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Huon Trail e-Newsletter

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It's Summer on the Huon Trail, the busiest time of year in the lead up to Christmas and New Year celebrations! Our operators are preparing for a bumper tourist season, and with the Christmas festivities just around the corner, now is the perfect time to book your Huon Trail getaway!

Cygnnet Folk Festival

January 14-16th 2011 - Various venues in Cygnnet

The Cygnnet Folk Festival has developed a reputation for being one of the premier cultural events in Tasmania's art calendar. www.cygnnetfolkfestival.org.au

A Day on the Beach

January 26th 2011 - Kingston Beach Esplanade
Come along and join us on the beach to celebrate Australian lifestyle - the beach, sport (both on and off the water), our community, Australian culture, local music, fun and activities, the Big Aussie BBQ. www.kingborough.tas.gov.au



Targa Wrest Point

January 29th - 30th 2011 - Various locations

A special tarmac rally held primarily on the Huon Trail. Witness the action on the region's winding and scenic roads. *Please note some road closures apply during this time.* www.targawrestpoint.com.au

So why not come down for the day or stay for the weekend! It's a great chance to experience the many activities located on the Huon Trail.

Introducing...

NEW! Huon Valley Visitor Centre

The Huon Valley Council is excited and proud to announce the recent opening of its full service visitor information centre in Huonville. The centre is located at 2273 Huon Highway on the approach to Huonville. The centre can provide information and booking services for the Huon Trail region and statewide.

You can purchase some of the region's finest and freshest produce and beverages, as well as quality giftware and souvenirs. So on your next trip to the Huon Trail, please be sure to call in and say hello to our friendly staff, and check out the centre's special deals. Open seven days 9am-5pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

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Huon Trail operators win awards!!!

Huon Bush Retreats, Ranelagh

Huon Valley eco-tourism operation, Huon Bush Retreats is the proud recipient of the Nyrstar Environment and Sustainability Award which acknowledges proven passion and dedication to improving the Tasmanian environment. They received their award at the Community Achievement Awards event held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart in October.

The award recognises their efforts to overcome challenges faced by our natural world and to overcome the barriers to change that are often encountered in business. Environmental improvements can come in many forms, for example changing behaviours and patterns of consumption, restoring impacted areas, establishing sustainable business practices, and the protection of threatened species and habitat. Huon Bush Retreats has been recognised as succeeding in all of these areas.

Day visitors and overnight guests can be assured that their holiday is helping to protect the environment. During the awards ceremony, each of the four finalists were asked about their particular environmental endeavours. When asked how Huon Bush Retreats' manage to balance environmental protection with tourism impacts, Paul answered, "Trying to balance it would constantly present ethical dilemmas. Instead we just make sure that everything we do has a large environmental bias. One example is our carbon balance which comes out 3900 tonnes positive per year. That is, we take in more carbon than our operations and our guest travel releases."



Paul went on to thank the great team of staff at Huon Bush Retreats, including the construction team, maintenance people, cleaners, bookkeeper and partner Michael.

"Without everyone doing their bit, Huon Bush Retreats would not be the success that it is." says Paul.

He also thanked everyone in the Mount Misery community who has made the private habitat reserve a reality. Located in the Mount Misery Private Habitat Reserve near Ranelagh, Huon Bush Retreats offers guests a choice of self contained cabins, deluxe tipis and private campsites against an inspiring backdrop of protected native forest. Walks are open to day visitors and it is encouraged that the Huon Valley community comes and enjoys the beauty of the reserve.



For more information please contact Huon Bush Retreats (03) 6264 2233 or Email: info@huonbushretreats.com Website: www.huonbushretreats.com

The Red Velvet Lounge, Cygnet

Steve Cumper wins the inaugural Australian Country Style Magazine's National Country Chef of the Year Award.

Steve Cumper, owner/chef of Cygnet's renowned The Red Velvet Lounge, has won the inaugural Australian Country Style Magazine's National Country Chef of the Year Award for 2010. Earlier this year, Australian Country Style magazine, in partnership with Toyota Prado, conducted a nationwide poll to find Australia's top country chef. In August, the award was presented to Steve. This is the second national award for Steve who moved to Tasmania as founding Executive Chef at Peppermint Bay and helped that restaurant win Australia's top tourism award a few years later. (source: Tourism Tasmania Corporate website). As result of this award, Steve will have six articles published in the magazine's upcoming issues.

Steve also writes on food and life in the Huon Valley on his blog www.the-view-from-my-porch.blogspot.com which he started in 2006 firstly as the Garrulous Gourmet and then as The Gobbler.

Open seven days for breakfast from 9am and lunch from 12pm.

