



New chapter for Kippilaw P3

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Resplendent Riversdale

BY midday, more than 400 people had poured through the gates of historic property Riversdale, for its annual Spring Fair.

The circa 1840 former inn yesterday threw open its doors and spectacular garden to people from Goulburn and district and as far afield as South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and New York.

The day, blessed with beautiful spring sunshine, showed the lovingly tended property in all its glory as for the first time Open Gardens Australia included it in its program.

"We're extremely pleased and we've had lots of positive feedback," National Trust volunteer Debbie Sibbick said.

Highlights of the day included stalls, musical entertainment, a talk by landscape designer Michael Bligh and the launch of two books.



COLOUR OUR WORLD: Sisters Laura and Eryn McTernan from Goulburn took some time out resting among Riversdale's beautiful garden at yesterday's Spring Fair. Photo: Louise Thrower.

Hostel wins planning tick

By TOM SEBO

Council to decide homeless facility

COUNCIL'S planning department has recommended approval for the ongoing operation of St Vincent de Paul's homeless men's hostel in Market St.

With its two-year trial period now expired, councillors will decide Kennedy House's fate at Wednesday night's meeting. During the 28-day exhibition period, Council received more than 22 community submissions on the matter with interested parties vigorously pledging their support

for and against the proposal.

Concerns raised by the public included anecdotal reports of anti-social and alleged criminal behaviour by some residents, the facility's proximity to Belmore Park and whether management was equipped to deal with the unique needs of some of the more challenging clients.

Some of the men who call Kennedy House home suffer from mental illness, drug and alcohol issues or have been released directly from prison into the Society's care.

Planners have recognised the challenges and said it was difficult to quantify anti-social behaviour. At the same time, they've

stated Kennedy House operators have always been prepared to work with authorities to resolve issues.

They're suggesting a community consultative committee be established if permanent approval is granted.

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