

## Friends of the Old Bega Hospital Newsletter



Join us to celebrate the grand opening of the award-winning restored Old Bega Hospital, the heritage heart of the OBH Regional Community Cultural Centre! As a Friend of the OBH, your support has been invaluable in revitalizing this historic building and creating new memories for the Bega region's social fabric. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and gather at the OBH Precinct for a day of celebration, connection, and discovery.

Bring a picnic lunch, rug, and chair, and enjoy the festivities on our expansive lawns, accompanied by live music from our community radio station and local talents. In case of rain, we have a 'raised roof' for limited shelter. The day offers a chance to meet old and new friends, explore workshops and displays by our current tenants and users, including the Potters' Workshop, Textilers' Studio, and Leadlighters' Area, and visit the Men's Shed, Beekeepers, Landcare, and Bush Heritage groups in action. Browse market stalls, wander through the restored rooms of the OBH, and enjoy morning tea and treats on the sunny verandah.

Our merchandise stall will be operating, offering new OBH-branded items such as T-Shirts, Tea Towels, Aprons, and Tote Bags, all locally printed and reasonably priced. Six or seven nurses who worked at OBH will be honoured with a special morning tea, hosted by our community radio station with Lisa as the hostess. They will share their stories and memories on the verandah of the Nurses' Quarters.

Your help is needed to make this event a success. If you can contribute baking, please email Chris Rogers, who will be collecting donations near the verandah. Additionally, we need volunteers for various tasks such as setup, signage, food preparation, and more. Email Val Little at [froglittle@bigpond.com](mailto:froglittle@bigpond.com) with your availability and preferred tasks.

Parking attendants will be on hand to direct you to designated areas, and the precinct is a beautiful, green oasis devoted to the community, thanks to the hard work of volunteers. Workshops by Potters, Weavers, and Seedsavers, sponsored by Bendigo Bank, will be featured, and the Memorial Paver Path has been expanded with new donations. Forms for new pavers will be available at the merchandise stall.

Your help in spreading the word and volunteering will ensure a memorable and successful event. See you on June 21, 2025, for a historic day in the Bega Valley!