

& Hooked On Rock

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Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Hooked On Rock' news. Thanks for taking the time to read it. I hope you enjoy it.



First up, I would like to thank everyone who came along to our **mid-year Pirate dance** on the 28th July. What a great night we had! Not as many people as in past years, but more than enough to fill the dance floor and make some atmosphere. Lots of pirates ho, ho, hoing and swabbing the decks, etc...



We had quite a crew who were at the hall bright and early, helping to set up. Thank you for helping to put out the tablecloths, gold coins, signs for the tables and setting up the raffle tables and the tea and coffee area.

A constant stream of dancers made their way into the hall and were greeted by Sandi and Dale. Thanks to these two, for the terrific job greeting people and taking the loot!

The band 'The Speedsters' and DJ Flash, were also there, running around plugging things in and testing their equipment. Flash joined us for some delicious pizza, from the Pizza Boys.

Finally all was ready and the music began. Straight away, dancers were on the floor doing the Hornpipe and looking towards port! Not many times was everyone sitting down—except when we were calling the raffle. I must say that it was the biggest raffle we have had—over 30 items! A huge thanks to everyone who donated things. Fortunately, we had asked people to draw the tickets beforehand, which sped it up a little. I am sure that everyone who won something, would have been happy with their little gift. Thanks to everyone for buying raffle tickets.



What can I say about the costumes, other than—
INCREDIBLE! It was fabulous to see so many people dressed up and looking like fierce pirates and wenches.

YO, HO, HO AND A
BOTTLE OF RUM!

Traralgon RSL, Grey St, Traralgon
Tea/coffee/water provided.
Come and join the fun!!
\$7 per person
7.30—8.20pm—Beginners
8.20 - 8.50pm - Social dancing
8.50— 9.30pm—Intermediates
9.30—10.30pm—Social dancing
The next beginners course starts:
Monday 27th August, 2012

Lots of wigs, mascara, hats, swords and flowing jackets...but only a few parrots and no wooden legs, that I could see! There was one shark...complete with 'Jaws' theme (Thanks Flash), who went for a wonder around the hall while we were doing the raffles.... It was very funny—thanks Greg and Wendy.

At the end of the night, lots of people helped pack up and tidy the hall. It was so easy with all that help.

We were lucky to have Zoe and Jon from Bop Jonny selling their dance wares and Zoe was bsy showing off her brand new engagement ring. Yes, they just announced their engagement. Best wishes to you both, on behalf of the 'Hooked On Rock' gang.

Thanks to the Speedsters who played terrific music and kept it not too loud, so we could actually talk and enjoy the night and to Flash for a great range of music to dance to in the breaks. We loved having you both this year.

I hope everyone who came had fun. See you at our Christmas Dance on Saturday 8th December with DJ Flash & DJ Jeff, Lavalla College Hall in Kosciusko St, Traralgon.

*SWAB THE DECK AND
MAN THE MAINSAILS!*



**PIRATES
GALORE!**
Can you
recognise
them!



Noel showing off his skill with his new phone!

Da dum...da dum...da dum...



*Hooked on Rockers and Friends
are invited to*

A DANCE WEEKEND IN LICOLA

Friday 12th Oct from 4pm to Sunday 14th Oct 2012

At Licola Wilderness Village Licola

*ACCOMMODATION IN BUNK STYLE CABINS
COUPLES CAN HAVE SEPERATE ROOMS*

Suggested activities include:

BYO Casserole to share Friday night

BYO Breakfasts, communal kitchen available

Trivia and games Saturday morning

BYO Saturday lunch

Dance workshop on Saturday afternoon

Saturday night dinner of Baked spuds, meat and salads included
in price followed by Dance in Dining Hall

*Price is \$30 per person per night
which covers accommodation and
extra \$5 p.p. for Saturday night
meal and dance*

Expressions of interest required on sheet.
Enquiries to Colin or Tracey Matthies on
colinm@dcsi.net.au or 0409188436

Hi all,

It is time to remind everyone about our next Rock 'n' Roll dance at Club Sapphire next Saturday night the 8th September...free entry starting around 8.00pm with Shadoogie.....remember too, that Club Sapphire are discontinuing Saturday night entertainment except for previously booked special events until further notice, BUT, at this point have decided to keep going with the Shadoogie dances....So please come along if you can and keep the numbers up to prevent our dances from getting the chop as well.

There will be no dance in October due to a previously booked major artist performing on our second Saturday.

I have also updated our Club website where we will begin to fill with information relative to both the Dancing and Hotrod activities of the Club, including Shadoogie's Gig Guide.

