granny's bonnets, hellebores, lychnis and iris, took up residence about 50 years ago and return year after year. The perfume of lily of the valley, jasmine, viburnum and wisteria fill the air. Beds of rich leaf litter provide an environment for seed germination of resident plants. With some maturing specimens, owner Julie Foletta, has experienced issues of overcrowding and broken limbs as trees reach their optimal height and more! Visitors will appreciate the hard work required to maintain a lovely garden of this age.

Make sure you book early for the "Celebration of Spring" dinner to be held on Saturday 22nd October at Stonelea Country Estate. Everyone is welcome to attend. Keen gardeners will be delighted to hear special guest Andrew Laidlaw share his expertise at the dinner. Andrew is currently the Landscape Architect at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Andrew has designed 4 gardens for the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (three of which won Gold Medals and the third highly commended). Most garden enthusiasts know Andrew as a regular gardening commentator on ABC Radio 774. Bookings for the dinner are essential via Ann Barkla Phone: 5772 1991. Details of all gardens open to the public and information about the dinner, are available on the website: www.alexandraopengardens.com.au

MOPS

Due to an abundance of donations, we request that NO CLOTHES be donated until further notice.

The shop is going well, and we thank everyone for their support.



Butters Cafe of Buxton

'just good tucker'

Dear Customers,

It's happened.... We have finally broken the Cook! For this reason Butters Café will close on the 31st October, indefinitely and possibly permanently.

We have thought very long and hard about closing and considered many different alternatives. Some of those options may still be ones we pursue, but for the time being, Barbara's health is our number one priority.

We want to thank all of our customers for their generous support and many kindnesses over the last five years. It has been a pleasure to look after you all.

Many thanks to all those who have worked with us, and have always done their best to bring you good service and tasty food.

We won't be leaving town-you don't leave a great place like Buxton- so you'll see us around. And Gaby is now available to help with all your horticultural requirements (there are still bills to be paid!)

Thanks and see you soon



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Young artist draws community to inspirational exhibition

An exhibition that captured the raw emotion of the 2009 bushfires through the eyes of 18 year old artist Maris Yovanovic has reached out and moved the Kinglake Ranges community.

The young artist, who once called Kinglake home, was given the opportunity to host her own art exhibition 'Pathways to Recovery' thanks to the assistance of a \$2,000 grant from the Youth Bushfire Response Gift, administered by Murrindindi Shire Council.

The focus of Maris' pieces was the grieving process experienced by people following the February 2009 bushfires. Maris also gained inspiration from the works of author Elisabeth Kübler-Ross whose research into how people cope and deal with grief and tragedy has been extensively studied around the world, and is now known as the Kübler-Ross Model.

"It was gratifying to know that from listening to the stories of others about their emotional experiences following deep loss I was able to create an art installation that reached out to and moved people," Maris said.

Council's Community and Customer Services spokesperson Cr Cris Ruhr said the exhibition brought the community together.

"Maris should be very proud of her achievements. There were so many local residents, family, school peers, and surrounding community members who came to view the two day exhibit at the Kinglake West Mechanics Hall on 8 and 9 October," Cr Ruhr said.

"Maris' outstanding artwork which included plaster moulds, acrylic paintings and charcoal drawings managed to capture the raw emotion that came from the devastating bushfire event as seen through the eyes of a young person. It not only provided a memorable experience for those that came to the exhibition but also highlighted her talents and passion as a budding artist."



LOOK OUT

"That Wonky Donkey's About"

Book Signing by Katz Cowley
At Marysville Post Office & Gift Shop

Sat. October 29th - 1.30 - 2.30

Sun. October 30th - 1.30 - 2.30

Tues. November 1st - 1.30 - 2.30

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Marysville & District Historical Society Inc.

"Sneak Preview"

Although not fully finished, our displays are looking great.

We will be open for History Week - last week of October, and for the "Sparkling Wine Festival" - Cup Weekend. There are even books about the history of wine in the Yarra Valley for the true aficionados of wine.

Displays include Early History, Pioneers, Early Kitchenalia, Fire Story, Timber Story, Tourism Story, Schools, Sport, Photography (past & present), R.S.L., a beautiful Art Gallery and a few special surprises!

Hours for opening for the Preview Week :

Weekend - 10am - 4pm

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Taggerty - Sun 13 Nov

10-11.30am, Taggerty CFA

Marysville - Tues 15 Nov,

7-8.30pm, Emergency Services

Eildon - Sat 10 Dec

12-1.30pm, Eildon CFA