

Destination
Albury Wodonga

Media year planner - 2008

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Top line stories for 2008

Virgin Blue flies in to Albury Airport.

Date: February 5, 2008

Virgin Blue Airlines has announced it will launch flights between Albury and Sydney. This will be a great draw card to the corporate and leisure travelers into the Albury-Wodonga region. This will also compliment the two rival airlines that currently operate from Albury Airport.

Virgin Blue's validation team and commercial team members conducted numerous visits to Albury over recent months to ascertain the viability for Virgin Blue to begin services to the region. Albury was included on a short list of more than 20 regional airports around Australia under consideration and means that low fares and affordability for more regional communities across the country, including Albury will be fantastic for the region.

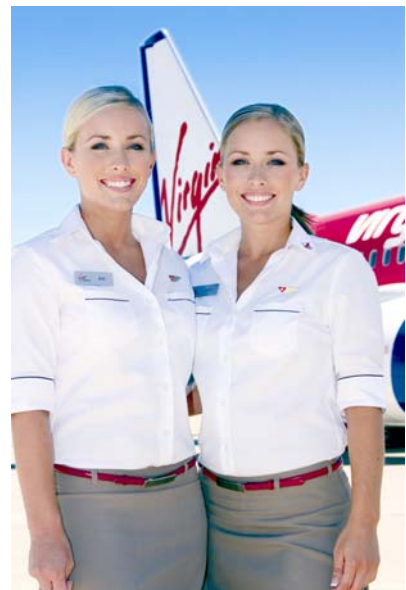
Virgin Blue Chief Executive, Brett Godfrey, said, "Albury was a clear front runner from the moment our team touched down there due to the enthusiastic response, its demographics and existing airport facilities. The EMBRAER E-Jet is ideally suited to markets of this size and we are very much looking forward to bringing Virgin Blue flights to the people of Albury for the first time."

Virgin Blue worked in close consultation with the Council who were an enthusiastic campaigner and supporter for additional air services.

Virgin Blue will be offering an immediate double daily service for the convenience of both Albury and Sydney Guests.

Brett Godfrey added, "The E-Jet will usher in a new era of air services for Albury, we are keen to banish the days where regional centres are only serviced by turbo prop aircraft and we are adamant that in centres like Albury, travellers are just as deserving of high quality, efficient and affordable flights as capital city commuters, whether they are travelling for business or pleasure."

The flying time between Albury and Sydney will be approximately 40 minutes and Guests will have the option of either an aisle or window seat in the executive style 2x2 leather seating configuration.



Brett Godfrey finished, "This is the beginning of a new and exciting phase and Albury is the first of many new ports that will benefit from the increased competition as Virgin Blue continues to expand its route network."

Virgin Blue will offer connections from Albury via Sydney to Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Melbourne and Perth.

Quest Apartments come to Albury.

Date: finish October/November 2008

To celebrate the quest to secure stylish and comfortable accommodation reaching the banks of the Murray River, the region is looking forward to welcoming Quest Serviced Apartments. Quest

Serviced Apartments has over 100 properties in its portfolio and is hoping to open Quest Albury in mid-2008.

Quest Chairman, Paul Constantinou said the location of Quest in Albury was consistent with the group's 19-year business philosophy of creating Quest properties where business demands dictated. "Quest's platform is based on extended-stay business travellers seeking accommodation close to where they are doing business, whether it is in the country, the CBD or the suburbs," Mr Constantinou says.

"The new property, a \$17 million five-storey development, located in the major urban centre of the Albury-Wodonga region that services a regional population of around 100,000 people will be completed within 12 months. "Quest Albury will offer corporate travellers a stylish and centrally located property that takes advantage of Albury's location on Australia's busiest inland transport corridor and its status as a strategic hub for commerce, retail, transport, health and education."



With a conference room on-site, Quest Albury will also cater to businesses requiring conference or meeting room facilities. It will offer 59 studio, one, two- or three-bedroom fully equipped serviced apartments that can access the three on-site retail tenancies and gymnasium.

