

ABOUT TOWN



Errol Godden and Garth Chamberlain.



All aboard with driver Paul Gugger.

It's a small world

Malkara School

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It was all aboard for Willogobung, Blagdon, Duck Creek, Crestwood, Clifton Falls and many more stops along the route for the annual Malkara Model Railway and Scale Model Exhibition. In its 37th year it still draws thousands of enthusiasts and wide-eyed littlies to a comprehensive collection of small toys for big boys that is always a wonder to behold as a miniature world lures you into its magic. Errol Godden was given his first Hornby train in 1940 and he's still got it. Years later he found out it was second hand, but that was probably normal in those days and it led him to treasure trains and Meccano and to look

forward to this event where his knowledge and skills are shared. At Grand-dad's Toy Trains stand for the ACT Vintage Train Collector's Association with Garth Chamberlain they both marvelled at the littlies getting a thrill at seeing Thomas the Tank Engine. For the girls of all ages the "Mini-scule Mall" was a shoppers' paradise with teeny tiny shops full of teeny tiny goodies. Then for a miniature steam train ride with the cleanest steam ever to be seen it was all aboard with Paul Gugger and Brian Kirby to do the circuits. Manning the entrance to the exhibition was a team from Canberra Woden Lions Club who happily volunteer every year to help out for this major fundraiser for Malkara. Team



leader Dick Bell has been volunteering for all those 37 years and still gets a buzz out of it. Thirty-seven years is a long time, but there seemed to be enough enthusiasts of all ages itching to get among those toys and plenty of teachers to pass on their knowledge. Malkara will be benefiting for years to come.

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John Proctor and John Harriott.



Alexander Burriss.



Canberra Woden Club volunteers Dick Bell, John O'Connell and Darren McFarlane



Tiana and Jasmyn Howell.

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Young schmoozes at Muddle Bar

The Schmooze Network's Young Professional Group (SYPG) is a unique group that brings together young professionals in their 20s from a wide range of sectors and groups to foster connections, share insights and to be inspired. Each month's event offers a different theme, and on August 19 at Muddle Bar, the SYPG will be staging 'Making a Great First Impression', featuring three special presentations from experts from the worlds of fashion and business. Whether you want to make new contacts, promote your expertise, or gain access to decision makers, Schmooze is for you. They are one of the ACT's leading professional and social networking organisations. For more information, visit the website www.schmooze.net.au or look for the SYPG on facebook.



Young professionals at the March Schmooze.

Computer sale at Domayne

If you are on the hunt for a new desktop computer, a laptop or a notebook, make sure you step into Domayne and view their August specials. This month all computers are on sale so you will certainly pick up a bargain. If you purchase a computer before August 16 you will receive a 42-month interest free period. Any computer bought during the month of August will come with a complimentary MP3 player (model number LAS3530) — this should ensure plenty of people swing through the doors of this popular Canberra store. Domayne recommend Blink for customer's mobile broadband needs and, also during August, you can receive 6GB for the price of 3GB (terms and conditions apply). For more information, phone 6126 2500.



August sale on computers.

Heal your life in Canberra

Louise Hay 'Heal Your Life' workshops are now in Canberra, Sydney and surrounding areas. Could you imagine connecting at a level where you accept yourself for who you are now and you can accept others for who they are? If you are looking to create positive changes in your life then these empowering courses are for you. Angela and Michelle met in Victoria at 'Heal your life' workshop leader training. They were so inspired from their own personal growth that they have teamed up to run the courses here in Canberra to help you to rediscover yourself. They have created a safe place for you to reconnect with your intuition, to connect with your inner strength, and help you to find your passion. For more information, phone Angela on 0458 887 727, email Michelle at info@onelifeworkshops.com.au or visit www.onelifeworkshops.com



Learn to accept yourself.

Choir competition at Llewellyn Hall

The Australian National Eisteddfod Society is now offering one of the premier choral competitions in Australia with prize money totaling just under \$20,000. The Premier Choral Competition will take place at Llewellyn Hall, ANU, on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15. Children and adults from local choirs will have the chance to compete against the best in the nation. The adjudicators

will be Anne Williams, director of the stunning Eltham East Primary School Choir in Victoria which took out five first places at last year's event, and George Torbay one of the judges from last year's *Battle of the Choirs* on Channel 7. Canberrans are encouraged to go along for a wonderful two days of choral singing. Tickets are available through Ticketek or at the door. For more information, phone 0414 628 007.

Succeed Charity Gala Ball on again

Succeed Personal Development, a personal training company with a difference, is hosting its charity gala ball on Saturday, August 15 at the Canberra Burns Club. The annual Charity Gala Ball is Succeed's way of giving back to the local community. All proceeds from the silent auction of sports memorabilia and donations from Canberra businesses go towards Camp Quality and the

families and children they help who are dealing with cancer. This year the special guests will include Paulini Curuenavuli, from the first series of *Australian Idol*, and Sam Rouen who was winner of 2008's *Biggest Loser*. Succeed's annual ball has raised more than \$45,000 in the past three years and this year Succeed hopes to make it another big one. For more information, phone 6162 4272.

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