



LINTON NEWS

Special Edition— January 2019



Mecha is a new and unique arts festival showcasing the best of robotic and mechanical sculpture, performance art, sound, and video art – a home for hybrid and experimental artforms.

19th of January 2019 will be the beginning of the journey: a one day/night pilot festival, to test the waters, trial ideas, with room to grow in future in an organic and practical way.

The works on show will be experimental, weird, beautiful and captivating. Sitting somewhere between the traditional worlds of galleries, theatres, and festivals, these forms will be presented together as a unique grouping not often seen in Australia's arts scene.

An artist run festival, Mecha places experimental arts front and centre, and puts artists first, with every bit of profit from the festival going directly to the artists thereby directly benefiting from its success.

Conceived and driven by local experimental artist duo **Cake Industries**, in partnership with **Linton & District Progress Association**, Mecha is focused on bringing experimental arts out of the cities and developing this unique scene in regional Australia.

A bar will be operating on site, as well as camping facilities for those who wish to stay overnight.

Embracing diversity and inclusivity, we invite everyone from all walks of life to come and experience, interact, and play in an abstract, absurd and surreal world together with us. Held at a small property in Scarsdale/Newtown the exact location of the festival will be announced closer to the event on social media and the festival website.

For more information on the artists, tickets, camping and everything else, visit the festival website:

<http://mecha.website>

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LINTON AND DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Meetings are open to all who are interested. If you would like to become a member of the association email us!

Don't forget—you don't have to attend the meetings to be involved! We are seeking volunteers to help with projects in and around Linton—want to join in? Let us know! You don't have to attend the meetings to help :)

Meetings: Monthly on the second Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next meetings: January 10

Where: Shire Offices, 68 Sussex St, Linton

Email: lintonprogress@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/LintonDPA/>

THANKS

The Linton & District Progress Association would like to thank all of our contributors and advertisers for their support over the 2018 year. Including:

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- The Linton CFA
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- The Linton & District Men's Shed
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A big thank you to Margaret and The Linton Take Away & News Agency for helping with the distribution of the newsletter—we couldn't do it without you!

We would like to wish the Linton & District Community a very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year.



DEADLINE: 21st of the month

Contributions from the community are welcome and encouraged. Deadlines must be adhered to, otherwise there is no guarantee of inclusion in the newsletter.

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news.linton@gmail.com



Linton Emergency Relief Pantry

The Linton Emergency Food Pantry would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their supporters for their kind donations in 2018. You have helped many people through difficult times. It is important to remember that Christmas can be a stressful and expensive time for many families and individuals. The laundry hampers are waiting to be filled with Christmas goodies that will go a long way to making Christmas better for those in our community who are doing it a bit tough at this time. Please take your donations to Wares, Plants 'n' Things or the Linton Shire Offices. We are also collecting gifts—if you are able to help please wrap and label with appropriate age information attached. Please consider becoming a regular donor to the pantry. A tin or jar a week can make a big difference to a person or family who need a little bit of support either short or long term.

Thank you, Bennita and Warren.



October 26th & 27th, 2019

Everyone has a story, a history, a narrative of their hometown.

Following on from our successful inaugural LOLA celebration in October 2018, LOLA Version 2 will continue to explore, capture and showcase the spirit of Linton through written, performing and visual arts.

Various events will be held throughout 2019 leading up to the celebratory weekend of October 26th & 27th

Follow us on Facebook for further details

<https://www.facebook.com/lintonOnLiteraryArts>



Pictured: Linton Fire Brigade (1960) courtesy of the Linton & District Historical Society

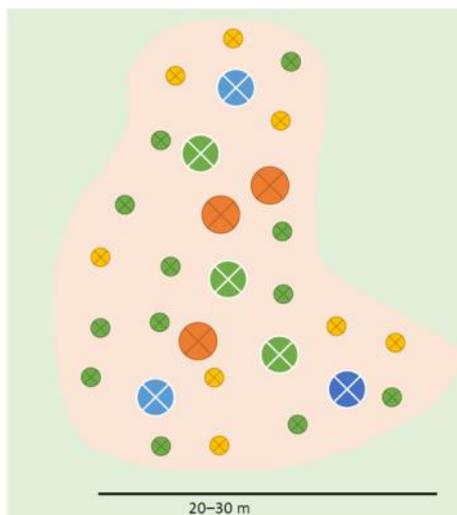
Edinburgh Reserve

Picnic in the park

On Wednesday the 5th of December the Linton & District Progress Association (LDPA) hosted the first annual “Picnic in the Park”. More than 40 locals attended on the night and the weather was just perfect. Thanks to the Linton & District Men’s Shed for allowing us to use their bbq and a big thank you to Neil Southerington for transporting it to the reserve.