Quest's focus on regional development is testament to the company's ethos of providing accommodation in those areas where there is a shortage or a lack of modern properties to service the unique needs of the business traveller. "Our commitment to the corporate traveller is to be everywhere he or she needs to be with contemporary amenities to enable them to conduct business away from the office," says Mr Constantinou.

The Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival just got bigger.

Date: April 10 - 11, 2008

The Albury Racing Club is proud to announce it has a new major sponsor for the Albury Gold Cup Carnival; The Commercial Club, Albury. This is greatly important to not only the prominence of the event on the regional racing calendar but its future as the major event in regional racing Australia wide. Albury Racing Club chief executive officer John Miller said the prize money



boost would help the club attract top metropolitan stables as well as another record crowd. "We're going to take the cup race to \$125,000 in prize money, which basically sits as one of the richest cup races in country NSW and really puts a foot forward again in trying to attract quality horses to the meeting," Mr Miller said.

Mr Miller said taking the main race prize

from \$50,000 in 2004 to \$125,000 next year meant the Albury Gold Cup was now only second in NSW, behind the Grafton event at \$160,000, and ahead of Wagga, Scone and Port Macquarie. He also stated that the club was aiming to lift patronage of the Gold Cup to 20,000 people in 2008.

“Quite seriously, the Albury Gold Cup is now regional Australia’s greatest race day,” the general manager of Destination Albury Wodonga, Mark Byatt General Manager of Destination Albury Wodonga, said.

“It would have to be one of the classiest racing events held outside a capital city and I would even be prepared to go as far as to say it is fast placing itself as the regional equivalent of the Melbourne Cup in terms of fashion, society and quality racing.”

For further information phone John Miller at Albury Racing Club on (02) 6025 1333 or go to www.alburyracing.com.au

Chryslers on the Murray switches sides.

Date: March 14 to 16, 2008

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For further information contact Albury Wodonga Chrysler Club, John Carroll on (02) 60594876 or go to www.chryslersonthemurray.org.

What’s new ...

Bonegilla Migrant Experience has recently attained National Heritage Significance

Block 19 at the Bonegilla Migrant Centre near Wodonga has been placed on the National Heritage list as the centre celebrates its 61st anniversary.

Bonegilla, on the Murray River, was open between 1947 and 1971, with more than 300,000 people passing through its doors. It was the longest operating migrant centre in Australia. Bonegilla joins the MCG, the Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef, among others, on the list last year.



Henk Bierman, vice chairman of the Bonegilla Steering Committee, said people involved with the centre had tried to have it listed for years.

“Basically, there are a million and a half Australians walking around who went through the centre or are a descendant of someone who did. That’s pretty amazing” Mr Bierman said.

Between 1947 and 1957, the migrant centre processed more than half of the 170,000 mainly displaced persons who came from war torn Europe after World War II in what was one of the biggest post war refugee efforts. They arrived from all parts of Europe – including Holland, Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia, Germany, Russia and Czechoslovakia – in an effort organised by the International Refugee Organisation and the Federal Government. The centre played a pivotal role for migrants beginning anew life, by helping them integrate to their new country.

Built in 1941 as an army camp, only Block 19 remains of the 24 blocks erected. It comprises a visitor centre and host exhibitions and tours.

The heritage list includes places and buildings that are considered to have provided natural or cultural significance.

It is decided by experts from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

For a full rundown on events planned during 2008 contact Chris Pidd, email cpidd@murrayarts.org.au or go to the Bonegilla website at www.bonegillamigrantexperience.org.au

Moving on up with Wodonga's CBD development

The imminent relocation of the existing rail line out of the Wodonga central business area will free up approximately 19ha of prime development land in the heart of Wodonga.

The \$135 million project provides Wodonga with a unique opportunity to reinforce its role as a 21st century provincial centre.

