

events

november

MARKETS

2 APOLLO BAY

9am-1pm
Also 9, 16, 23, 30.

BECKLEY PARK (CORIO)

8am-1pm
Also 9, 16, 23, 30.

GOLDEN PLAINS

8.30am-12.30pm
Bannockburn

LORNE FORESHORE

10am-4pm

TORQUAY FARMERS

8.30am-1pm
Also 9, 16, 23, 30.

Shire offices

3 ANGLESEA RIVERBANK

9am-4pm

AIREYS INLET

9am-1pm
Community Hall

BELMONT

8am-1pm
Also 10, 17, 24.

DEANS MARSH

9am-2pm

GEELONG WATERFRONT

10am-2pm

OCEAN GROVE

9am-1pm

SOUTH GEELONG

9am-1pm

Also 17.

Primary School

WINCHELSEA

9am-1pm

9 PAKO FARMERS

9am-1pm
Ashby Primary School

10 PT LONSDALE

9am-2pm
Primary School

17 APOLLO BAY FARMERS'

9am-1pm

COLAC

9am-2pm
Showgrounds

DRYSDALE

9am-1pm

23 BARWON HEADS

9am-1pm
Community Hall

VEGAN LIFESTYLE

10am-2pm
Barwon Valley Activity Centre

24 PORTARLINGTON

9am-2pm

QUEENSCLIFF

9am-2pm

② TOAST TO THE COAST

Two-day festival showcasing the very best cool-climate wines and gourmet food from around the Moorabool Valley, Surf Coast and Bellarine Peninsula. This year's event offers an exciting format change, with more options to discover Geelong's world-class wine. Enjoy Day 1 of the event touring the wineries, visiting cellar doors and discovering the delights our region has to offer. Day 2 is at The Pier, where wine producers will come together to offer their finest drops at a beautiful showcase event under the one roof. 10am-5pm. Visit www.toasttothecoast.com.au for full details. Also November 3. See also Page XX



⑧ CHRISTMAS IN GEELONG

Be entertained with a special one-night only event. An early evening event culminating in a short fireworks presentation and the lighting of Geelong's floating Christmas tree which will then be staged each night from 8.30pm until midnight with approximately six-minute shows every 15 minutes. Steampacket Quay, Eastern Beach Road, Geelong.

⑨ TEXTILE BASKET WEAVING

All fabrics used the Textile Basket Weaving Workshops with Ruth Woods from Craft School Oz are recycled from old clothes from charity shops, textile waste from industry, even old jeans. Create one of these textile baskets and learn how to give your old fabric new life. All materials are supplied. Bookings essential. 10am-1pm and 1.30-4.30pm. National Wool Museum, 26-32 Moorabool Street, Geelong.



⑯ BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET

Clothes, shoes, toys, prams, cots, car seats, highchairs from more than 50 stalls. 9am-1pm. Barwon Valley Activity Centre, Belmont. Adults \$3, children free.

⑳ GEELONG REVIVAL MOTORING FESTIVAL

An action-packed motoring festival, held on Geelong's waterfront covered with more than 600 quirky, valuable and fascinating vehicles. Take a step back in time into our vintage lifestyle zone featuring live music, trade stalls, delicious food and entertainment. Motoring enthusiasts can enjoy the trade expo zone, featuring great displays, sales and unique demonstrations. 2-9pm. Free. Until November 24.



㉑ QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL

A three-day event featuring some of Australia's biggest musical names including The Cat Empire, Clare Bowditch, Missy Higgins, Newton Faulkner, Tim Finn, Troy Cassar-Daley and The Waifs. Until November 24.

If you would like your event featured on these pages for free send details and contact to jon@provincialmedia.com.au

+ TECHNOLOGY



You spin me round...

Digital music tried to bury vinyl. Jon Mamonski puts another record on

Something has been lost in our digital music convenience. The instant ease of streaming means there's no tactile involvement, nothing personal between you, your considered purchase and what the artist delivers. It's all too clinical. Those old enough to remember playing records, or like me have kept their record collection, can now rejoice in reconnecting with the music you love and the pleasure of playing records, just like you used to.

