

A Full House for Millie



☆ She must have been the youngest gardener there...! Layne, from Kyabram, pictured with Millie Ross (and pooch) at last Saturday's event.

Photo courtesy Carmel Naismith

MALDON Garden Club members were thrilled with the turnout when Millie Ross came to Maldon last Saturday to spend the day sharing her expertise with a keen group of gardeners.

Over 100 people - from Melbourne and regional

Victoria as well as locals - packed the Maldon Community Centre last Saturday to hear her speak.

Maldon Garden Club President Carmel Naismith said that she was grateful to the many Garden Club members for their hard work

in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself. "The feedback that we've had has been amazing," she said. "And many thanks to Berryman's for their wonderful catering. It was a great day."

Hospital Concert



☆ They call themselves the 'human carenoids'!...Maldon Primary School students, pictured at last week's concert at the Maldon Hospital, with pianist Peter Sullivan in the background, resident Ron Tudor and singer Andrea Lees.

THERE was plenty of foot-tapping entertainment at Maldon Hospital last week, as residents gathered to enjoy a concert that was organised for them by a group of Maldon Primary School students.

The students, who recently completed the Kids as Catalyst

philanthropic program, also enjoyed the concert. Performers were pianist Peter Sullivan and singer Andrea Lees. They have performed at the Hospital before, and are friends of resident Ron Tudor.

The students' project was aimed at equal access: in other words, bringing entertainment

to a group of people who are not easily capable of making the journey to a concert venue. Along the way, the children worked hard, had a lot of fun and gained a great sense of achievement from their philanthropic work.

Well done!

Vietnam Veterans Day



☆ Vietnam veterans, RSL members and supporters gathered at the Maldon cenotaph last Friday morning to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day. The rain held off for the service, which was conducted by the RSL's John Purcell. Vietnam vets Bill McCallum (left) and David Cook are pictured laying a wreath at the cenotaph.

Photos courtesy of Robbie Bush.



☆ Waiting for the service to begin at Vietnam Veterans Day last Friday.

Forest Fire Management

RESIDENTS are invited to open house sessions and listening posts with Forest Fire Management officers in the coming weeks where they will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out information about planned burning, forest management, and a range of other issues.

The sessions are an opportunity for the community to ask

questions and also for Forest Fire Management officers to tap into local knowledge and to provide people with information on issues that include fire operations plans, project firefighter recruitment, planned burning, fuel and forest management, firewood, pest plants and animals and traditional burning.

There will be an open house session at Castlemaine on Tuesday 29 August, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Ray Bradfield Rooms.

Forest Fire Management Victoria welcomes comments about the Fire Operation Plan all year round. Call 136 186 or email loddonmallee.plannedburning@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Car Park Upgrade - Work Begins

BENDIGO West Member Maree Edwards has announced that construction has begun on the major expansion of the Castlemaine Railway Station car park, which will add 150 commuter spaces.

The upgrade will also install

new lighting, line markings, CCTV and signage to make the car park safer and easier to use.

The car park upgrade is expected to be complete by October. For more information, visit victrack.com.au/carparkupgrades.

Ms Edwards was also pleased to announce that 18 extra weekend and weekday train services will be running on the Bendigo Line from 27 August. "We're giving local passengers more parking and more choice about their travel," Ms Edwards said.