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WOW - What a weekend!

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Perhaps better described as WOWWW - Weekend OF Wild Weather & Workshops, the torrential downpour did not prevent a single participant from attending.

It all began at 9.30am on Saturday with the First of Tony Windberg's classes "Painting Faces" at the Pemberton Camp School in the spacious and well heated Dining Hall.



The workshop was well attended, and the feedback from participants was inspiring.

"Tony is so encouraging and knowledgeable, he gently guides and encourages".

At 10am it was "Drama" with Felicity Kingston in the Recreation room, also at the Camp school. Even though the wood fire was unavailable, Felicity ensured there was plenty of activity and energy to keep the participants warm and engaged.

It was a great range of ages and skill levels of attendees, all of whom enjoyed the day and gave helpful and constructive feedback.



"The instructor was knowledgeable and conducted fun and educational activities". "It was super fun and I loved it".

All participants indicated they would be likely to attend again and would definitely recommend this event to a friend.



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From here it was over to the Pemberton Sports Club to start the "Italian sausages" workshop with John Bendotti at 12pm. Participants were so keen, that most had arrived by 11.30am. It was soon all hands on deck with this entertaining presenter and his handfull of helpers.



Attendees got to have samples of mini-mince meatballs during the day to help warm them up, and although there were several complaints about the cold, John assured them all that it was "perfect sausage weather", and who could argue with that?

The small number of feedback froms we received for this event were all very positive and some attendees were singing praises for the workshop at the local businesses on their way home.

"It was such a great experience from start to finish".
"Excellent tutor". "Excellent presentation".

All workshops had wrapped up and packed up by 4pm which gave us time to catch our breath before starting all over again on Sunday.

The first workshop for the day was the Sold out "Felted slippers" workshop with Faye Llewellyn at gam at the Mill house collective.



The most physically demanding workshop of the weekend, it was fortunate attendees had ongoing access to fantastic coffee, cakes and consideration from Kevin at the Mill house kitchen.

It was rolling, rolling, rolling, shocking and scrubbing for several hours under the guidance of the ever-obliging and talented presenter, Faye.

It is always suprising at these events to see the range of creative talent that emerges at the end, as also seen at the fabulous creations at Tony Windberg's classes.

Everyone who attended was thrilled at their handmade result as the photos and the feedback will testify.

"I will attend any of Faye's future workshops".

Another class by Tony Windberg commenced at 9.30am and both workshops had concluded by 4pm, which gave the team ample time to get out to Hidden River to be there for the start of the "Classic Kitchen" workshop with Ardal Nigg at 4.30pm.

Comfortable in his own kitchen, Ardal prepared a delicious menu with step by step written and guided instructions for participants.

Those who attended not only got a free glass of wine on arrival, but also dinner to take home, having been prepared for them over the course of the workshop.

Feedback from participants was once again very positive.

"Ardal Nigg is a true professional in his field". Brilliant presentation with great explanation".



As always, these events would not be possible without the support of sponsors, presenters, participants., local businesses and volunteers.

We would especially like to thank our sponsors who made this entire weekend a great success.

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Also to my ever-reliable team of friends and family who assist, clean-up, help out, listen, feed me and monitor my children and to all the volunteers who assist in all ways.

To Kaas and Edge for lifting, carrying and always helping.

Thank you all, your support is greatly appreciated. We could not host such a successful weekend of events without you.

Designed to bring entertainments to locals and visitors to the region during the depths of Winter, please keep in mind this event for July next year when WOW will be on once again!

Thanks to Kieran Dearle and Pei-Chen Ho, we have so many great photos of the weekend we just have to share them. See below, more photos of:

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