

## DON'T FEAR THE FACTORY

It seems that some people in Milang and the surrounding areas do not support the restoration of the old Butter Factory. Some feel that the establishment of a Visitor Centre with a range of attractions may affect local businesses.

But this is certainly not the case. In fact, a successful Centre will almost certainly increase the turnover of the local Deli, Cafe and Hotel. Even if the new Centre were to set up a Cafe, that would never be found selling pies, pasties or sausage rolls. To attract visitors and customers, such a Cafe would have to provide a range of specialist items – perhaps a regional platter with homemade bread, a special type of butter and local cheeses and homemade jams.

The restored Butter Factory will hold a series of displays of historic items, photographs and documents of interest. But it will also offer another site for local artists and craft people or groups to display and sell their products. If we choose some other displays that represent aspects of the local area, the Butter Factory may well become a major drawcard for tourists.

In the next two months, all Milang residents will have the opportunity to help decide on the final displays at a

**Vision Milang Meeting  
on Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm  
at the Institute**

## FUTURE BENEFITS TO MILANG

During the School Holiday periods, we are all aware of the influx of visitors to Milang. The Caravan Park at times seems to be over-full.

The restored Butter Factory will provide an even bigger attraction for visitors and holiday makers.

Let's not forget the large number of older people, the "grey nomads", who now tour all year round. The Caravan Park is already listed by the Caravan and Motor-home Club of Australia (CMCA).

Having a well planned and restored tourist site like the Butter Factory may well attract more visitors throughout the year. And if we design and develop a range of interesting displays, some of these visitors may come and stay – and spend some more money – in Milang and surrounds.

## NEED A FEW DAYS HOLIDAY?

Chris Parsons, new owner at the Milang Lakes Motel, kindly donated **an accommodation voucher for three nights stay** as a raffle prize.

**Raffle Tickets at \$1.00 are available at MOSHCC. Thanks, Chris**

## Past Events

### BINGO NIGHT – NOW EVERY FORTNIGHT!

The first night for BINGO in the Supper Room at the Institute attracted about 20 enthusiastic people. And it was very successful from all points of view. The first evening, including a raffle, raised about \$175 for the Butter Factory.

Several of the people playing (probably the winners) asked if we could run a BINGO NIGHT every fortnight. So the next BINGO NIGHT was on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**So from now on, BINGO will be on at the Institute every second Wednesday beginning on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Hope to see you there!**

### RAFFLES

As well as the Raffle held at the Bingo group, several others have been held during the past few months.

The "Lucky Square" game has been used at several functions and activities since it began in December. So far, this simple little piece of fun has raised a total of \$276.

A raffle at a "Friday Feast" in March raised over \$100.

### EASTER SATURDAY

Alice, Carole and Mike opened the Butter Factory building for visitors' to inspect. They discussed, among other things, the value of Garage Sales compared with Internet Sales.

**The visitors donated over \$170 and overall the Open Day raised \$227.55 Thanks to everyone involved.**

### WORKING BEES

The regular monthly Working Bees have completed lots of important jobs during the past couple of months. These include a clean up of Factory back shed and bottles sorted and factory prepared for the sale. In the Cottage, carpet was placed in the front room, gear moved from lounge, blinds fitted to store room in front office and the mantle in the lounge removed for renovation.

Maintenance tasks for working bees are listed on the Cottage whiteboard.

***If you have any questions or ideas please don't hesitate to contact MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY COMMITTEE***

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