

Loddon Valley

Victoria's backyard



LODDON VALLEY TOURISM NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Loddon Valley Food and Wine Expo



Enjoy the Food and Wine Expo showcasing Loddon produce on Saturday 16 March at the Newbridge Recreation Reserve.

The highlight of the Loddon Valley Food and Wine Expo, the River Feast offers a three-course lunch prepared by chef Karen Martini (Better Homes and Gardens) and served grazing platter-style, matched with local wines,

as diners overlook the expo in full swing against the background of the picturesque Loddon River.

Afterwards, take a wander around stalls showcasing the region's gourmet food and wine, all to a soundtrack of live music and entertainment.

Luncheon tickets includes entry into the event, a three course lunch with grazing platters, all drinks inclusive and a keepsake wine glass.

Live entertainment and food and wine tastings will be available in the outside area.

For those not attending the lunch, entry to the expo is \$10 (entry only, under 16 free) or \$20 for entry, tastings of food and wine, plus a take home wine glass.

Includes children's entertainment throughout the day.

Gates open at 10am to 5pm.

Tickets are available to purchase from the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival website

[Loddon Valley Food and Wine Expo](#) (a surcharge will apply). Gate entry tickets may also be purchased on the day.



Upcoming events

For more information on events click on the event name.

16th Annual Bridgewater Triathlon & Duathlon

Sunday 3 February

Welcome Stranger 150th Celebration

Tuesday 5 February

W.A.R.T.S 'N' ALL - A Night of Nostalgia

Friday 8 February

The Inglewood Lions Bridgewater Market

Saturday 9 February

Dingee Cricket and Tennis Club Trivia Night

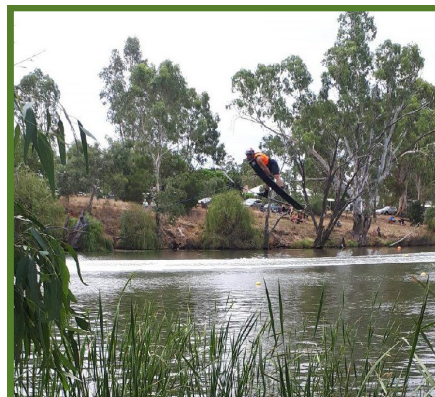
Saturday 23 February

Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc

Sunday 24 February

2019 Easy Tow Malibu Australian Masters Water Ski Championships

The Australian Masters Water Ski Championships held on the 25 – 27 January hosted 60 competitors across the weekend. The tournament was held on the Loddon River at Bridgewater, and boasts itself as being one of the most prestigious water ski tournaments in Australia. Despite the mixed conditions everyone displayed some great performances. The weekend featured three events including water skiing, slalom trick and jump.



The prestigious Glenn Thurlow Trophy for the most outstanding skier was awarded to Archie Davis from the ACT.

What's on in Loddon

Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree 2019

The annual two day event running from Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 March will provide fun for the whole family. The weekend includes gold panning and detector demonstrations. There will also be major gold detector draws, and many lucky draw prizes up for grabs.

Pyramid Hill Fiesta

Bringing the Filipino and Australian communities together. The annual event is being held on Saturday 23 March in Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill. There will be exciting entertainment, music, dance, costumes and delicious foods and drinks. With some new additions to the event this year it is sure to be a great way to connect, communicate and celebrate diversity.



Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards

What better way to promote your township to visitors than by showcasing how hard our communities are working to make our areas tidy, sustainable and liveable.

Keep Victoria Beautiful is encouraging communities to think about this year's Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards.

These awards recognise, highlight and celebrate what's great about our towns while acknowledging the hard work going into making our areas special.

Last year's award categories included environmental sustainability, protection of the environment, litter prevention, active schools, resource recovery and waste management, young leaders and community actions and leadership.

Entries for the 2019 Keep Victoria Beautiful Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards will open in April. To find out more, visit www.kvb.org.au/.