As we progress, we will also try and include a gig guide for the Canberra and Gippsland Clubs just in case you are planning a weekend trip away in the future.

Please have a look at our website at www.merimbularocknroll.wikispaces.com and give us some feedback and ideas of what you would like to see on the site, or in fact, with our Club.

New Year's Eve...

'Shadoogie' will be performing at Club Sapphire in Merimbula on New Year's Eve.

For those that haven't been there, it has a great dance floor and almost the perfect venue for our type of music and has the dance floor to support it. Apparently numbers will be restricted, so if you are thinking of coming along, please contact Club Sapphire on (02) 6495 2517 to secure a bookingor even drop us a line. Cheers and see some of you on Saturday night. Lyndon & Kerry

- The next dance will be in Saturday **10th November** at Club Sapphire Auditorium, Merimbula. (Sharon and Kees went to the last dance and fun, but said that there weren't many there. Probably because of the footy, Olympics, cold weather, etc... Good luck for the next one.)

Dress-up night at
'Hooked On Rock' lessons:
Monday 10th September
Theme: Rock and Roll (what else!)

Philippines Orphanage

The Thousand Smiles is a family style organisation that is building a children's home in southern Philippines. Eleven or more vulnerable children are housed and educated within the centre when it is completed, this year. It is estimated that the children's home will cost about \$3000 to complete.

The home is associated with the Latrobe City Christian Church, headed by Tom Scott and is a holistic activity that involves nutrition, care, education, love and Christian teaching.

If you have any queries, or would like to donate some money, contact:

Tom 0432 546 069.



Cooly Rocks On 2013...

The dates for this 50s nostalgia rock and roll festival which is held at **Coolangatta/Tweed Heads**, are: **31st May - 10th June, 2013.**

So if you are thinking of going up (and let's hope the weather is better than it was this year), make sure you get your accommodation organised early.

Lots of rock and roll dances, workshops, markets and usually a dance competition as well. Look up their web-site.



A Dance Weekend in Licola?

Yes, that's right. Tracey and Colin are organising a weekend away to Licola for fun and dancing—**Fri 12th—Sun 14th October, 2012.**

A range of activities including a trivia quiz, a dance workshop, a dance, eating and chatting and probably a bush walk. If you would like more details, see the fliers on the table at lessons or contact Tracey or Colin on **colinm@dcsi.net.au** or **0409 188 436.**

Sounds like another fun weekend. So book now to ensure you get a place. Accommodation is \$30 pp per night.

A 50s Doo-Wop Test...

Don't cheat, now !!!

30 questions over the next few newsletters. The answers are at the end!

1. When did "Little Suzie" finally wake up?

- (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
- (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
- (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock

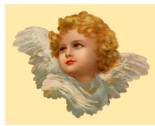
2. "Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?

- (a) Rebel Without A Cause
- (b) Blackboard Jungle
- (c) The Wild Ones



3. What's missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth _____

- (a) Angel
- (b) Mother
- (c) Worm



4. "I found my thrill . . ." where?

- (a) Kansas City
- (b) Heartbreak Hotel
- (c) Blueberry Hill

5. "Please turn on your magic beam, _____ bring me a dream,":

- (a) Mr. Sandman
- (b) Earth Angel
- (c) Dream Lover

6. For which label did Elvis Presley first record?

- (a) Atlantic
- (b) RCA
- (c) Sun



7. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?

- (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown
- (b) Charlie Brown
- (c) Buster Brown

8. In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife, was named:

- (a) MacHeath
- (b) MacCloud
- (c) MacNamara



Answers:

1. (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
2. (b) Blackboard Jungle
3. (a) Angel
4. (c) Blueberry Hill
5. (a) Mr. Sandman
6. (c) Sun
7. (b) Charlie Brown
8. (a) MacHeath

A Trip Away...

Since the last newsletter, and I know it has been a long time, Rein, his mum, brother and I, have been to Canada (for an uncle's 50th wedding anniversary and a wedding) and Hawaii.

In Canada we were visiting Rein's uncle and aunty, who live about 2 hours drive west of Toronto. They have a lovely house, that they built themselves on about 1 acre of land, with a veggie garden, so I felt right at home.

The weather was quite warm the whole time we were there (25—34°C) and not much rain. Hawaii was much the same.

We went to Niagara Falls (also 2 hours away), which were spectacular. Last time I was there it was the middle of winter. This was much nicer. We were



able to walk behind the falls and ride on the 'Maid of the Mist' which goes right up to the falls and we got soaked. The sound of the water rushing over the falls was incredible.