In Vienna in the 1990s, Heinz Lichtenegger pioneered the turntable revival with the Pro-Ject Debut, a simple, clever, affordable record player. Thirty years later, Pro-Ject is a world leader in turntable design and here is the culmination of crafting the simple but clever that delivers audio quality with great looks – the Pro-Ject RPM 3 Carbon.

Gone is the big square plinth, instead the platter seems to float on its invisible boomerang shaped base and there's the carbon fibre tone arm with an Ortofon 2M Silver cartridge all driven by the ultra-precision DC driven belt drive synchronous motor unit.

And the sound? Your records never sounded this good. Rich, dynamic, lots of detail and tight bass. You'll hear things in your music you never knew were there. What a joy,

putting your fave's on the platter, sitting back and letting it wash over you. Re-live your music pleasure anew with some surprises in the detail not heard before.

Do you remember tube valves that used to glow in amplifiers and phono pre-amps? Industry still uses them to this day and in the best guitar and hi-fi amplifiers they're a must. The perfect partner for the Pro-Ject RPM 3 Carbon turntable is the Pro-Ject Tube Box DS2 phono pre-amp. We use tubes simply because they make the music created, sound better – smoother, warmer and cleaner. Ditto for guitar amplifiers used in creating music. The ways that tubes distort when pushed to the edge are much more musical than the artificial sounds that come from transistor amplifiers.

The point of using a phono preamp is to deliver the purest vinyl record sound to your amplifier.

In listening tests, the Pro-Ject Tube Box DS2 proved to be a joyous listen making every recording sound wonderfully lush and warm. Voices sounded natural and inviting you to rush back to your record collection and try another favourite.

Both the Pro-Ject RPM 3 Carbon turntable and the valve Tube Box DS2 are available from Steve Bennett Hi-Fi in Geelong for \$899 and \$999 respectively.

New way to listen

Have a look at your stereo amplifier – how big is it?

Until recently, almost every integrated amplifier you could buy was essentially a separate preamp in the same box as a power amplifier stage, with a power supply to make them both work. The greatest concession to being modern was a remote control and if you were really lucky it would let you adjust the volume. Our world is different now.

A very small footprint means an integrated digital amplifier, decoders for streaming music from many sources and, of course, Bluetooth, AirPlay, Spotify and Chromecast built in.

Swedish company, Primare is leading the way with a new Prisma L15 integrated amplifier that has received many awards for best product design.

Though small in size and at 6.4kg it's a beast of power delivering 60 watts of pure D Class sound.

Bluetooth offers access to all your favourite streaming especially Hi-Def music from Spotify – the sound quality will amaze you. Available at Steve Bennet Hi-Fi for \$2799.



REVIEW
HEADPHONES

When you want to shut out the world and immerse yourself in your favourite music, you need over-ear headphones and nowadays there's no need for wires with better Bluetooth technology giving you the whole sound quality spectrum. Some even have a voice assistant built in. If you have a newer smartphone without a headphone jack, Bluetooth headphones are a great choice however, choosing Bluetooth headphones can be difficult due to the vast range of models and designs. Whilst battery life is crucial for long overseas flights, you can plug in a cable if needed. Our Tech Guy, Jon Mamonski, a qualified sound engineer, presents the Top Ten best over-ear headphones available for you to buy.

Test measures explained (More stars = Better)

- Comfort – Listening ear comfort over time
- Sound – Quality of music reproduction
- \$\$ Value – Cost versus quality
- Noise Cancel – ANC - Active Noise Cancelling quality
- Voice Assistant – Alexa or Google Home
- Battery Life – Listening time between charging



**AUDIO-TECHNICA
ATH-SR30BT**

Comfort ★★★
Sound ★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel n/a
Voice Assistant n/a
Battery Life ★★★★★

For less than \$199 you can have good sound and remarkably long battery life – 70 hours – which is double the category average. No fancy features or case but you'll pick one up for \$40 on Amazon. www.audio-technica.com.au



BLUE SATELLITE

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant n/a
Battery Life ★★

Blue are renowned for sound and design quality and the Satellite is built and performs well. Priced from \$419 at Kogan. www.kogan.com.au