Digital Mentoring Program graduation

A celebration event was held in Chancery Lane for the businesses, mentors and Bendigo Regional Tourism representatives involved in the program.

The program was targeted at improving the digital capacity of small and micro tourism businesses across the Loddon, Central Goldfields, Mount Alexander shires and the City of Greater Bendigo.

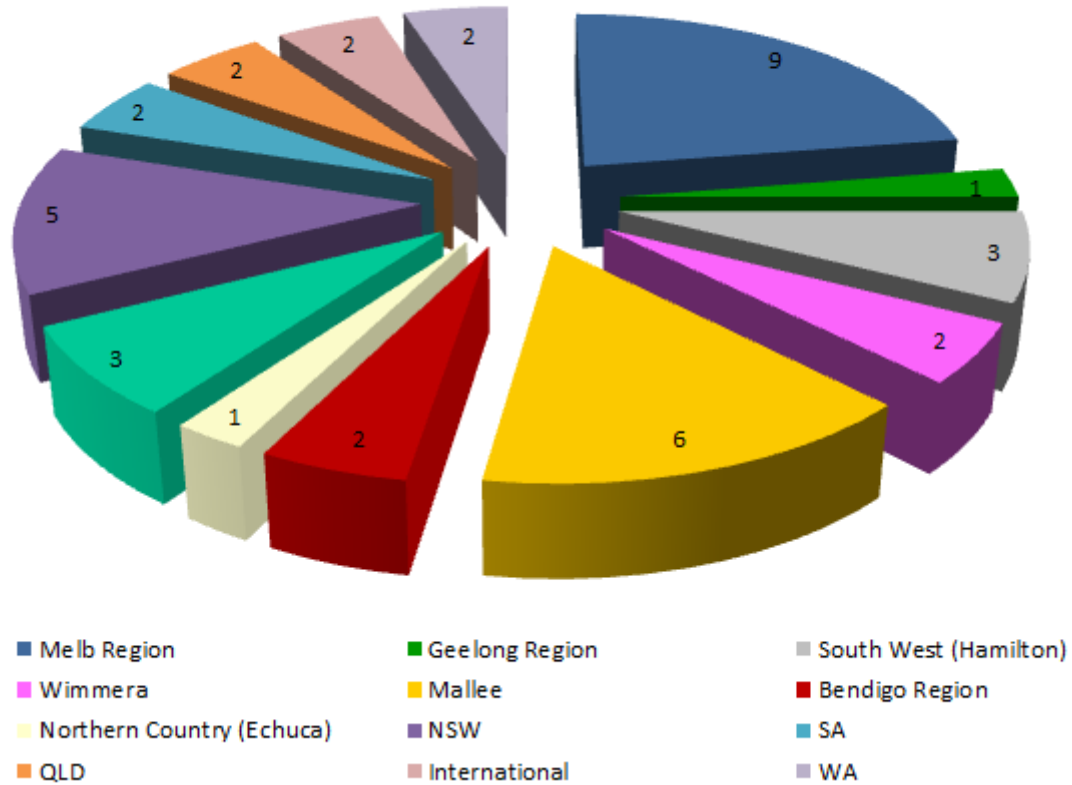
A significant representation of tourism businesses and digital mentors attended from across the four shires to celebrate the great success of the program.



Celebrations in Chancery Lane

Visitor statistics to Loddon Visitor Information Centre for December 2018

Visitor area stats to Loddon Visitor Information Centre Oct 2018. Each colour represents a region or state. The numbers represent a collection of individual postcodes



Ordering brochures and Loddon Valley Official Visitor Guide (OVG)

Council encourages all tourism operators who have brochures, maps and the Official Visitor Guide on display to order their stock through the Loddon Visitor Information Centre

Listing an event

If you are having an event and would like it listed on the Loddon Shire website calendar of events page, submit the information and a photo on [Calendar of Events](#) or email information to loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au

Download the FREE Loddon Valley Official Visitor Guide App



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