OUR MERIMBULA NEWSLETTER Issue 2



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### Merimbula Chamber News

### **Anzac Day**



Pambula War Memorial

Another great show of support at both the Merimbula and Pambula war memorials. Services and Parades were held throughout the Shire as we paused to remember those that have served our country over the years. Lest we forget.

### Get to know your Chamber

Some of the chamber committee have begun visiting all retailers in Tura Beach, Merimbula and Pambula to introduce themselves to you and explain the benefits of the Chamber, the NSW Business Chamber and the Why Leave Town gift card update. If you haven't had a visit yet, then expect one in the coming weeks.

If you wish to arrange a specific time to suit you, then please feel free to contact Serge on 0447 812 340 or James on 0408 567 841.



### Retailers Group Update JAZZ Weekend: 10 - 13 June 2016.

For 2016 we encourage all retail shops to JAZZ up their windows for the Jazz Weekend. The Jazz Weekend brings a lot of

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people to town. Even if you think Jazzer's don't shop in your individual businesses they will share their love of Merimbula if we provide them with a welcoming atmosphere. Think of the future potential.

Ideas for window displays can be as simple as dressing mannequins in this year's Jazz poster colours, putting the Jazz poster in your window (to be provided), a few balloons or dust off the old displays from years gone by. The best dressed window will receive a Why Leave Gift Town voucher to the value of \$100.

### FAIRY LIGHTS - WINTER WONDERLAND

The retail committee has also come up with great ideas of displaying fairy lights in shop windows for the winter months of June, July & August. As the nights get longer we thought this would be a lovely and effective way to put some sparkle around the centre of town. Have you seen how lovely the lights look at Dulci's? Imagine the impact it would have if all the shops had them in their windows.

#### **NSW BUSINESS CHAMBER**

As a Chamber Member, you have **FREE** access to support for your business! Discounts on business services! And a bigger voice to government!

CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION http://www.nswbusinesschamber.com.au

## Dates to remember

Social Drinks at Lake View Hotel

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Social Drinks and Open Meeting Dates are as follows. For a full calendar of events please visit our **EVENTS CALENDAR** on the website.

- Social Drinks Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April at Ritzy Wine & Tapas Bar
- RETAILERS MEETING
   Tuesday 5th April, 5:30pm at Club
   Sapphire
- Open Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Social Drinks Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Social Drinks Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Social Drinks Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July
- Social Drinks Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Aug
- AGM Meeting Aug TBA

### Bega Valley Shire Business Forum

All Chamber members are welcome to attend and raise any issues they have, at our next Combined Chamber Forum. We have Donna Payne, Enterprise & Community Engagement Coordinator, T.A.F.E South Coast attending along with Paul Goodwin Manager T.A.F.E. Illawarra to discuss issues relevant to training of apprentices and course availability in this region. Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm Bega Council, Zingle Pl, Bega

**SALES** Go up and down

**SERVICE** Stays forever

### Business of the Month

- a) Hardsware Pty. Ltd trading as Merimbula Hardware under the Thrifty Link Franchise.
- b) Joan and Max Hards took over Merimbula Hardware in 2006 so in this business 10 years, before that Joan was a teacher and they had a farm in Western District Victoria that Max
- c) Our little store has a fairly big range of

items, if we don't have it in we will try our hardest to get it in. We have Housewares, Tools, Electrical, Paint, Outdoor, Garden, Building, Plumbing, Automotive, Hardware, key cutting and gift certificates..

- d) We try our very hardest to make sure we help in any way we can, from advice, home delivery, carrying products to your car, ordering in products for you if we don't have them in store and open 7 days a week. Often people come in saying they have a silly question, there is no such thing we will always try to answer and trust us we have heard it all. "Nothings to Hard" if you have the right help.
- e) Situated across from the lake at the bottom end of Market street Merimbula, with possibly the best view of any hardware store (we love it anyway!).

  11 Market Street Merimbula

#### New Retailers In Town

Welcome to the new retailers:

- Grapevine Pizza on Market St
- FCK on Merimbula Drive



# Blitz on misuse of disability parking spots

### Wednesday 13 April 2016

Bega Valley Shire Council rangers will be paying special attention to disability parking spots in response to complaints about cars occupying the sites not displaying permits.

The rangers always keep an eye open for parking infringements but later this month and throughout May they will carry out a blitz on parking bays allocated for people with disabilities.

Senior Ranger Chris Pearson said misuse of disability parking spots is an ongoing problem throughout the Shire.

"The people in our community who have disabilities have a lot to deal with every day without having able-bodied drivers occupying spaces reserved for their use," he said.

"Council's Access Committee is aware of the situation and we are working with them to remind the public that it is not an acceptable practice to use these spaces unless you have a permit and you have it displayed in the correct location in your vehicle.

"We will continue to undertake patrols for parking contrary to the law but, toward the end of April and throughout May, we will be making a particular effort to target unauthorised parking, particularly for those spaces allocated to people with disabilities," Mr Pearson said.

When you feel like quitting think about why you started.

### **OUR MERIMBULA COMMITTEE**

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