We also were lucky enough to go to Kingston (which was 5 hours drive) to go on a 3 hour boat ride, to see the 1000 Island. Wow! Such a

beautiful part of the world. I would love to see it in autumn - the colors much be unbelievable! Some amazing homes on tiny little islands—they have to fly or boat to their houses!

We went to some dance lessons in Toronto—2-step (a combination of foxtrot and R 'n' R), which was fun.

After 3 weeks in Canada, we headed to the lovely islands of Hawaii. The weather spectacular, the scenery—gorgeous, the traffic—annoying. We walked around the shops, went to a luau, visited the Pearl Harbour memorial, ate lots and, of course, went swimming in the lovely warm water.

It was a terrific 4 weeks and I wish I could go back there now, just to get warm and be on holidays! If you haven't been to either Canada or Hawaii, do yourselves a favour, book a trip today.

Late last year, I was talking about this orphanage. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know or contact Liddiard Road Primary School on 5174 1795 and ask for Sharon Sandy or Sue Sleswick. They would be more than happy to hear from you.

Following is an overview about it and what they aim to achieve.

Hi All,

SCHOOL BAGS FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN
Bor Orphanage & Community Education Project Inc.

Please help us to educate the orphaned children of Bor in Southern Sudan. Early this year, after many years of war, Southern Sudan was declared an independent nation and people began to return to their home towns and villages. Many of those returning are orphan children. These children are traumatised, some have witnessed the deaths of their parents and loved ones and many have suffered atrocities.

Our project was founded after our work colleague, Rev. Abraham Maluk returned to his home town of Bor to visit. He found almost 60 orphaned children attempting to build their own school, so that the older among them could run lessons for the other children. The mud and grass huts they were building leaked with water and when the rains came, they washed away. Unperturbed, the children would build and rebuild. They wrote with sticks in the hard ground but their enthusiasm, according to Abraham, was something to see.

We are raising money to build an orphanage/school for the children and the governing body of Bor town has donated a parcel of land. It is our wish that every orphan will have a backpack filled with school supplies to start them off in their new life as students.

We are seeking people who would be prepared to fill a bag for a child. We will supply the backpack and we have a list of suggested items to place in the bag. People can do this as individuals, as a family, as a group or club, or as a school.

We wish for a world where no child is subjected to war and starvation and witness to atrocities. We wish for a world where no child goes to sleep with an empty stomach. We wish for a world where a child's job is to play and learn.

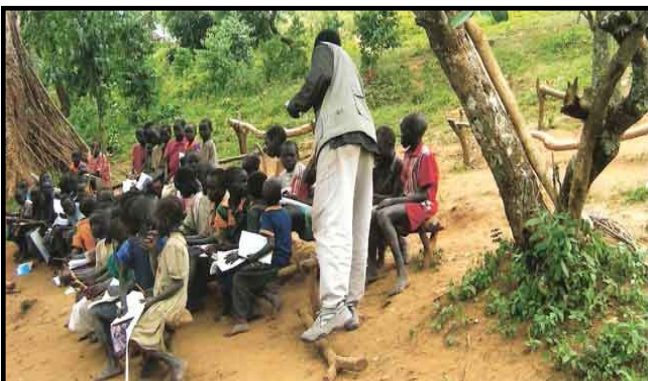
If you wish to support us in our endeavours, please feel free to contact us and we will organise to deliver a backpack to you. Alternatively, you are welcome to supply the backpack as well. Our details are on the attached flier.

Please help us to help the orphaned children of Southern Sudan.

Yours Sincerely,

Abraham, Abraham, Sharon, Sue & Sue
Committee Bor Orphanage & Community Education Project Inc.
www.bororphanage.com (web page under construction. Please be patient)

Children attending school under the shade of a tree.



Abraham Maluk with some orphan boys in December 2010



A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

I had a call from our friend, Rob Vanyai. Rob was a regular at our lessons for a number of years and, due to living and working in Melbourne, can't get to lessons anymore. He rang to say hi and see how our mid-year dance went. Thanks for that, Rob. He was also telling me about 'Camp Hollywood' which he attended this year (and that was why he couldn't make it to our mid-year dance).

He has written a little about his time in the old U.S. of A. Hopefully it might enthruse a few of you to get along to 'Camp Hollywood' next year.Anne

Hi Anne,

Sorry I could not make the mid year dance, But looking forward to the next you have for a catch-up session. I do have a good excuse, I went to Camp Hollywood again then Canada.

Camp Hollywood is a great place to start swing dancing. The classes start from beginners to advanced plus, so all levels are catered for. The teachers are all well known-in the swing dancing world, Sharon Davis, originally from Perth, was there teaching as well, she is very good (and sexy) She organizes the European swing dance comp in Spain.