In June, 2007, the council announced the development of a \$25 million cinema and entertainment complex. The cinema complex will include an eight-screen cinema, luxury apartments, 18-lane bowling alley, restaurants, cafes and retail outlets. The development is expected to commence in 2008 and will take 18 months to complete.

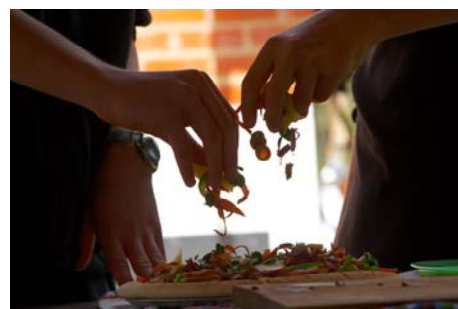
Community Wood Fired Oven

The Albury Community Wood Fired Oven is a place to come together to cook, to share, to learn and to eat. Centrally located in Hovell Tree Park, near Albury Swim Centre the oven is fired for public baking twice a month and is also available to book for functions and events.

The oven is fired the night before a bake. An oven-coordinator clears out the ash and prepares the oven ready to take bread, pizza and other goodies. The oven stays at a good baking temperature for over 24 hours with the temperature slowly declining during the day. It is most suited for baking bread early in the bake, then pizza, cakes and biscuits.

Bring your own dough, with ingredients for a pizza or even some meat and veggies to roast. For more information

<http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/arts/public/20061030383295.htm>



The 'Pure Gold' Experience

Wouldn't it be nice to have a 'Pure Gold' experience? Here is some food for thought. Think about arriving via a 1974 Rolls Royce limousine airport transfer from Albury on your way to the 4½ star

Bank on Main boutique B&B in Rutherglen and enjoy a specially prepared cheese platter & local wine. After good nights sleep; off again in the 'Rolls' after breakfast to venture towards Yackandandah, where the Karr's Reef goldmine experience begins. Greg Porter will share with you a most unique experience, including lunch by candlelight and an insight into a remarkable, lovingly restored gold mine that was operational in the 1860s...



Upon return to Rutherglen, Anton, winemaker at Valhalla Wines will offer a personalized wine tasting and tour of his boutique operation with dinner at Beaumont's Café where a specially prepared three-course meal and boutique wine list waits. Then on the second day visit Scion Vineyard & Winery, Rutherglen's smallest boutique vineyard. Then savour the last element of the Pure Gold experience with John & Laurel at Wicked Virgin Olive Oil & Calico Town Wines.

All this in a bubbling hub of high class accommodation and attractions for that someone special or an executive retreat. So call and enquire about the 'Pure Gold' experience through Doug and Jenny at Bank on Main B&B on 02 6032 7000 or 0417 015 449.

Not just another Country Music Muster at the Kinross Woolshed

The Kinross Country Muster will be staged for the third time on February 14-16, 2008, at the Kinross Woolshed on the outskirts of Albury. The centrepiece will be a concert featuring many top named country music stars but there will also be plenty of family activities over the three days. Scheduled so far are shearing displays, a ute show, sheep dog trials, cutting display, talent quests, a trade show and a Sunday market.

The Kinross Woolshed is the real deal – a 100-year-old shearing shed that was moved in from a property at Holbrook and turned into a working pub. The building still has most of its original features including shearing plant, wool press, round timber supports and interior walls. The Kinross Woolshed is located at 47 Old Sydney Rd, Thurgoona, and can be contacted on (02) 6043 1155 or www.kinrosswoolshed.com.au/

New accommodation at Ettamogah Pub



The iconic and original Ettamogah Pub at Albury will have 17 cabins available for hire from the start of 2008. The accommodation will be a mix of one and two bedroom timber units sleeping four to six people – ideal for families. This is the original Ettamogah Pub, made famous through the Ken Maynard cartoon series that featured in the Australasian Post for more than 40 years. Ken Maynard, a former policeman, grew up at Albury but sold the rights to the cartoon series before he died. The location of this pub at Albury seemed the fitting place for the new owner to build a memorial to him. The site also features

the Ken Maynard Museum and artwork collection. Plenty of fun with lots to see and do for all ages. Meeting "Struth" the cockatoo is always a highlight. Located on the Hume Highway, north of Albury at Table Top. For information contact manager Mark Newbery on (02) 6026 2366.

