COMMUNITY **CONNECT**

For more information on how to register for your Community Connect listing contact The Adviser via email at classifieds@sheppartonadviser.com.au Please note listings are to be 45 words or less.

UPCOMING

CHARITY COUNTRY MUSIC DAY will be held on Saturday, August 23 at the GV Hotel with all proceeds going to hospice. Entry is $7, which includes tea and coffee. Meals available.

A CHARITY GARAGE SALE will be held at 3 Wood Street, Mooroopna on Friday, August 21 from 12 noon until 4pm and Saturday, August 22 from 8:30am to 1pm. Lots of items including furniture, books, baby goods, toys, three burner barbeque and plants with proceeds going to hospice. Phone Dawn, 0406 748 782.

SENIOR CITIZENS BIRTHDAY CONCERT will be held on Thursday, August 27 from 1:30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre in Welsford Street, Shepparton. Guest artist will be The Hoffmans. Entry is $3 and includes afternoon tea. For enquiries, phone 5825 2642 or 5821 9483.

SHEPPARTON POLIO SUPPORT GROUP will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 1 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Milne Bay Room, Shepparton RSL, 88 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. For further information, contact Rhonda White on 1800 222 582 (select option 4).

THE SALVATION ARMY has opened a bright new thrift shop at 3 Mill Street, Mooroopna. Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

ONGOING

SHEPPARTON BRIDGE CLUB meets from 7pm Monday at U3A Hall Esson Street. Members are required to join Goulburn Valley U3A. For more information, phone Derek Poulton 5825 4112 or John Moore 0438 455 741 or refer to the website www.wix.com/sheppartonbridgeclub/2013

SHEPPARTON TOASTMASTERS Want to learn how to communicate more effectively and improve your public speaking and leadership skills? Shepparton Toastmasters meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7pm to 9pm, The Mechanics Institute Hall, 277 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. Phone 0421 322 276.

FREE SOUP KITCHEN Available Mon to Fri 5-6pm at Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton, next to Skate Park, and Wednesdays 5-6pm at North Community House, Parkside Dve, Shepparton; Opportunity Shop, 4 Mill St, Mooroopna; Numurkah Park, Melville St, Numurkah; Hogan St, Tatura; and in Nathalia and Kyabram.

WHY? WHY? WHY? Why is it that so many born again Christians are not living the abundant life that Jesus promised to those who believe in HIM? Where are the miracles of healing, deliverance and prosperity today? Why is the body of Christ in many churches a toothless, paper tiger? Answers to these questions are given by a local bible teacher of 35 years. For free teachings from Scripture, phone 5825 5301 or 0418 560 575.

IS SOMEONE'S DRINKING CAUSING YOU CONCERN? Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon Groups for adults and Alateen groups for children offer anonymous help and emotional support to those affected. For information, contact Al-Anon Family Groups 5825 1160.

ESHCOL DAYLIGHT LODGE meets from 10:30am on the fourth Monday of every month. New and unaffiliated members are welcome to join and partners are welcome for lunch. For further information or enquiries, phone 5824 1274 or 5825 2142.

SHEPPARTON SOROPTIMIST CLUB meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Pines, Numurkah Road in Shepparton from 6pm for a 6:30pm dinner meeting with guest speakers. If you are interested in joining a service club, helping the community and making new friends, contact Jeanette 5823 1985.

THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION Hume office provides information, assistance and support for people living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, MDS, and MPN. Contact Lani Shiels, Support Services Coordinator on 5821 0033. For volunteering or fundraising opportunities with the foundation please ask for Kristin Paton on 0481 009 754.

CONNECT MEDITATION GROUP are inviting the community to enjoy the benefits of meditation. One hour sessions are held every Thursday night from 7:30pm at Harmony Place, 9a Edward Street in Shepparton and admission is $8. For further information, contact Lisa 0419 562 790 or Roger 0427 541 611.

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES meets on the third Monday of each month at 9:45am at the Overlander Hotel, Benalla Road, Shepparton. Share group meeting will be at 9am. For further information, phone Bill on 5821 1854.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 20s to 40s combines exercise and peer support for those with depression/anxiety. All levels of fitness welcome. Contact Andrew for more details on 0430 008 021.

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Event to promote responsible gambling

IN a bid to promote responsible gambling, Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative will be holding a barbeque luncheon in support of Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.

Running on October 12 from 12pm to 2pm at Rumbalara's site at 20 Rumbalara Road, Mooroopna the event will promote to the Indigenous community the many ways to get help in regards to problem gambling.

Coordinated by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation in partnership with local government, the gaming industry and community groups, Responsible Gambling Awareness Week promotes the concept of responsible gambling at an individual, gaming industry and community level.

Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Financial Counsellor, Wendy McHugh said, "We encourage all members of the local Indigenous community to come down on the day and benefit from the information, support and advice that will be on offer."

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