The LDPA and Community Coordinators have been continuing to look at ways in which to re-invigorate Edinburgh Reserve. Last year LDPA informally undertook consultation with the community regarding the use and redevelopment of the Edinburgh Reserve after a request from a council employee. This resulted in the creation of a document outlining plans and ideas provided by the community including the Linton Primary School, members of the Linton Community Facebook group and other community groups in the area.

We now have plans to start including the design for the first garden bed.



will also install plant identification signage when funds can be sourced.

Maintenance and Upkeep

The Gardens Working Group will be responsible for maintaining garden beds put in place by the LDPA this includes weeding, watering, pruning and mulching. The plan is for the group to hold bi-annual



Above: (L to R): David, Neil and Warren

-  Blackwood (lime/yellow flower)
-  Black Wattle – *Acacia mearnsii*
-  Bottle Brush – *Callistemon siberi* (lime/yellow flower)
-  Bottle Brush – *Callistemon* sp. (pick a fast growing variety, red flowering)
-  Billy Buttons – *Craspedia* sp. (yellow flowering) – will spread about over time
-  *Dianella caerulea* or similar (purple flowering) – will spread about over time

Notes

- All plants Australian native and relatively low maintenance
- Larger trees near edges provide shade to adjacent lawn area
- Suggest replicating this type of bed around the park to provide more shade trees and colourful understory
- Suggest swapping the trees for other species in other beds for added diversity
- Mulch over the whole bed

working bees to do any of the major work such as pruning. A roster of volunteers will be created to organise the remaining work, watering and weeding. Currently the working group consists of 7

members who are local to Linton.

Signage

The LDPA are also looking to replace the sign for the reserve and include directional signage from the highway.

WANT TO HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. You don’t have to come along to meets, just attend a working bee (or 2) and do some occasional maintenance work in your own time. The LDPA are currently working on purchasing tools and equipment for volunteers.

To begin with the LDPA will create one garden in the vicinity of the rotunda. A plan has been developed that includes suggested species of plants suited to the area that are drought tolerant, low maintenance and bird attracting (see below). The garden will be well mulched to help with water retention.



LDPA already have the funds available to purchase soil, the plants and are looking at options available to obtain mulch. The LDPA



Christmas Lunch / Dinner

Tuesday 25th of December—1pm to 9pm

The Railway Hotel Linton

73 Sussex St , Linton

Looking for something to do on Christmas Day? The Linton Community Coordinators and the Linton & District Progress Association invite you to join in on a Christmas celebration. Come for lunch or dinner or both!

Cost: Pay what you can

Drinks at bar prices

We would like to thank Krys & Dave for kindly again allowing us to use of the Railway Hotel for this event.



January 2019

- 10th—Linton & District Progress Association & Community Coordinators meeting 7pm @ Shire Offices
- 13th—Snake Valley Community Swap Meet Carngham Linton FNC
- 19th—Mecha
- 26th—Australia Day Breakfast at the Recreation Reserve –All Welcome

Need more information? A live calendar of events with further details is available on the Linton Community Website:

<http://www.lintoncommunity.com/apps/calendar/>

Have an event coming up or regular meeting?

Send the details to news.linton@gmail.com.



The Railway Hotel
Linton
73 Sussex St, Linton
Ph: (03) 5344 7214

Hosts: David & Krys

Open Tuesday to Sunday
Pot & Parma—Thursday night
Meals—Friday and Saturday nights
Pizza— Tuesday to Sunday nights

Monthly Sunday Arvo Jam Sessions
First Sunday of the Month
Time: 3pm to 6pm

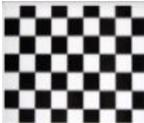
Come along and bring your own instruments for a jam. PA, guitar amps, bass amp, and drum kit supplied.

Spectators—gold coin donation

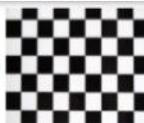
Performers— FREE

Hosted by Glenn Suckling on Bass Guitar

Next Jam: 3rd of February



**Snake Valley
Community Swap Meet
Carngham Linton FNC**






Sites \$15 - For site bookings and all other enquiries contact Lenny on 0408 624 839 or Sharon on 0418 551 128

Find us on Facebook
Saturday night meal & bar available

When: Sunday 13th January 2019
Where: Snake Valley Recreation Reserve
Gates open to stall holders at 6am
Gates open to Public 7am - 1pm
\$5 Entry, U/18 FREE

