

December Newsletter



Merry Christmas
 From
 Management
 & Staff
 of
 South East Holiday Village

Christmas BBQ

When: Saturday 13th December, 12.00pm
 Where: BBQ area beside the swimming pool



The staff at South East Holiday Village would be delighted if you came and joined us for lunch and a chat at our Xmas BBQ.

DID YOU KNOW

In Northern Europe

Christmas occurred during the middle of winter, when ghosts and demons could be heard howling in the winter winds. Boughs of holly, believed to have magical powers since they remained green through the harsh winter, were often placed over the doors of homes to drive evil away. Greenery was also brought indoors to freshen the air and brighten the mood during the long, dreary winter.



Legend also has it that holly sprang from the footsteps of Christ as he walked the earth. The pointed leaves were said to represent the crown of thorns Christ wore while on the cross and the red berries symbolized the blood he shed.

Mistletoe was used by Druid

priests 200 years before the birth of Christ in their winter celebrations. They revered the plant since it had no roots yet remained green during the cold months of winter.



The ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility, and to ward off evil spirits. The plant was also seen as a symbol of peace, and it is said that among Romans, enemies who met under mistletoe would lay down their weapons and embrace.

Scandinavians associated the plant with Frigga, their goddess of love, and it may be from this that we derive the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. Those who kissed under the mistletoe had the promise of happiness and good luck in the following year.



Many banks have a new kind of Christmas club in operation. The new club helps you save money to pay for last year's gifts.

Christmas Advent Calendar | Federation Square



Celebrate the spirit of Christmas as the East Shard at Federation Square is transformed into a magical Advent Calendar! Enjoy a free performance at 9pm every night in December as talented aerialists, Hope and Inspiration, perform in front of a magical animation on the side of the building and unveil a new window each night.

Bring the kids along and explore Fed Square's exciting display of Christmas installations throughout the Square. From brightly lit cellophane fish in the Fracture Gallery to giant parrots suspended from the ceiling of the Atrium, there's a surprise around every corner! Novelty-sized Christmas presents will be scattered across the site, each with an LED screen showing the many ways in which different cultures celebrate Christmas.



Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight

Held in the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne on Wednesday 24 December, the night will feature an array of contemporary and traditional performers that is sure to delight and entertain the whole family.



Mordiallic Carols by the Bay

When: Sunday 21st December 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Where: Peter Scullen Reserve, Beach Rd,
Mordiallic

Featuring a star studded line-up of Melbourne entertainers. Pre-concert entertainment from 6.30pm and the main concert starts at 8.15pm.

CROWN CASINO

Free at the Atrium every day, every 30 minutes from 10am 'til midnight until the 8th of January is Crown's Christmas Spectacular.



As the huge clock chimes, look on as the Atrium is magically transformed into a giant automated Christmas display, all brought to life by a dazzling light show.

Watch the circus style acrobats and playful dancing reindeer as well as the much loved carousel, the stunning big top with a magical marionette show and, of course, Santa.



Christmas is not so much about opening our presents as opening our hearts

A great way to spend a day for all ages is at the Melbourne Zoo. Walk the award-winning Trail of the Elephant, watch orang-utans swing through their sanctuary, visit the gorilla family in the Gorilla Rainforest and much more.



Melbourne Zoo



Another attraction for all ages is the Melbourne Aquarium which has Australia's largest oceanarium. With thousands of exotic marine animals to observe, you can also dive with the sharks or take a tour on the glass bottom boat.



Brochures available at reception.

Melbourne Aquarium



Only a one and a half hour drive from the park is Phillip Island, a great place to spend a day. There are a wide range of activities to do and see including 13 walking tracks, beaches both surf and swimming, fishing for the rod and line fisherman and the evening Fairy Penguin Parade is a show not to be missed.



Phillip Island

NEW YEARS EVE IN MELBOURNE

The City of Melbourne presents an annual New Years Eve fireworks spectacular and free entertainment in the city on Monday 31st December from 5pm to 2am.

There will be live entertainment at 7 city venues and two spectacular fireworks displays at 9.15pm and midnight.

Public transport is free on the night from 6pm and runs all throughout the night.





WATER RESTRICTIONS

As our current water level is at 33% capacity we ask you to please have power showers and generally conserve water.

Washing of vehicles is strictly forbidden.

Alcohol

- Alcohol and glass are prohibited in the pool area.
- Walking around the park with open bottles or cans is forbidden.

Keep Our Children Safe

Please ensure your children are supervised in the pool area if they are 12 years and under. If they are over 12 years of age and not confident swimmers they must also be supervised..



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Speed limit of 8km per
hour throughout the
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**We trust you had an enjoyable
stay and we look forward to your
next visit.**

**Have a happy and safe Xmas and
New Year**

Lyn, Johnny and Staff