

Pinewood Village Vibe

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Fine dining, accommodation at Hotel Bruce County

With four star boutique accommodation, two first class restaurants and three conference rooms, Hotel Bruce County is unquestionably one of the gems of Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs.

Founded in 1981, Hotel Bruce County is located at 445 Blackburn Road, just off the Monash Freeway and adjacent to Pinewood Shopping Village.

The 38 room Hotel offers a range of room types such as queen, twin, executive and garden suites to suit corporate travellers, leisure guests and short/long term guests; with all the amenities guests could need during their stay including air conditioning, digital TV, complimentary wi-fi, Foxtel and room service.

Hotel Bruce County offer two exciting dining options – the Overflow Café and Wine Bar and Clancy's Restaurant – both with an extensive menu, wine and beverage selection.

General manager Hannah said The Overflow Café and Wine Bar is the perfect setting for catching up with friends, family and business associates.

"The Overflow is fit for families, friends and colleagues. The relaxing ambience is the perfect place for people to meet, catch up and enjoy a relaxing meal and drink. Our week day Combo lunch is always popular where you can enjoy a main meal and beverage at a terrific price!" Hannah said.

"We offer a wide range of meals and are able to accommodate to most dietary requirements, so come along and check out our weekly specials!"

"Happy hour is on every Friday. Customers can enjoy \$6 schooners, two for one cocktails and complimentary bar snacks between 4pm and 7pm every week. We also offer an extensive wine list to suit everyone's palate."

Clancy's Restaurant is a fine dining venue filled with all the elegance and charm befitting of any celebratory event. It boasts an extensive modern menu, with a focus on regional produce, with gluten-free and vegetarian options.

Hannah said: "Inviting and warm, Clancy's is the perfect setting for quiet lunches or dinners with friends, family and business associates with its quality food, extensive wine list and fine service.

"It is a truly hidden gem in Mount Waverley."

Clancy's is open for lunch on Thursday and Friday and dinner from Wednesday to Saturday, while The Overflow is open for breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday and dinner every day except Sunday.

Hotel Bruce County offers three spacious, quiet and private function rooms.

"We have the perfect room for any function or event; from quiet meetings for two to banquet dinners for 100." Hannah said.

Located on the ground floor, the Boardroom is great for small meetings and private dining.



Hannah, Hotel Bruce County General Manager

Upstairs, the Paterson Suite comfortably seats up to 30 people and is suitable for training sessions and seminars as well for the smaller groups.

The Heritage Hall, located on the ground floor, is ideal for seminars, weddings, parties and larger corporate events with seating for up to 100.

Hotel Bruce County is gearing up for a very busy month in December where they will be hosting a traditional Christmas Day Lunch in both Clancy's Restaurant and the Overflow Café. Customers dining in Clancy's Restaurant will receive a special gift on the day.

Dinner and Jazz Nights will be held in the Heritage Hall in December so give them a call and find out when you can enjoy a two-course set dinner accompanied by music from the Melbourne Jazz Band; a great night out in the Eastern suburbs.

"Hotel Bruce County is all about creating the perfect atmosphere for your next stay, function or event. Come and let us take care of you and enjoy our quality food and service," Hannah said.

For more information visit www.brucecounty.com.au

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President's Message



Welcome to our last newsletter for 2019...a very active and rewarding year, due to all the hard work behind the scenes.

A very big thank you to Peter Wharton, Elena Rullo and Lisa Wadia and special thanks to Pauline Zahra for the website set-up and all her promotional work.



Christmas is again nearly here...we will be having Pinewood Primary School choir singing Christmas carols and Santa will be paying a visit too.

The Melbourne Jazz Band will be performing at Hotel Bruce County during the month of December.

Farewell to one of our traders Kelly from My My Vietnamese restaurant and good luck with the new venue in Bentleigh.

Welcome to Marvin and his team at the new Jonker Street Malaysian restaurant.

We also have the AGM at Hotel Bruce County on Wednesday, November 27 at 6 pm.

2019 has been a great year. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy festive season!



