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Saturday and Sunday
Group Bookings by
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Schools and special groups
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Café Hours

Friday-Saturday-Sunday
Lunch 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Dinner from 6:00 pm
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NEWSLETTER

Old Macaroni Factory & Lucini's Pasta Café—Hepburn Springs

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Dear Patrons

What an amazing start to the year with so much help and support from so many directions.

Our plans for the Swiss Italian Festa are taking shape well and we hope to see you sometime during the final festival weekend to celebrate with us— **Friday 27 April through to**

Sunday 29th. If you can't be here for

the whole weekend, then spend a day or night at one of our events. Our flagship event is on Friday 27th with our "Little Piece of Italy Dinner" starting at 6.30pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment. We're treating you to a great night of celebrations, singing and culinary delights. A three course dinner plus glass of Lambrusco for \$60 per head. AND our special guest will be talented singer songwriter Joe Dolce... read more later.

Lucini's lunches and dinners will run throughout the weekend, plus blackboard specials. On Sunday our Street Carnivale Market Stall will feature Lucini's famous sausages and Daylesford Wines. There is a lot happening on our property. Enjoy!!! FULL PROGRAM OVER

We look forward to seeing you here for the Swiss Italian Festa

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Hardworking visitors help out from the Better Earth Team

We are so grateful for this amazing project that happened in January over two weeks at our place. Conservation Volunteers Australia managing two **Better Earth** teams of 8 removed exotic weeds, constructed a retaining wall, levelled the outside dining area and reconstructed a fence.



Front Row: Ian Henderson (Team Supervisor Group 2), Ulf Lorenz, Simon AAY.
Back Row: Mary Kipouropoulos, Jenny Somerville, Amanda Norton.

Team Leaders Brian Anderson and Ian Henderson said some of the international volunteers were on a working holiday and wanted to improve their English whilst others loved working outdoors, meeting new people and learning new skills. CVA partnerships manager Peter Sacco said volunteers found it very rewarding to work on projects to restore Victoria's valuable cultural and environmental heritage.

JUST ANNOUNCED.....The Age Cheap Eats 2007 "Best in its Class"
"Nona nosh pasta café. There's more than pastas to eat here....."

Visit the oldest Italian building in Australia - built in 1859

www.macaronifactory.com.au for more information

**VISIT THE
WINE WATER AND STONE
EXHIBITION AT
MELBOURNE'S IMMIGRATION
MUSEUM**

March 28-July 14 2007

Celebrate the Swiss and Italians from Hepburn with this fascinating collection of words, artifacts and photos loaned by local families.

It tells the story of those who emigrated during the years 1850-1880, who came seeking opportunities that flowed from the Victorian goldrush and of their descendants, many of whom still live and work in the district. The Macaroni Factory has sent a range of historical memorabilia for this Exhibition.

**INTIMATE DINNERS
SPECIAL
CELEBRATIONS**

*Lucini's Private
Dining Room*

**for couples or groups
up to six
\$50 per head**

Two course dinner

Dessert and wine extra

(03) 5348 4345



WHAT'S NEW—WHAT'S ON

**Exciting Swiss Italian Festa Celebrations
AT THE MACARONI FACTORY**

Fri 27, Sat 28, Sun 29 April 2007

FRIDAY EVENING

"A Little Corner of Italy" Dinner

featuring special guest of the Festival Joe Dolce,
singer-songwriter and talented musician .

Enjoy a fun evening of music, singing and culinary delights
with food from the Piedmonte region.

3 course dinner plus glass of Lambrusco

\$60 per head

Book early to avoid disappointment - starts 6.30pm

(03) 5848 4345

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lucini's Lunches 12-3pm & Dinners from 6.30pm

Regular menu and Piedmonte Blackboard Specials, Garden Bocce

Historic Guided Frescoe Tours

11am and 3pm - 1 hour \$10

Street Carnivale Market Stall

Enjoy Lucini's famous sausages and Daylesford Wines 12-3pm

Meet our staff

Claudia Simmons (our resident cook who is off to Rome for 6 months), Rodney Rogers (waiter), Liz Tyler (new kitchen hand).

Tastes of the Region's at Lucini's

Learn more about Italy's provinces and food cultures when we feature food styles from a region of Italy each month. Check out the blackboard when you visit and join in the fun. Featuring Tuscany in March and Piedmonte in April.



Claudia, Rodney and Liz

Joe Dolce at The Factory for the Festa this April

One of Australia's favourite singer-songwriters Joe Dolce will feature as a special guest at this year's Swiss Italian Festival. Don't miss him on Friday 27th at The Old Macaroni Factory when he'll perform at our "Little Corner of Italy" dinner.

Joe is a great vocalist and musician... Sweet and soulful vocals and guitar work, humour, blues harp virtuoso, mandolin, storytelling and acclaimed songs. He is an accomplished festival solo performer and has 35 years of writing and performing, from "My Home Ain't in the Hall of Fame" to "Shaddap You Face." We hope you enjoy him. Book early for our dinner to avoid disappointment.

"My parents were born in the USA and my grandparents and great-grand parents came from Calabria and Sicily".

"LITTLE GRANDMA was my father's mother and going to her house always meant sitting at the breakfast table which overlooked the garden and garage. My grandmother was an extraordinarily gifted cook, even a legend amongst the other Italian grandmothers. She could cook and bake anything. She would bring out the food - freshly baked bread, breaded and fried schnitzels, roast peppers in oil, and a variety of canned things, especially sweet banana peppers stuffed with anchovies. I could never get enough of these"



**SEE JOE LIVE FRIDAY 27TH APRIL
AT "THE FACTORY" DINNER**

| READ MORE ABOUT JOE ON OUR WEBSITE |