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show their top picks for the
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What's on this summer

The Oddities & Curiosities Expo

14 - 15 December

A showcase of all things weird & wonderful

Fashion Thrift Society 22 December

Shop curated vintage & pre-loved clothing

Melbourne Wedding & Bride

Summer Expo 12 January

Australia's largest wedding expo

Juicy Fest 17 January

The ultimate R&B & hip-hop festival

Victorian Caravan & Camping Supershow 19 - 23 February

Australia's biggest RV, camping & outdoor event

The Pet Show 1 - 2 March

A pawsome event for animal lovers

Melbourne Guitar Show 1 - 2 March

Australia's favourite guitar event is back



For tickets, updates* and to discover more exciting events coming to Melbourne Showgrounds, visit melbourneshowgrounds.com

*Event schedule subject to change

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WELCOME BACK!

Union News is a community magazine that provides local information, stories, resources, events and business information for Union Road in Ascot Vale.

If you have any local community stories or information that you would like to share please email to unionroadtraders@unionroad.com.au there may be a possibility your article will be shared in our magazine.

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Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of our Union News Magazine.

How did 2024 get by so quick, it's the season for Christmas, holidays and Summer!

As the festive season approaches, we invite you to continue supporting our wonderful traders for all your holiday shopping needs.

Union Road is blossoming into a vibrant destination, with an exciting array of new businesses adding even more variety to our beloved street.

Jaesael
Editor & Union Road Precinct Manager

A festive header for a Christmas gift guide. The word "CHRISTMAS" is written in large, white, serif capital letters against a red background. Below it, the words "Gift Guide" are written in a white, elegant cursive script. The background is decorated with various Christmas items: wrapped gifts in green and gold paper, colorful ornaments (red, blue, purple), and pine branches with needles.

CHRISTMAS

Gift Guide

1 Spoilt Gift & Homewares

2/200 Union Rd

These cowboy boots are truly unique — they make the perfect planter or vase, adding a fun western touch to any home.

2 Classe 90 Vice

136 Union Rd

Have a slice of Italy with a 90s vibe. Give your special someone a night out and have dinner to taste the delicious food at Classe 90 Vice!

3 Pansuk Massage

133 Union Rd

Give the gift of pure relaxation this Christmas with a massage, perfect for anyone in need of some well deserved downtime.

4 Hello World Travel Ascot Vale

219 Union Rd

How about adventure this Christmas, a holiday getaway is the perfect surprise for making memories and starting the new year refreshed. Talk with the team at Hello World Travel Ascot Vale to start planning your getaway.

5 Red Rocket Design

1101/103 Maribyrnong Rd

At Redrocket they have a number of illustrations of local icons such as our No. 57 Tram and Telesonics, amongst other images. Available as cards, posters and tea towels, perfect for that Christmas gift.

6 Studio 244

244 Union Rd

Treat someone special this Christmas with a skin gift pack from studio 244 to get that soft skin glow for the holiday season.

7 Sunday The Salon

205 Union Rd

A hair salon voucher is a great Christmas gift, giving someone the chance to treat themselves to a fresh new look for the upcoming new year!

8 Union Wine Store

136 Union Rd

You can't go wrong with a bottle of wine for any celebration, and Union Wine Store has you covered with their finest selections—perfect for gifting a little holiday cheer.

With the holidays just around the corner, we've put together a handy guide to help you find the perfect gift from right here on Union Road. Our local traders have everything you need, tasty treats, unique gifts and pampering experiences. It's the perfect way to support local businesses while ticking off your Christmas shopping list. So, grab a coffee, take a stroll down Union Road, and discover our top 10 gift ideas that'll bring a smile to your loved ones this festive season!

9 Young Willow

242 Union Rd

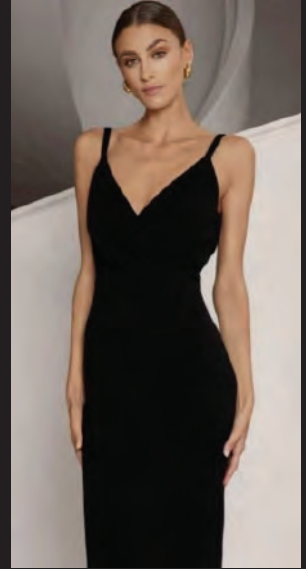
For the little ones, the Moover Tap Tap Toy is a perfect Christmas gift for children sparking musical exploration and aiding in hand-eye coordination through fun, interactive play. They will definitely adore this wonderful gift.

10 MGM Home Timber & Hardware

182 - 184 Union Rd

Yard Force 1600W High Pressure Washer makes a great present for those that love to maintain their outdoor areas. This pressure washer helps clean your patios and courtyards with ease without the use of harsh chemicals.





TOP 3 DRESSES *for the Holiday Season*

Hi everyone!

It's never too late to do what you're passionate about and for me it's fashion, clothes and for years opening a boutique was a dream and now I've made that a reality.

I love seeing people come in and feel amazing in the dresses and clothes I have in the boutique it's a great feeling knowing I can help people feel great in what they are wearing.

The support from everyone, especially the Ascot Vale community has been amazing and I am so grateful for that.

So please, if you haven't already come down to Little Black Dress Boutique, come visit us and I would love to meet you.

Balinda

LITTLE BLACK DRESS BOUTIQUE

4/93-95 Union Road, Ascot Vale



TOP: Three beautiful dresses that I picked out that will be perfect for your festive parties over the holidays.



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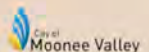
CHRISTMAS ON UNION ROAD

Join us in this fun
free community event

Saturday, December 7
11am - 3pm

Face painting | Balloons | Roving entertainers
Kids activities | Musical performances | Rock climbing
Community stalls | Santa & more!