JABRA ELITE 85H

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★★★
Battery Life ★★★★★

Jabra specialise in headphones and earphones and it shows in this model, the first with AI that automatically adjusts outside noise depending where you are. Excellent sound quality too. Well priced with 36 hours of battery life. Priced at \$399. www.jabra.com.au



**MICROSOFT SURFACE
HEADPHONES**

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★
Battery Life ★★★★★

Microsoft's first outing with wireless headsets is impressive, if expensive at \$499, though packed with features. The 'very grey' look may not suit some. www.microsoft.com.au



SONY WH-XB700

Comfort ★★★
Sound ★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel ★★
Voice Assistant ★★★
Battery Life ★★★

The least expensive of all ten headsets in this review and sold with Extra Bass. That it has and whilst not as swish as Beats, is great value at \$169 with 30 hours between charges. www.sony.com.au



**BEATS STUDIO3
WIRELESS**

Comfort ★★★
Sound ★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★★★
Battery Life ★★★

A lot of plastic and bass with average battery life and at \$400+ makes the Beats less than ideal. Works best with iPhones. www.beatsbydre.com.au



**BOSE QUIETCOMFORT
35 II**

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★★★
Battery Life ★★

Bose set the standard with the QC 35s and went on to add voice assistants with Mark II. 20 hours battery life is just ok for this category but sound quality and noise cancelling shine through. Price is \$395. www.bose.com.au



MARSHALL MID ANC

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★
Voice Assistant n/a
Battery Life ★★★★★

Renowned guitar amp maker Marshall build stylish headphones. Comfortable with good sound and great value at \$303. www.marshallheadphones.com



SENNHEISER PXC 550

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★
Battery Life ★★★★★

Aimed squarely at Sony and Bose, these premium Sennheiser's will please audiophiles seeking high quality sound. Recently price dropped to \$399, they are great value. www.sennheiser.com.au



SONY WH-1000XM3

Comfort ★★★★★
Sound ★★★★★
\$\$ Value ★★★
Noise Cancel ★★★★★
Voice Assistant ★★★★★
Battery Life ★★★

The cream of the wireless SONY crop and stiff competition to Bose, Jabra and Sennheiser. There's little to separate these \$395-priced headphones so it's down to how well you like listening to them on your head. www.sony.com.au

GADGETS



Contact lens with Zoom

Scientists at the University of California San Diego have created a prototype contact lens that is controlled by the eye's movements. Wearers can make the lenses zoom in or out by simply blinking twice. The biomimetic lens is made of stretchy polymer films that respond to the electric signals generated by your eyes when they make a movement, such as blinking. Scientists hope their invention can be used in prostheses, adjustable glasses and remotely operated robotics in the future.



PicoBrew does coffee and beer

PicoBrew have been making great beer and coffee brewers for years. Now they are combining the two and more. MultiBrew is a first and foremost a coffee machine. Unlike PicoBrew's other devices which have put beer first, this is making your daily caffeine injection the priority. It can still brew beer and kombucha and golden milk and tea. Using pods that will be more environmentally friendly they will be made of wood pulp. PicoBrew is promising that the coffee will be as freshly roasted and ground as possible, thanks to the MultiBrew you can brew from cup to keg without sacrificing taste or convenience. Their open platform allows you to brew eco-friendly pacs or your own ingredients with the same level of simplicity. Find out more at picobrew.com



Dual screen 5G phone

If you head to Melbourne CBD or Tullamarine, the new and speedy new 5G phone channel is available – if you have a new 5G phone that is.

LG Electronics has released the V50ThinQ 5G V series flagship smartphone and has gone all out to boost the display and audio performance with a 6.4-inch QHD+ OLED FullVision Display with 19.5:9 aspect ratio that offers you a heightened sense of immersion whether your viewing a video or enjoying a game. Audio has also been upgraded to produce a superb stereo performance that can be enjoyed with or without headphones. The phone also supports Qualcomm aptX and aptX HD audio technology for premium Bluetooth audio quality and low latency ideal for immersive listening experiences over headphones or earbuds.

LG's 5G smartphone features optical innovations that enable you to take extraordinary pictures and videos of the highest quality. Looking beyond still images, LG implemented Video Depth Control in both the front and rear cameras to ensure that moving subjects remain in focus.