On Friday and Saturday nights The Red Velvet Lounge is open from 6pm for dinner showcasing Tasmania produce. Steve and the team have a commitment to using Tasmanian, local, free range and organic produce. Free range pork, chicken, eggs, organic beef, goats and sustainable line caught Ike Jime fish from the fisherman that supplies Rockpool and Kylie Kwong in Sydney are used. Steve believes that the restaurant is the only cafe/restaurant in the area with this level of commitment to local produce. As well as a demonstrated commitment to the region Steve also employs many local people who rely on the Red Velvet Lounge for their income.

The Red Velvet Lounge
24 Mary St, Cygnet

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Visit their new website www.theredvelvetlounge.com.au



Tourism businesses awarded for Business Excellence!

The inaugural Kingborough Business Excellence Awards were held in October and were hosted by the Rotary Club of Kingston, with support from the Kingborough Council and the Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre (KCEC). The top award for Primary Production went to Bruny Island Cheese Company, whilst Brookfield Vineyard took out the top award for Tourism and Bruny Island Explorer Cottages taking the runner up award for Tourism business excellence.

Primary Production Winner - Bruny Island Cheese Company

Tourism Winner - Brookfield Vineyard,
Tourism Runner up - Bruny Island Explorers Cottages



More details continued over page

More news from the Huon Trail...

Bruny Island Cheese Company, Bruny Island - Winner of Primary Production

Bruny Island Cheese Company is an artisan cheese maker in southern Tasmania, owned and operated by Nick Haddow. Their cheeses are all made and matured using traditional techniques and are some of the finest artisan cheeses made in Australia. Bruny Island Cheese Co. was started by Nick Haddow, after he spent 10 years working with specialist cheese makers in many different countries around the world. He and his partner Leonie settled on Bruny Island in Southern Tasmania in 2001 to start making cheese for themselves.

The cheeses Bruny Island Cheese Co. makes are very much the product of Nick's travels and training throughout the great cheese producing regions of France, Italy, Spain and the UK. They are the cheeses he loves to make and eat. Nick is a traditionalist, who recognises that great cheese was made for centuries before modern technology played a role and believes passionately in the old way of making and maturing cheese. For him, cheese making is a pursuit of integrity and flavour.

Bruny Island Cheese Co. use both cow's and goat's milk to make its range of cheeses. The animals are farmed in an environmentally sustainable way with the focus of the farming practices on producing the best milk possible. We believe profoundly that the milk is what makes the cheese and therefore the good treatment of animals and then their milk is paramount to us.

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Brookfield Vineyard - Winner of Tourism

Open 7 Days a week 9am to 6pm PLUS dinner Fri & Sat
Relax, enjoy our family friendly venue, live music and enjoy our hearty meals
Indoor and outdoor seating
Cosy rustic ambience
Tudor Court Model Village German Model Train World

1640 Channel Highway, Margate
(03) 6267 2880
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Bruny Island Explorers Cottages - Runner Up of Tourism

The multi award-winning Bruny Island Escapes offer a range of accommodation right across the island including the award-winning Bruny Island Explorer Cottages. With cosy log fires, water views and wildlife at your doorstep, each property offers a high level of privacy and a comfortable environment from which to relax and enjoy the many natural wonders that Bruny has to offer. From self-contained studio accommodation through to premium waterfront properties, they offer the opportunity to get 'up close and personal' with nature in this truly untouched paradise.

The 2 bedroom Explorers Cottages offer 3½ star comfort and sleep up to 4 guests. Each has a private balcony and a cosy log fire. All you need are your eats and drinks, then enjoy.

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December 2010

Saturday 4th

Rob Perigo – contemporary song writer and folk ballads 6:30pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
(03) 6295 1267

Sunday 5th

Woodchopping and Sawing Competition with the Cygnet Axeman's Club 9:30am – 4:30pm. Cygnet Wood Chopping Arena

Evocative vocals and acoustic guitar with Robyn Cheyne 6:30pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
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Friday 10th

John Sawyer – a most talented singer-songwriter 6:30pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
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Friday 17th

Paulette Bougourd sings haunting songs 6:30pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
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Saturday 18th

Acoustic guitar and vocals with Pete Campbell 6:30pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
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Friday 31st

New Years Eve dinner party 7pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
(03) 6295 1267

January 2011

Saturday 8th - Sunday 30th

Art About Cygnet Exhibition 1pm – 6pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
(03) 6295 1267

Thursday 13th

Open folk music sessions from 4pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
(03) 6295 1267

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th

Cygnet Folk Festival, Various venues, Cygnet

Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd

Annual Cygnet Open Tennis Tournament, Louisa Street, Cygnet

Buskers Night from 6pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House
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