



Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Celebrates 50 Years

This year marks 50 years since Coal Creek Community Park and Museum commenced operation.

To celebrate this major milestone, Coal Creek will be celebrating with a special event: A Birthday at the Park

A Birthday at the Park will be an action-packed afternoon comprising of heritage and historical displays, live music, film/theatre, rides, food and exhibitions. Taking place Saturday 20 April from 12.00pm to 8.00pm, a Day at the Park promises to be a birthday for the whole community to enjoy.

The history of Coal Creek is steeped in community collaboration. The Park was originally conceptualised by a group of Korumburra residents who saw potential in the Korumburra Court House as a tourist attraction. They rallied together to make a proposal to the Korumburra Shire Council to reserve land for the Court House so they could establish a place where history and heritage could be preserved. With support from the community and Local and State Government, Coal Creek was established and open to the public on 2 March 1974.

Coal Creek's timeline is stamped with the addition of many buildings, events and community celebrations, which have contributed to the ongoing expansion of what the Park is today. The collection of heritage buildings provide a snapshot of the local coal mining past and the tale of the areas rich beginnings.

Buildings aside, Coal Creeks story stems from the many community volunteers who have breathed life into the Park through manning the stores, maintaining the grounds and providing guests with live demonstrations from the 'olden days'.

A Birthday at the Park will see many volunteers in attendance and working in the buildings where they will share with visitors their unique talents and skills ranging from spinning yarn to metal works.

In addition to the abundance of history on display, there will be amusements rides and activities for children of all ages. An impressive line-up of live music alongside vintage games and a variety of food and beverage, will be adding to the celebratory atmosphere of the day. Collections of photos and work from the Parks early days will also be presented for everyone to enjoy.

A Birthday at the Park will truly be a day for all to enjoy.

Quote attributable to Cr Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

“A Birthday at the Park is set to celebrate a massive milestone for Coal Creek. The Park has been enjoyed by many children, families and adults who have visited over the years and experienced a taste of our regions rich history, and recently I’ve enjoyed seeing this space activated with music and contemporary art.

I look forward to a day of entertainment and revived heritage all while celebrating 50 years of Coal Creek and I hope to see our community there enjoying the celebrations.”

For tickets, please visit: coalcreekcommunityparkandmuseum.com/_events/

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