Evvie Makris

President, Pinewood Chamber of Commerce
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Monash Mini Maker Faire on Dec. 1

The inaugural Monash Mini Maker Faire will be held at the Monash University Clayton campus on Sunday, December 1 from 10am to 4pm.

Being promoted by the City of Monash and the Monash Tech School, the Faire is a free event and will celebrate all things creative, from crafting to high technology and robotics.

There will be interactive activities, food trucks and items for sale on the day. Many activities are free and suitable for all ages.

The event is expected to drive a strong culture of innovation across the Monash community.



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Pinewood Primary School Prep students Demi and Audrey with the photo frames and flower plants at Pinewood Shopping Village's Father's Day promotion. The prizes were donated by the Pinewood Chamber of Commerce, Pinewood SV retailers and Pinewood Quality Nursery

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'You're only one workout away from a good mood' is the catchcry of the fitness industry.

Envie Fitness, a women's only gym at Pinewood Shopping Village, offers a complete range of services in a warm and friendly environment to help achieve your fitness journey.

"We have everything at Envie to help you achieve your fitness goals," Envie Fitness manager Vanessa said.

"During the week we offer various types of classes made up of cardio, strength and dancing classes at night such as Zumba and Konga which are very popular.

"On the weekends there's a whole range of classes including Pilates and Yoga on Sunday and Yoga on Friday nights, too."

Another popular discipline is Metafit and MetaPWR, a program comprising high intensity interval workouts designed to increase the heart rate up to 85 percent plus and back down again.

"Studies show that the half hour workouts are the way to go with fitness and longevity," Vanessa stated.

"We offer a 6am class every day from Monday to Friday. Not many gyms can offer that."

Vanessa, a personal trainer with over 10 years' experience in the fitness industry, conducts group classes with professional trainers Dani and Jess. Classes range from 45 minutes to an hour.

"If the ladies don't want to do the classes we offer every member a strength and cardio program, even for our seven day trial members," Vanessa said.

"One of the unique things about Envie is that every member who comes in during staffed hours, we can supervise them on the floor and see how they work out and correct them and give them a program to follow."

Envie Fitness is staffed from Monday to Thursday from 8am to 7pm and Friday from 9am to 2pm and on Saturdays from 9am to 12 noon.

The air-conditioned studio has a full range of fitness equipment including three treadmills, two rowing machines, two cross-trainers, two spin bikes, dumbbells, weight machines, lat pull down, seated row, lying leg curl, leg extensions and leg press. Facilities include a private studio, two changerooms, a toilet and a designated kid's area.

Envie conduct private sessions for young mothers with babies on Mondays and Thursdays.

"Babies can be with their mums while they workout and that is very good, not only physically but mentally as well," Vanessa said.

Envie caters for women of all ages from 16 years.

"We have one lady who is 86 years young who works out nearly every day," Vanessa said.

"Our members are very welcoming. I think it's really good for their mental health and not just the physical side. Being an older person it's just nice to have that sisterhood.

"It's non-threatening which is the way you want women to feel these days."



Envie Fitness manager Vanessa limbers up

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The speaker is Jenni Marr, the owner-manager of Travel Plus Australia, a long established travel agency at Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Village.

Jenni, who took over Travel Plus – now a member of the Helloworld group - in December last year, heads a friendly team of three consultants – Sue, Libby and Stephani – who have over 60 years of combined experience in the travel industry.

"We understand the business because we are experienced, curious travellers ourselves," Jenni said.

"We listen, consider options and tailor the holiday you want whether tourist, traveller or something in between."

"We can work with you to create the holiday you want – narrowing down options, thinking about budgets, discovering hidden gems, sharing travel tips and tricks – so you get the holiday you've dreamt of," Jenni said.

"Travel Plus aim to create great trips that provide memories to last a lifetime."

Travel Plus Australia offers a complete range of services for travellers.

It includes domestic and international holiday planning, ocean and river cruises, coach and small group touring, self-drive, sightseeing, trains, buses and ferries, corporate travel, honeymoons, family holidays, multi-generational holidays, solo travellers, and religious and educational travel.



