





October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Playgroup Tuesdays!			1	2
3	4	5	6 YAC Meets	7 RTTA DENTIST	8 DENTIST	9 Bream Comp
10	11 Podiatrist Here... 	12 Council Meeting	13 Immunisation Clinic	14	15	16 HOEDOWN Quiz Nite
17	18 	19 Probus Club Meets	20 Downs Lawyers	21	22 Community Bus goes to Mt Gambier	23
24	25 	26	27	28 EYEBUS	29	30
31	1 Nov Podiatrist Here... 					

The Month that is October...

"Octo", the Latin word for eight gave October its name, for in the old calendar it used to be the eighth month.

The "Oktoberfest": a beer festival...



A 19th century medical opinion referred to beer brewers and beer cellars as the best pharmacists and pharmacies in the world. At one time religion not only supported, but greatly fostered the drinking of beer. Monks largely contributed to the art of brewing, as beer provided a nutritious food supplement during the time of Lent.

Persons from Munich, Germany, refer to it as their "liquid bread." Of all the world's beer festivals, none equals Munich's Oktoberfest either in fame or size. Once limited to only one day, it now extends over 16 days.

Its origin in the 19th century concerned not the drinking of beer but the racing of horses. On 12 October 1810 a royal wedding took place between Crown Prince Ludwig & Princess Therese and a spectacular horse race was held to mark the royal event. The race was run at the close of the festivities with 60 horses competing from all over Bavaria.

The race became an annual event, drawing vast crowds of spectators. A biennial agricultural show was an additional attraction, the event now stretching to days. To cater for the thousands of people, beer tents and booths were put up. The festivities are officially opened when the Lord Mayor taps the first barrel of beer and concludes with a large parade of brewer's drays and floats. This was the beginning of the Oktoberfest.

See us
there
at the
Fair!!!