Pets & kids, come dressed
in your best Christmas
wear for a chance to win a
prize!



This free community
event is supported by
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THE COLLECTIVIST



TOP PICKS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to gather your loved ones for some quality game nights. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the scene, we've curated a list of fantastic board games that are sure to bring joy and laughter to your gatherings. Here are our top recommendations for this festive season.



COFFEE RUSH

Players: 2-4

Playtime: 30+ minutes

Age: 8+

Put your barista skills to the test in Coffee Rush. Compete to create the best coffee shop by crafting delicious beverages and attracting customers. With engaging gameplay that combines resource management and strategy, players must balance their ingredients and customer preferences to succeed. It's a fast-paced and fun choice for game nights!



WYRMSPAN

Players: 1-5

Playtime: 90 minutes

Age: 14+

Dive into the enchanting world of Wyrmspan, where players take on the role of adventurers seeking to tame dragons and explore mystical landscapes. With stunning artwork and deep strategic gameplay, players must gather resources, build alliances, and navigate challenges. Perfect for fans of fantasy and adventure!



LACUNA

Players: 2

Playtime: 10-15 minutes

Age: 8+

Lacuna is a cozy, abstract game where two players collect flowers by drawing imaginary lines between them. Set on a serene pond at night, players take turns moving their pawns to connect flowers of different colors, aiming to gather as many as possible. The goal is to collect the most flowers, focusing on both quantity and the variety of colors.





KIDS PAGE
Decorate your tree

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



EXCITING NEW BUSINESSES

We love seeing new shops open into Union Road adding to the vibrant mix of businesses that make our community unique. Let's visit and welcome these new businesses in our neighbourhood.

The Collectivist

225 Union Rd

Little Black Dress Boutique

4/93-95 Union Rd

Your Skin Room

90 Union Rd

MW Physio

137 Union Rd

Restore Her Myotherapy

137 Union Rd

welcome

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW PET GROOMING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the dog groomers Michelle and Lainey from La Casa De Pooch who have won several big awards at the Melbourne Royal Show dog grooming competition.



From Time Out's recent article, Ascot Vale ranks second among Australia's trendiest summer destinations! Picture credit to Fraser's Property. Here on Union Road, you'll find a vibrant mix of local gems offering something for everyone with some cool places to hang out.

Two Melbourne suburbs made it onto a list of the trendiest summer destinations in Australia



HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

Happy 1st birthday to Ascot Vale Meat and Poultry. They celebrated by giving out cake and balloons, thanking their support and love to their customers and local community.

Time Out Article

ROAD TO THE SHOW

Union Road's recent "Road to the Show" event in September brought the spirit of the Royal Melbourne Show to Ascot Vale. It was a day with fun and excitement with a chance to win some show family tickets provided by the Melbourne Royal Show.

The day kicked off with a line of people ready to win some show tickets.



Our local traders went above and beyond, offering interactive experiences, special promotions, prizes while serving up tasty food and treats.



THANK YOU

Thanks to the support from the entire community for coming to the "Road to the Show" and all our lovely traders who got involved. Congratulations to all the winners, we hope you had an amazing time at the show!

Spoilt gifts & Homeware	Young Willow
Union Hotel	Jimmy's Tap & Barrel
HQ Melbourne	Ready 2 Rock
Feeling Smooth	Hop & Spice
Classe 90 Vice	Mane Hair Salon
Re-Worn	Emily Ferrato Hair
Union Road Pharmacy	Melbourne Powered
Ascot Vale Meats & Poultry	The Ascot Cafe
Nido Early School Learning	Bakers Delight AV
Beauty By Mela	The Happy Apple

Here are some photos shared by the amazing race challenge winners, we hope you enjoyed the show!



RECIPE



refreshing summer juice

This refreshing juice recipe is the ultimate thirst-quencher for a hot summer day. Bursting with the natural sweetness of fresh oranges and a hint of zest, it's not only delicious but also incredibly simple to make. Perfect for when the sun is blazing, this recipe requires just a few minutes and minimal effort, making it an ideal go-to drink for cooling down. Packed with vitamin C and hydrating goodness, it's a healthy, energizing treat that will keep you feeling refreshed all summer long.



INGREDIENTS:

6oz cup coconut water

6oz cup of fresh squeezed orange juice (no pulp)

6oz cup of soda water

Ice cubes

Optional: Garnish with a slice of strawberry, or an orange slice

INSTRUCTIONS:

To a glass, add ice cubes

Add your squeezed orange juice without the pulp

Next add your coconut water

Stir together and add the soda water

Garnish your glass with a slice of strawberry on your glass

DEC '24 Events



7 Dec CHRISTMAS ON UNION ROAD
Saturday, December 7
11am - 3pm



7 Dec CAROLS AT QUEENS PARK
4.30pm - 8.30pm



22 Dec FASHION THRIFT SOCIETY
Melbourne Showgrounds



25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY



26 Dec BOXING DAY



31 Dec NEW YEARS EVE



JAN '25 Events



1 Jan NEW YEARS DAY RACE DAY
Flemington Racecourse




8 Jan VRC SUMMER FUN RACE DAY
Flemington Racecourse



12 Jan MELBOURNE WEDDING & BRIDE SUMMER EXPO
Melbourne Showgrounds



14 15 Jan ODDITIES & CURIOSITIES EXPO
Melbourne Showgrounds



15 Jan JUICY FEST 2025
Melbourne Showgrounds

FEB '25 Events



15 Nov BLACK CAVIAR RACING DAY
Flemington Racecourse



For more information on these events, visit the corresponding website:

- <https://www.nowandagain.com.au/>
- <https://10times.com/caravan-camping-tourism>
- <https://www.melbourneshowgrounds.com/whats-on/events/>
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