The Travel Plus team Steph, Libby, Jenni and Sue

"When we book your holiday we assist with all parts of your trip including travel insurance, visa assistance and cash passport cards," Jenni said.

"We can even book a limo transfer from your home to the airport to begin your holiday in style!"

Travel Plus Australia specialise in complicated flight itineraries and arranging bespoke itineraries for clients using smaller hotels, car hire, trains and out-of-the-way destinations.

"We have access to great fares including first and business class and can ensure that your flights are linked to your Frequent Flyer membership prior to travel," Jenni stated.

"Through our relationship with Helloworld we can organise tickets for events such as Wimbledon, theatre and concerts and the Edinburgh military tattoo. Some of the tour companies we deal with have special departures for Andre Rieu concerts, for example.

"We have lots of different brochures and lots of ideas on places we have travelled to. We can help you find that out-of-the-way destination and something different to do with your sightseeing."

An experienced traveller herself, Jenni said her favourite holiday destinations were Paris, Morocco, Bali, Las Vegas and river cruising in Europe. She plans to personally escort a tour to Mexico and Cuba next May.

She said that Travel Plus's experience and level of care for their clients have been the hallmarks of the business dating back to 1991.

"We want everybody's trip to be the best it can be. Every holiday is different and that makes our job different every single day," Jenni said.

"It's exciting and it's interesting ...it's fun!"

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Tasman Butchers a cut above the rest

Premium quality meat at the most affordable price, friendly customer service and advice is the domain of Tasman Butchers at Pinewood Shopping Village.

Opened in March 2012, Tasman Butchers is a locally owned and operated business run by traditional butchers with over 75 years' experience. Utilising expert skills, Tasman Butchers provides the best in traditional butchery services; cutting the meat fresh in-store and offering a full range of quality for each protein variety.

They also offer the convenience of a vast range of pre-packed fresh meat, priced and ready to go.

Tasman Butchers' meat is 100 percent Australian grown, sourced directly from local farmers who understand the company's exacting standards and delivered fresh daily to their stores.

By working directly with local farmers and preparing their meat on-site, Tasman Butchers provide the freshest quality cuts and offer the largest variety, straight from paddock to plate.

Tasman Butchers carry a full range of quality yearling beef, lamb, pork, chicken and other poultry lines as well as game and veal. They also stock a full range of offal and fresh pet food.

"We have recently introduced the farm88 brand of beef and lamb, sourced directly from our farm88 property in the Parwan Valley, 45 kilometres west of Melbourne," Tasman Butchers' marketing manager Meg Kerr said.

"It's one of the very few locations in Victoria that has the benefit of nutrient-rich, volcanic soil, producing a unique full-flavoured, robust taste."

Tasman Butchers carries a wide selection of grocery, frozen and deli products and a range of Italian products as well.

There are also gluten-free lines with no artificial colours and flavours such as freshly prepared sausages, burgers and marinated products.

The Mount Waverley store is managed by Adam, who has been a butcher for 22 years and with Tasman Butchers for six years, having previously worked at the Berwick, Pakenham and Oakleigh stores.



Tasman Butchers Pinewood manager Adam with a fine cut of beef

With an indisputable passion for meat and customer service, Adam leads a skilled and friendly team of 17.

Tasman Butchers offer helpful hints to customers if you are planning a function or a barbecue such as product recommendations, advice on the best cooking method for each type of meat, as well as catering for special orders. And, with Christmas fast approaching, Tasman Butchers should be your one-stop shop for delicious meat choices.

"We are offering a huge range for Christmas!" Adam said.

"From turkeys and turkey buffets (fresh, frozen and cooked), a large selection of Bertocchi hams, fresh and frozen

duck, frozen seafood and a selection of Italian Panettones, to our regular delicious beef, lamb, chicken and pork roasts plus specials on a range of cuts perfect for the BBQ and entertaining."

Very community-minded, Tasman Butchers gives back to the local community by providing a fundraising discount on BBQ sausages.

"We also provide a Community BBQ Sausage Sizzle outside the store, available for locals to raise funds for their club, school or charity. And to help, we donate the first 150 sausages!" Adam said.