Largest collection of Australian Army uniforms in one location

The fascinating Army Museum at Bandiana will have probably the largest collection of Army uniforms in Australia on display in one spot and this collection grows and changes every few months.

A purpose-built cabinet will house 60 mannequins wearing uniforms from all conflicts Australians have been involved in, including field, mess and ceremonial dress for both male and female service personnel. Not even the War Memorial in Canberra can better this. A must for anyone interested in military history. The museum is located on the outskirts of Wodonga at Bandiana on the Murray Valley Highway, phone (02) 6055 2525 or go to www.defence.gov.au/army/AWMA_MUS/default.htm

New Visitor Information Centre at Albury Wodonga

There will be a new volunteer manned Visitor Information Centre at the Albury Railway Station from the start of 2008. With the new freeway going right past the door and is an ideal location for travellers to call in. The new centre complements services offered by Destination Albury Wodonga's headquarters on Gateway Island, Wodonga, and satellite bureaus located throughout the twin cities. For more information phone (02) 6051 3750 or go to www.destinationalburywodonga.com.au

Constellation proves good things come in threes

The Chifley, Country Comfort and Sundowner hotels in Albury are distinctly different yet work synergistically to complement each other, sharing a common principle of providing guests with comfortable and reliable accommodation that represents good value for money. After the completion of a \$2.3million refurbishment, the former Country Comfort Albury was relaunched to join the elite Chifley portfolio. The property offers a high-rise city feel that is popular with business travellers, while maintaining a friendly atmosphere. The newly refurbished property now boasts an executive floor with all the convenient inclusions, such as broadband Internet and LCD televisions, for the business traveller.

The 4½ star Country Comfort Hovell Tree is located on the fringe of the town centre. The property offers impeccable service in a friendly and informal environment. Country Comfort Hovell Tree is a 'home away from home' with a warm and inviting atmosphere where guests are greeted on a first name basis.

The Sundowner Paddlesteamer's on the other hand caters perfectly to coach and group travellers. The 3½ star property is also an ideal venue for budget-conscious business travellers looking for a more relaxed and informal environment. The motel style property appeals to family holidaymakers and special interest groups who appreciate the convenience and the enhanced sense of security of having vehicles parked out the front of their room.



For more information or to make a reservation please visit the Constellation Hotel Group website www.constellationhotels.com.au or call the friendly reservations team on 1300 650 464.

“La Maison” - French sounding Mediterranean cuisine!

Come and sit down in the Old Customs House now the home of La Maison. La Maison offers a delightful range of Mediterranean foods with some authentic flair from brothers Carlos and Wasim Saliba. If you are looking for something different on the Gateway Island with great service from two of Wodonga's best chefs.

For more information contact Carlos and Wasim Saliba on (02) 6023 1122.

“SPLAT” – Now there's twice as much paintball in Albury Wodonga



Whether your interest is in outdoor games or indoor, Albury Wodonga has both! Yes, paintball indoors for those days when you feel like trapping your friends in a corner and shooting small plastic paint balls at them. Or alternatively; get out into nature where you can initiate games of strategy and plan your attack from afar using your team and enough paintballs to well and truly drown your friends. Paintball Albury Wodonga is located just on the outskirts of town at 'Kalawa' Olympic Highway, Gerogery, and open 7 days a week but bookings are essential. Individuals can play but must contact us prior to commencement on the day and can be contacted on (02) 6026 0343

or go to <http://www.paintballalburywodonga.com.au/>. The indoor variety of paintball fun is located in Wodonga at 65 Wigg St, Wodonga and only open weekends but bookings are preferred. Individuals can play but must contact us prior to commencement on the day and can be contacted on (02) 6056 8732 or go to <http://www.urbanpaintball.com.au/>.

