

A very special Ambassador Holiday fun continues

THE Bombala community will be very excited to welcome Prashanth Shanmugan to our Australia Day festivities this Saturday, January 20 as our Australia Day Ambassador.

Prashanth Shanmugan is recognised as one of Australia's most inspirational leaders in humanitarian law and human rights. He is the founding president of the United Nations Society and is on the council of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Since completing high school in 1999, Prashanth has received the Ministers Award for Excellence in



Human rights leader, Prashanth Shanmugan will visit Bombala on January 20 as an Australia Day Ambassador.

Education and Student Achievement, and in the same year was awarded the Human Rights Commission's Inaugural Human Rights Youth Medal for his promotion of unity in diversity and a unified national identity.

On Australia Day 2000 he was named Young Citizen of the Year, which recognised the contributions he has made to the Australian community through his leadership and advocacy as well as countless volunteer hours on a variety of causes and with many organisations including Australian Vision, 20/20, an organisation he founded to combat apathy and to engage in critical debate identifying and exploring emerging changes, challenges, and opportunities facing Australia.

He is actively involved with the Australian Red Cross as a community speaker and has travelled extensively across Australia disseminating the laws of war and the global role of the Red Cross.

In 2001 Prashanth was selected by the United Nations as a Global Ambassador for the United Nations Global Atlas of Human Rights. He is one of few people to have been given this honour.

He was a finalist in the Young Australian of the Year Awards in 2002, and in 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal by the Commonwealth of Australia for services in youth affairs and promoting international peace and co-operation.

In 2005 he was awarded the Humanitarian Award by the Altruism Foundation for his promotion of humanitarian values.

Prashanth is highly sought after for a number of speaking engagements and regularly addresses schools, universities, community groups and corporations on topics ranging from leadership to scenario planning and his views on global politics and public policy.

Prashanth produces and presents Perspectives on Eastside Radio, a weekly drive time current affairs program covering politics, identity and ideas.

Though a proud internationalist who consciously crosses cultural boundaries to influence social change, Prashanth is fiercely Australian and believes that in order to find our place in the world, Australians must be strong and united and have a true sense of national identity.

Prashanth has recently completed an honours thesis on the changing nature of warfare at the University of New South Wales where he researched the application of the Geneva Conventions on non-state actors in internal armed conflicts.

THE summer school holidays are rolling along nicely, with local facilities like the Skate Park and Swimming Pool being fully utilised as our lucky young folk enjoy the break.

There's only so much Play Station and bike riding that can keep the kids entertained, however, and the Bombala Council is happy to be presenting its 'Be Involved...Be Inspired' Holiday Workshop Program once again.

The fun actually got underway on Monday, with a Cattle Judging Workshop being enjoyed for the first time at Bendoc Park this week.

This was followed by Leather Work at the railway buildings on Tuesday, which was also a first for the holiday workshop program.

The cattle judging was run by Eddie and Emma Sellers, while the leather work was organised by David Merrit, with both being well received.

A returning favourite that also had the kids in on Tuesday was the Card Making for Beginners session at the railway, with participants happily whipping up three different cards each.

Of course there's plenty more in store for those who would like to get in on the fun of the workshop program, with a special incentive having been added this month.

When participants book and attend any of the workshops in January, they will also go into the draw to win a Microsoft Wireless Desktop Set worth \$150, which will be drawn after the last session on January 24.

Sounds tempting? Then make sure you check out the schedule of exciting Be Involved...Be Inspired Holiday Workshops below and make your bookings on 6458 4622 as soon as possible.

Wednesday, January 17 - COMPUTER GAMES

At Bombala CTC. \$9 each, including lunch for juniors and snacks for seniors. Juniors 10am - 1pm. Seniors 1.30pm - 4pm.

Thursday, January 18 - MOSAICS

10am - 12pm at Railway buildings, Bombala with Nicky.

2pm - 4pm at Arts Centre, Delegate with Nicky.

\$15 each, and this time we will be making mirrors!

Friday, January 19 - COMPUTER GAMES

At Delegate CTC. \$9 each, including lunch for juniors and snacks for seniors. Juniors 10am - 1pm. Seniors 1.30pm - 4pm.

DRAWING

At Bombala Railway Buildings with Phil 10am - 12.30pm. \$5 each.

Tuesday, January 23 - SHEEP JUDGING

10.30am - 2pm at 'Hinesville' Delegate with Drew Chapman. This a free workshop with a barbecue lunch.

Wednesday, January 24 - ADVANCED CARD MAKING

10am - 12.30pm with Lesley at Bombala Railway Buildings. \$6 each, including materials. You will be learning advanced card making techniques. Recommended for 10-15 year olds.

Remember, places are limited and bookings are essential, so call 6458 4622 now to 'Be Involved...Be Inspired'.

Cooma wants our blood!

FORGET frequent flyers, fly buys, and platinum rewards. Australians who give blood frequently will have their own unique reward scheme in 2007. But unlike other loyalty schemes, the real reward with this one is in the act of giving.

The residents of the Cooma Monaro community and surrounds can join in too, with the ARCBS Donormobile visiting the region, with extended hours on Monday, January 29 to Thursday, February 1.

Australians are being urged by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) to make 'blood donation' a regular fixture on their 2007 calendar, by registering to be part of the new Frequent Donor Club.

The Frequent Donor Club 2007 is designed to encourage current donors to make giving blood a lifelong habit.

"Australia currently needs almost 1.2 million individual blood donations every year to make sure that Australian hospitals have enough blood for the medical needs of Australians," ACT Regional Manager Colin Webster said.

Demand for blood is expected to increase by more than 100% in the next decade. With this in mind, the Red Cross Blood Service have extended the hours for its next visit to Cooma, enabling more of the surrounding community to donate:

Cooma Donormobile visit -

Massie Street, in the Council car park. Phone 13 14 95 or 02 6206 6006 to make an appointment.

Monday, January 29 - 9.45am - 3.30pm;

Tuesday, January 30 - 9.00am - 3.30pm;

Wednesday, January 31 - 9.00am - 3.30pm;

Thursday, February 1 - 9.00am - 3.00pm.

A recent audit conducted by the ARCBS found that, on average, existing donors make two donations per year.

"Our research showed that if each of our existing donors gave blood three times a year, we would easily have enough blood and blood products to meet patient needs," Mr Webster said.

"We are asking existing donors, as well as people who haven't donated before, to make the commitment to give blood at least three times this year and save up to nine lives in 2007."

All donors who fulfill their pledge will receive a special, limited edition 2008 diary. This diary has been custom designed for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service's very special committed donors.

For information or to make an appointment to give blood, call 13 14 95.

New bank for Delegate?

SINCE the notification of the Credit Union closure in Delegate, the Bombala Council and the Delegate Progress Association have been in contact with several financial institutions with a view to gaining a replacement branch or agency.

Responses are still being awaited from some, however the Bendigo Bank is willing to come and talk to the DPA regarding the opening of a branch, which

can take 18 months and up to two years.

The structure of the Bendigo Bank is very different from other financial institutions in that it is a franchise, and half of the profits generated go back to the community.

To be viable it must have community commitment and support, and a board to oversee operations.

The DPA's hope is that an agency could be opened in

the meantime, to tide the town over until something permanent is set up, as the closing of the Credit Union is a great inconvenience to many.

A folder containing more information about the Bendigo Bank is available for perusal by the public at the RTCT Centre, Delegate, and the public will be kept informed as more information comes to hand.

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BINGO

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 11am

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BOWLING GREENS

Twilight Bowls Every Tuesday evening from 5.30pm

This information is for members and their guests

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