Tasman Butchers is located at 443 Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley. The store is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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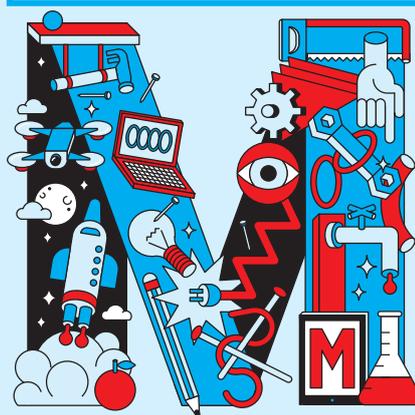
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Wide variety at Vietnam Bar

Vietnam Bar, located in the Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Village, offers one of the finest selections of Asian food in the south-eastern suburbs.

"We have more than 500 dishes on the menu. There's a dish for everyone," Vietnam Bar manager Tracy said.

Vietnam Bar opened in January 2018 on the site of the former Po Hing Chinese restaurant.

"After the fire in 2017, Po Hing Restaurant had to shut down for eight months. That was a difficult time," Tracy said.

"We had been waiting and spending a lot of money to renovate a 40 year-old restaurant with a 'new' look. We had a lot of happy memories with our customers here for many years.

"We thought we could give up, but we were missing our customers and we wondered if we were not to re-open, our regular customers might be missing our food. This was the motivation for us to start up again.

"Po Hing 's menu remains for our beloved customers with some new Vietnamese and Asian food."

The offering includes beef, pork, chicken, seafood and duck dishes, stir fry vegetables, noodles, soup and dumplings to eat in or take away for lunch and dinner.

Among the more popular dishes are sweet and sour chicken, sweet and sour pork, special broken rice, nasi goreng, barramundi with either sweet and sour or Singapore sauce, Cantonese omelette and spring rolls with lettuce.

The delicious Vietnamese pancakes come in three different flavours – prawn and pork, seafood and vegetarian.

"We have new chef's specials every week, depending on the season," Tracy said.

She said the Claypot and Hot Pot options are popular for customers wishing to share.

"Claypot offers 10 seafood dishes for two people, while Hot Pot, a goat casserole served with noodles and vegetables, can be shared by up to 10 people," she said.

The menu also offers a wide range of entrees and desserts as well as vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.

A BYO restaurant, Vietnam Bar is open every day for lunch and dinner except Tuesday.

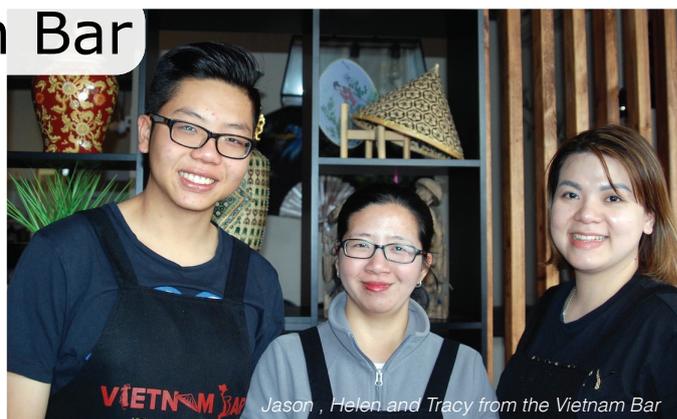
The restaurant seats up to 100 people and the staff are fluent in Vietnamese, Chinese and English.

Vietnam Bar has a catering service for parties, celebrations and corporate functions.

"Our motto is 'fresh, healthy, quick'," Tracy said.

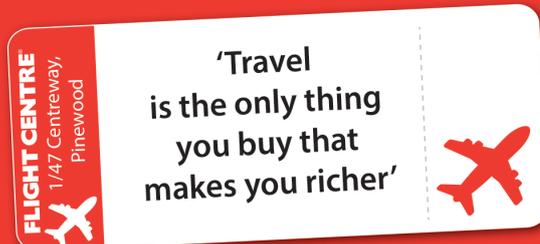
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Jason, Helen and Tracy from the Vietnam Bar

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