This year there was nine from Melbourne and we got to see some fantastic dancing including a tribute to Hal Takier, he is accredited with introducing Balboa (YouTube " the Maharaja with Hal Takier) There is a lot on YouTube on this years camp Hollywood (and more swing than you can poke a stick at) The weekend starts on Thursday night with a welcoming dance, then 4 hours of workshops, each day for 3 days, mixed with competitions each day and finals during the night dances. Each night has a big band that plays great swing music, then in the wee hours, DJs takeover for the die-hards. Nearly non stop dancing all weekend if your up to it! Not me though.

There are so many people from all parts of the world attending and all levels of dancers. Just watching the people dancing is entertaining. This all takes place in the LAX Marriott hotel in LA, large dance floors with discounted accommodation means you don't need to travel far for a shower or bed after a dance session.

If planning a trip to the US, it's a great way to kick off a holiday. Hope all hooked on rockers are well, and hope too see you on the dance floor soon, Rob Vanyai.



ROCK n BOWL @ the NARRE WARREN OZ TENPIN & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Rock 'n' Bowl Night.

14 - 22 Lauderdale Road, NARRE WARREN
Meals & snacks available. Come to eat & bowl early -Then dance the night away
Drinks @ Bar Prices (No BYO)
Dress in your 50's or Bowling outfits
Saturday 6th October 2012, 7pm - late

**Entry - \$20.00 Includes 2 games of bowling
shoe hire & DANCING!**

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What's Goīn' On!

August:

Fri 31st - Traralgon RSL, Unknown Quantity

September:

Sat 1st - Southern Peninsula Italian Social Club, 8 Newington Ave, Rosebud, Peninsula Rock, Speedsters, bookings: 0411 279 664

- Morwell RSL, Yesteryear

Fri 7th - Moe RSL, Two Can Do

- Traralgon RSL, Low Profile

Sat 8th - Morwell RSL, Alex Jive Band

Mon 10th - Dress-up night at 'Hooked On Rock' lessons—Theme: Rock and Roll!

Fri 14th - Traralgon RSL, Inspite of Ourselves

- Moe RSL, Unknown Quantity

Sat 15th - Morwell RSL, Paddy O'Dowd

Sun 16th - Morwell RSL, Old Time afternoon from 2pm onwards

Fri 21st - Traralgon RSL, Destiny

- Moe RSL, Yesteryear

Sat 22nd - Morwell RSL, Reckless

Mon 27th - New 'Hooked On Rock' beginners sequence begins, 7.30pm sharp!

Fri 28th - Traralgon RSL, Molly Maguire

- Moe RSL, The Badgers

Sat 29th - Tigers Club House, Old Geelong RD, Hoppers Crossing, Speedsters bookings:9974 6900

- Morwell RSL, The Esquires

Sun 30th - Moe RSL, Jazz afternoon from 1.30pm onwards \$13 Jazz Club members \$18 non-members

October:

Mon 1st - No 'Hooked On Rock' lessons

Sat 6th - Narre Warren Rock 'n' Bowl Night, hosted by DJ Jeff and Susanne (see flier at lessons)

Mon 8th - New 'Hooked On Rock' beginners course starts.

Fri 12th—Sun 14th - 'Hooked On Rock's' weekend in Licola. (See flier at lessons)

December:

Sat 1st - Lakeside Rockers Christmas Dance, Sale Memorial Hall.

Sat 8th - 'Hooked On Rock' Christmas Dance, Lavalla School Hall, Kosciusko St, Traralgon, with the duelling DJ's Flash and Jeff.

Mon 10th - 'Hooked On Rock's' break-up dinner. Make sure you get along to this. It is always a great social night and the food is good too. The Oriental Jade, Hotham St, Traralgon, 6pm. Have a banquet or just choose from the menu.

Try to support our local RSLs. They are all struggling, at present, but they are supporting us, by putting on bands and letting us have our dance lessons in their venues.

Where to Rock and Roll....

Traralgon RSL, Grey St, Traralgon, 51 742035

Morwell Club, Helen St, Morwell, 51 342671

Moe RSL, 63 – 65 Albert St. Moe, 51 271007

Freccia Azzura, Springvale Rd, Keysborough, 97984977

Dandenong Workers' Club, Wedge St, Dandenong, 97925064

Whitehorse Club, (Little Maria's) East Burwood Reserve, 298-336 Burwood Hwy, 98060160

Italian/Australian Club, Princes Drive, Morwell, 51 343541

* Traralgon & Moe RSL have R 'n' R bands most Friday nights and Morwell RSL, on Saturday nights. Ring to check.