New wine venue

Lovers of good wine now have a Melbourne Supper Club style of venue to go to in Albury. The Wine Room, upstairs at 492 Dean St, has a range of about 20 local, national and international wines available by the glass as well as an “adventurous” general list. Wine education is also available, with intensive weekend courses a great excuse to spend a couple of days in Albury Wodonga's corner of the Murray region. Food ranges from snacks and platters to a full menu – but nothing over \$30. “A venue for people who want to be stimulated” is how owner David Sutherland describes it. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 3pm to midnight, further information is available by phoning (02) 6021 0900 or 0407 800 870.

Albury Wodonga part of Murray Region

Well, this isn't exactly new but it seems we are having trouble getting the message out: **Albury Wodonga is the eastern bookend to the spectacular and diverse Murray tourism region.** The twin cities joined the region a little over two years ago to dispense with the enduring problem of Albury and Wodonga being split between two state tourism campaigns. An alliance between Tourism NSW and Tourism Victoria to promote the Murray Region in the spirit of “borderless tourism” was the perfect antidote to the confusion that had prevailed. The Albury Wodonga region, which takes in the fabulous Hume Murray Food Bowl and Rutherglen wine district, now works with Yarrawonga Mulwala, Cobram Barooga, Echuca Moama and Mildura to encourage travellers to “wind down” along the Murray. For more information on this campaign, go to www.visitmurray.com.au

Interesting events and fabulous festivals

Margaret Court Cup - Saturday, January 7th – 12th 2008

Albury plays host to some of the nation's best junior players including many internationals at Albury Grass Court. For more information phone (02) 6021 3514

Opera in the Alps – January 19, 2008

An opportunity to hear world renowned soprano, Yvonne Kenny in addition to Australian tenor, Roy Best supported by a 100-voice choir and 50-piece orchestra in the beautiful gardens of the La Trobe University campus at Beechworth. Phone Tiketek 13 28 49

Mad Hatter Regatta – January 26, 2008

Albury's annual crazy Australia Day Murray River raft race where anything goes and cheating is compulsory! Phone (02) 6023 8111 for details.

Corowa Federation Festival – January 26-28, 2008

Each year, Corowa celebrates its role in the shaping the nation with a Federation Festival featuring music and a schedule of family-focused activities including duck races and grand parade. A great chance to take a look at the Federation Museum and notable federation buildings. For further information contact Corowa Visitor Information Centre on 1800 814 054.

A Day on the Green – February 3, 2008

Set in the beautiful vineyards of All Saints Estate at Rutherglen. This year see Hoodoo Gurus, Thirsty Merc, Diesel and Dallas Frasca. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 136 100.

Kinross Country Muster – February 15-17, 2008

A great family event with a great line up of singers, dancers and entertainers as well as all the other Talent Shows and Ute Muster Competitions. Performers include Beccy Cole, James Blundell, Travis Sinclair, Sunny Cowgirls and The Pigs. The Kinross Woolshed, 47 Old Sydney Rd, Albury, for more information phone (02) 6043 1155.

Tastes of Rutherglen – March 8 and 16, 2008

Savour vintage in Rutherglen as 19 wineries celebrate the grape harvest and the region's full and abundant flavours in a festival filled with food & wine, music and fun for all! Run over two weekends in March (Labour Day long weekend in Victoria and ACT long weekend). For more information phone 1800 622 871 or go to www.rutherglenvic.com

Chryslers on the Murray – March 14-16, 2008

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Yackandandah Folk Festival – March 14-16, 2008

Yackandandah Folk Festival is held in a small, picturesque, historic, town in North-East Victoria. Music and cultural events include international, national and local performers in a rural setting in a vibrant, welcoming community. There is food, wine, children's events, dance, markets, buskers and free entertainment all weekend. Phone Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6027 1988 or go to www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

