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GET SOCIAL THIS SENIORS FESTIVAL

There has never a better time to be a senior than in October, with the 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival promising to be even bigger and better than ever.

There's plenty on offer here in the Strathbogie Shire, with the festival kicking off with a free screening of *Andre Rieu: Amore Tribute to Love* at the Euroa Community Cinema on Wednesday, 3 October at 10am.

Whilst the event is free, Strathbogie Shire Council urges those who wish to attend to reserve their tickets as there is limited seating and a free luncheon to follow.

If you're looking to get out and about on the water, Nagambie Senior Citizens are hosting the Nagambie Fishing Bowl competition on Tuesday 16 October from 10am- 2pm.

This is also a free event with excellent prizes on offer, as well as a barbecue lunch.

Nagambie Senior Citizens President Lindsay Moore said the group encourages all seniors to gather at the Black Caviar Statue for a great day out.

"Nagambie is a great town; we've got a lovely lake and we wanted to promote our town," Mr Moore explained.

"It is going to be a really social event, with old time rock and roll music."

Euroa Third Age Club will finish the month off on a high with a free concert happening on Wednesday 31 October at the Third Age Club Hall from 1.30pm.

The concert will include live performances from Jimmy Davidson and Gayle Fitzgerald, as well as a raffle with some great prizes.

Please get in contact with the Euroa Third Age Club to reserve a seat, due to limited seating for the concert.

Those attending are also encouraged to bring along a plate to share.

Other local seniors groups are also hosting a number of luncheons and activities throughout Seniors Festival.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said it is great to be able to support local seniors with some fantastic events and activities on offer.

"Over 30 per cent of Strathbogie Shire's population is made up of people aged 60 or over and we are the second most desirable retirement destination in Victoria, so it is great to be able to celebrate our seniors during the 2018 Seniors Festival," Cr McClaren explained.

“We have fantastic community groups and very active seniors who have regular luncheons, bingo, dances, bus trips and holidays throughout the year, and we really encourage any seniors living in the Strathbogie Shire to contact your closest Senior Citizen Group to get involved.”

“This year is all about getting social and getting out and about in the community,” Cr McClaren said.

Seniors can also get out and explore Melbourne and regional Victoria with free public transport from Sunday 7 October to Sunday 14 October.

Don't forget to carry your Seniors Myki and Victorian Seniors Card with you on public transport. You can touch on and touch off as usual and you won't be charged during the eight days.

For more information about Victorian Seniors Festival and other events happening throughout Victoria, please visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

The following Senior Citizen Groups are currently operating in the Strathbogie Shire:

Avenel Senior Citizens

The group meets each month for either a luncheon or a day trip and hold bingo at the Avenel Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

Next luncheon: Thursday 11 October 12pm midday at Avenel Memorial Hall. Please contact Avenel Senior Citizens if you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

Contact Secretary Pam Pedder: (03) 5796 2315

Nagambie Senior Citizens

The group arranges a number of regular activities including line dancing, cards and bingo, as well as a number of trips throughout the year.

Nagambie Fishing Bowl- Tuesday 16 October 10am- 2pm- free event

Contact Secretary Bev Benson: 0467 000 875

Longwood Seniors Citizens

The group meets on the first Monday of every month for a luncheon and arranges several trips throughout the year.

Next luncheon: Monday 1 October 12.30pm at Longwood Community Centre. Please contact Longwood Senior Citizens if you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

Contact Secretary Peter Broughan: (03) 5795 2684

Euroa Third Age Club

The group meets for monthly luncheons and arranges a number trips and activities throughout the year.

Seniors Concert- 31 October from 1.30pm- free event

Reservations required due to limited seating.

Bus trip to Tungamah and Devenish Silos- Wednesday 14 November \$45 (includes two course meal)

Contact Secretary Carmel Simmons to find out more about Euroa Third Age Club or to attend concert or bus trip: 0419 349 702 or carmmas2@bigpond.com

Violet Town Senior Citizens

The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at the Violet Town Café for a meal and a meeting.

Next dinner: Tuesday, 9 October 6.30pm

Contact Secretary Hilda Biach: (03) 5798 1292

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