

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

COMMUNITY

SOCCER

IT'S Ladies' Day today down at Melbourne Victory's home ground. Women of all ages are invited to head to AAMI Park early and take part in some pre-match pampering before the team takes on the Newcastle Jets at 7.45pm. Make-up and beauty specialists will be on hand for consultations and treatments in the Victory Ladies Lounge, with goodie bags packed with giveaways available, too.

Today 5.30-7.30pm, Goschs Paddock, AAMI Park, Olympic Boulevard, city, free, footballaustralia.com.au/melbournevictory

AQUARIUM

SHARKS of Shipwreck Cove is a new attraction at the Melbourne Aquarium that gives visitors a sense of what it might be like to be at the bottom of the ocean in shark-infested waters. A 600,000-litre exhibit, it stars a number of different breeds of sharks swimming in and around the skeleton of a full-scale shipwreck. There will be shark feeding frenzies and pirate-themed activities taking place daily until January 31.

Today and tomorrow 9.30am-6pm, Melbourne Aquarium, corner of Flinders and King streets, city, \$21.50-\$34.90, 9923 5999, melbourneaquarium.com.au

LORNE PIER TO PUB

IN ITS 32nd year, the Lorne Pier to Pub (pictured below) takes to the waves today. If you were planning on entering, it's too late but you can find a vantage point along the foreshore, relax and take in the spectacle. The race runs in staggered rounds, accommodating all skill and experience levels, from first-timers to "Sharkbait" (participants with 10 or more swims under their belts), with plenty of entertainment and side events going on around the town on the day.

Today at noon, Lorne foreshore, lornesurfclub.com.au



VINTAGE RALLY

THE collective roar of engines from across the ages will ring from the Geelong Vintage Rally this weekend, billed as one of the biggest displays of restored and working vintage machinery and tractors in Australia. You can expect to see steam and internal combustion engines, cars, trucks, motorcycles, farm machinery and vintage toys, as well as hear some live country music.

Today 9am-5pm, tomorrow 9am-2pm, Geelong Showgrounds, 79 Breakwater Road, East Geelong, \$5, joomla.royalgeelongshow.org.au

PHOTOGRAPHY

BETWEEN the 1930s and the 1960s, Melbourne experienced an influx of talented photographers from abroad — such as Maggie Diaz, Norman Ikin and Helmut Newton — who set about snapping shots for the fashion, advertising and architectural industries. Some of this commercial photography now belongs to the State Library's collection and is on display under the banner *As Modern as Tomorrow: Photographers in Postwar Melbourne*. The exhibition will conclude on February 5.

Today and tomorrow 10am-5pm, Keith Murdoch Gallery, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, city, free, 8664 7000, slv.vic.gov.au

VISUAL ARTS

IN THE Steps of the Buddha is an exhibition that showcases the National Gallery of Victoria's collection of Buddhist art, a display that comprises more than 80 works and tracks the path that Buddhism has taken across Asia. It is the first Buddhist art exhibition at the NGV since 1956, and includes pieces from India, China, Nepal, Tibet and Southeast Asia, dating from the second century to the current day.

Today and tomorrow 10am-5pm, NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, free entry, 8620 2222, ngv.vic.gov.au

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN



WORLD

CHILDREN can travel the world without leaving the kitchen in the Kids Culinary Adventures program at Gourmet Kids (pictured). Three international cuisines will be explored and children can attend all three classes in one day or across three weeks. At the Greek class, students learn to make kourabiedes (walnut shortbread), the Japanese class covers sushi and the Vietnam option features rice paper rolls.

January 12, 9.30-10.30am, 11am-12.30pm, 3-4.30pm, Gourmet Kids, 1449 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, \$25-\$35, 9824 5979, gourmetkids.com.au

DESSERTS

AT THE Queen Vic's cooking school, Coda pastry chef Julie Thai will teach teens the tricks of making summer desserts, with the focus on coconut panna cotta with mango, a mixed berry trifle and a cold-set lime cheesecake with exotic and tropical fruits.

January 17, 11am, Queen Victoria Market, 69 Victoria Street, city, \$55, qvm.com.au

BAKING

SYDNEY artisan bakery Brasserie Bread set up its South Melbourne outpost late last year and is already training the bakers of tomorrow through its free Saturday Kids Baking Class. During the hour-long class held by Matthew Brock, a small group of children aged between five and 12 make, bake and take home savoury scrolls, as well as use their imagination to create their own fantasy chocolate bread. Bookings essential.

January 17, 10-11am, Brasserie Bread, 150 Thistlethwaite Street, South Melbourne, free, 1300 966 845, brasseriebread.com.au

PASTA

SWISS-born Francophile Sandra Bernard presents a kids' pasta cooking class. Children make their own dough, roll it out and cut it into funny shapes. After boiling their creations, they spoon sauce over the top and devour it on the spot.

January 13, 2pm, Chateau Cuisine, 20 Long Street, Mentone, \$45, chateaucuisine.com.au