Australian Billy Cart Championships – March 22, 2008

Forget the Melbourne Cup or Formula One, the hottest racing action in Australia happens just outside of Albury Wodonga in the NSW town of Corowa. The National Billy Cart Championships is an event for all

ages with competitors racing down the main street in their home-made creations. If you're not familiar with a billy cart, they are traditionally wooden seats on old pram wheels with some form of steering. To operate, they require no more than a downhill slope. Thrills, spills, short pants and scraped knees; the stuff of childhood memories. These days however, expect the unexpected with designs limited only by the imagination. They must adhere to the basic rule of no motors but, unlike the earlier models, race organisers do prefer them to have brakes! Phone Corowa Visitor Information Centre on 1800 814 054.

Albury Gold Cup - April 10 - 11, 2008

Can the record keep being broken? It's the fastest growing cup meeting in regional Australia and at the rate attendance is increasing, it could be even bigger than the Darwin Cup in 2007. Prize money has been increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000 this year; a huge coup for country racing. Glamour and great racing – the Melbourne Cup of the bush. For further information phone Albury Racing Club on (02) 6025 1333 or go to www.alburyracing.com.au

Beechworth Harvest Festival – May 18, 2008

Celebrate the end of harvest by indulging in the gastronomic delights from the region's wineries, restaurants and fruit and vegetable producers. Phone Beechworth Information Centre on 1300 366 321.

Rutherglen Winery Walkabout – June 7 and 9, 2008

The oldest and biggest wine festival in Victoria, the Rutherglen Winery Walkabout is also the most fun! If you have ever wondered what inspires the masses to turn up in fancy dress to the Melbourne Cup and been stumped for an answer, then you are some way to understanding what the Winery Walkabout is all about. There is no reason for people to drag out their Darth Vader costume, superman suit or their nanna's best frock to wear wine tasting – but they do! Group themes have been growing more popular as the years pass and the competition is getting fierce. In previous years we have seen the entire township of Tombstone, the Pirates of the Caribbean and every super hero you can think of. Attendance is in the thousands with hundreds of buses used to move the crowds from winery to winery. One of the great iconic events in Australia, the Rutherglen Winery Walkabout is held over the long weekend in June. For more information phone 1800 622 871 or go to www.rutherglencvic.com

Australian Games Expo – June 7 - 9, 2008

A unique event for Australia. Come and watch the second Australian Championships of the popular European board games Carcassonne & Settlers of Catan. Over 150 different board and card games to try. Meet retailers, manufacturers and game designers. A stimulating weekend for the whole family. Albury City Convention & Performing Arts Centre. Phone (02) 6041 2448 or go to www.austgamesexpo.com

Beechworth's Ned Kelly Weekend - 1st – 3rd August, 2008

Australia's most significant Ned Kelly event with everything you need to know on the infamous man who headed up the Kelly Gang. A weekend packed full of activities for the Ned Kelly enthusiast. Phone the Beechworth Information Centre on 1300 366321

Spring Migration Festival –September 5 - 7, 2008

A gay and lesbian festival for ALL is the catchcry of this celebration that sets out from the start to be inclusive. Set in the beautiful north east town of Yackandandah, brought to prominence recently as the place *Strange Bedfellows*, starring Paul Hogan and Michael Caton, was filmed. Schedule varies each year. For further information phone Gaz and Andy on (02) 6027 1114 or go to www.springmigration.com.au

Henty Machinery Field Days – September 23-25, 2008

The biggest and most successful farming expo in the southern hemisphere and one of the best in the world. Now in its fifth decade the field days are a marketing phenomenon - a giant outdoor supermarket for leading-edge farm machinery showcasing Australia's uniquely-engineered technical solutions to the challenges of farming on one of the world's driest continents. The event attracts 800 exhibitors and 50,000 spectators. For more information phone (02) 6929 3305 or go to www.hmfd.com.au

Corowa Festival of Dance – October 3-5, 2008

Everything from belly dancing to the Jimpy Jive, the midnight tango to the New Vogue Quick Step. The resurgence in the popularity of dance is clear with the main events at this festival selling out months in

advance. Get in early to get your tickets. Demonstrations, workshops, dinners, dances and ball; various styles, various venues. Award-winning Rutherglen Wineries just a few minutes' drive away. (02) 6929 3329.