LG's first 5G device is powered by the newest Qualcomm Snapdragon 855

Mobile Platform with the Snapdragon X50 5G modem and LG's optimised software to deliver the advanced processing power required for 5G. The phone is also equipped with a 4,000mAh battery, 20 percent larger than in the V40ThinQ and a new Vapor Chamber heat-dissipation system which is more effective than conventional heat pipes to keep internal temperatures low and support sustained apps processing performance even when multitasking.

Inheriting the V series thin, stylish design, the LG V50ThinQ 5G is only 8.3 millimeters in thickness and weighs only 183 grams. LG has also developed a Dual Screen as an optional accessory for the LG V50ThinQ 5G. Designed to resemble a cover case, Dual Screen opens up to give LG V50ThinQ 5G owners a second 6.2-inch OLED display for double the viewing, gaming and multitasking experience. The Dual Screen display and the LG V50ThinQ 5G can be used independently, allowing for many interesting usage scenarios. For example, users can watch a movie on one screen while simultaneously searching IMDB on the other.

Available now from major carriers either outright, \$1728 or on a plan, from \$79 a month.

OLED is king

Your TV viewing time is best spent watching the clearest, most colourful and sharpest 4K images you can get. The game-changing OLED (Organic LED) display invented by LG, generates over a billion rich and vibrant colours. Combine this with no backlight and you also get the most hair-raising blacks to enhance the beautiful colours for a truly cinematic viewing experience.

Add to that, the demands of streaming Netflix and delivering Ultra-HD 4K resolution images, means that your TV needs a strong beating heart. The powerful Alpha 9 Gen2 Intelligent Processor is designed specifically for LG OLED. It uses AI Deep Learning to analyse what you're watching and listening to, from whatever source and optimise it for your viewing pleasure.

Hollywood has upped the ante in recent years, offering higher quality vision using HDR (High Dynamic Range) and much better sound using Dolby Atmos. The new LG OLED C9 TV's have Dolby Vision



HDR that effectively remasters your movie, adjusting it to achieve the cinematic vision of the director and the sonic layering and sound separation of Dolby Atmos, so you are in for a cinematic treat at home.

Tired of endlessly pressing buttons to find what you want to watch? Simply pick up your LG Magic Remote and ask what you'd like to see. LG's ThinQ AI lets you access the enormous power of the Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa, built in.

The most impressive physical feature of the LG C9 65-inch OLED TV is how thin it is – the thickness of a sheet of glass for most of it. Now available from your favourite store priced at \$4495.

Thin portable ultrabook power

The elegant new ZenBook 14 is a super-compact design with a slim bezel 'NanoEdge' display giving you more screen area with slimmer bezels on all four sides to make any visuals more immersive.

It features wide-view technology for clear images even when viewed from extreme angles and thanks to this super-compact display, ZenBook 14 has a footprint that's as small as many 13-inch laptops and also includes the exclusive 'ErgoLift' hinge, designed to automatically tilt the keyboard to the most comfortable typing position.

Two bass speakers and two high-frequency speakers deliver smooth, clear

and powerful full-range sound, while smart amplifier technology prevents distortion and speaker damage at high volumes.

For better productivity, ZenBook 14 is equipped with a backlit keyboard that has just the right amount of key travel.

A comprehensive set of high-performance I/O ports gives ZenBook 14 hassle-free connectivity whether you're at home, in the office or on the road and the integrated gigabit-class Wi-Fi lets you enjoy fast downloads and smooth streaming with greater range and more stable network connections. Powered with a 47 Wh Li-polymer battery, you can expect 10+ hours



of battery life. Alexa and Cortana are there too for your voice queries.

Available from PC International in Mercer Street, Geelong, the ASUS Zenbook 14 UX413 is available from \$1295.

Rediscover Vinyl...

Discover Pro-Ject turntables* today,
at Steve Bennett Hi-Fi.

*priced from just \$349

Save 40% on this Pro-Ject
'The Classic' turntable
in walnut timber, only \$999

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Pictured: Pro-Ject 'The Classic' in walnut timber with an Ortofon 2M Silver cartridge.