Tour de Rutherglen – October 4-5, 2008

Take a cycle tour through the majestic old vineyards and wineries of the Rutherglen Wine Region. For more information phone 1800 622 871 or go to www.rutherglenc.com

Applause Festival, Albury – October 18, 2008

Unlike any other type of performance Busking is unique in style with musicians, performing artists and other disciplines showcasing their talent on the pavement. Allow your mind to go beyond the general images associated with 'busking', the Applause Festival takes on many guises: it is creators of contemporary art, curators of fine music, characters of circus and contributors of cryptic performances. Living statues move before your eyes, circus performers juggle, tumble, spin and cycle and the music transforms and transports you - an eclectic mix of jazz, funk, Celtic, rock, country, swing and acoustic pieces. The Applause Festival brings entertainment to the people. There is no other form of artistic expression that is more diverse, action orientated, spontaneous or accessible. The world may be a stage, but Dean St, Albury, is their audience, drawing, rewarding, reacting and applauding. There is not cost, the entertainment is free, the only request that you show your appreciation by contributing to the buskers hat during or at the end of the show. Contact festival co-ordinator Glenys Atkins on (02) 6021 7775 or go to www.alburycentral.com/applause/main.htm

Tallangatta Fifties Festival – October 25-26, 2008

On the last weekend in October each year, the township of Tallangatta is Australia's home of Rock 'n' Roll. Tallangatta is located in North East Victoria and was moved to make way for Lake Hume in the mid-50s, a time when Frankie J Holden and the FJ Holden were cruising around town looking for a good Rock 'n' Roll night out. The Bodgies and the Widgies wore their leathers and Winkle Pickers; and Elvis was shaking his pelvis like no other. Fifties chicks wore the beehive hairdo, bobby socks, twin sets and scarves; Tupperware parties were all the rage! The '50s were a time when a good pot of Bushels tea was shared amongst friends over the red or green laminex table while tuning into the wireless to hear the latest hits of the likes of Johnny Young, Lonny Lee, Normie Rowe, Johnny Chester and Little Pattie. The '50s was a time when home was sweet home, and Rock was about to change the world. Join thousands of Rock 'n' Roll enthusiasts from all over the country for a non-stop Rock 'n' Roll weekend; wear your '50s gear and twist and groove all weekend baby! There are classic cars, motorcycles, non-stop Rock 'n' Roll dancing, world class entertainment, '50s fashion parades, busking, art show and so much more! For more information contact event co-ordinator Cath Cavanagh on (02) 6071 2621 or go to www.tallangatafifties.com.au

Rutherglen Young Bloods and Bloody Legends Weekend – October TBA, 2008

Enjoy a fresh Rutherglen experience. Two days of wine, food and frivolity hosted by the Young Bloods of Rutherglen, a passionate group of winemakers and marketers who have wine in their blood. For more information phone 1800 622 871 or go to www.rutherglenc.com

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General information

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Destination Albury Wodonga welcomes visiting media and goes to great lengths to make sure journalists, writers, photographers and film crews get the stories and images they want when visiting the region. To assist in this process, we can provide detailed briefs on story angles, interview “talent” and good locations prior to arrival and, if required, on-the-ground support during the visit.

Website:

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The image library contains high resolution files that are available free of charge for publication with Albury Wodonga-related stories. You will need to contact our office for a password though.

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For general information, our home page can be found at:

www.destinationalburywodonga.com.au

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