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RENAISSANCE ROCKING HORSES OPEN WEEKEND –
part of the Hawkesbury Handmade Homegrown Heritage Festival 2007 (4 H Festival)

143 Pitt Town Road, McGraths Hill,
OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2007 Sat/Sun 10am to 4pm

This open weekend boutique event at Rocking Horse Lodge, home of Australia's largest and only full time rocking horse makers, restorers & teachers, Chris Woolcock and Viktoria Darabi, will feature appearances of **Iain "Huey" Hewitson** cooking some recipes for his highly rated TV show, *Huey's Cooking Adventures*.

There will be a talks on collecting by **Donna McPherson**, editor of the very popular *Australian Country Collections* magazine and treechange consultant **John Ruane** will give some tips for a successful treechange.

For the nostalgia junkies, the **Australian Pedal Car Club** will have display of vehicles and some rare tradesmen and artisans will be demonstrating their skills. Power carving demonstrations by Chris and tours of the Childhood Memories Collection will also be on the agenda. An small ensemble of vintage cars will please the boys.

The weekend will also feature food stalls with tastings; artists, artisans and craftspersons with marvelous hand made originals from the *Hawkesbury Artisan's Trail*, collectables from the *Windsor and Hawkesbury Antiques Trail* and other treats will be for sale.

Old fashioned drinks and wonderful food available all day. This boutique weekend will be fun for the family - a tonic for the 'world weary' and a feast for the senses! Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 Concession, \$2 for under 15 yrs, under 5 free and parking is free. For more details go to www.rockinghorses.com.au and click on the **Open Weekend** link.

In addition to filming at Renaissance Rocking Horses's Open Weekend, Huey will also be filming recipe segments through the week following for the 2008 season of *Huey's Cooking Adventures* at selected *Hawkesbury Harvest Farmgate Trail* venues. Sponsorship from the Australian Mushroom Growers Association, Riverside Oaks, Hawkesbury Harvest, Richmond Hertz and others, has enabled Huey and his Dreampool Production team to spend the week in the Hawkesbury. "His visit and subsequent TV coverage of the Hawkesbury will be a boon to tourism in the region," said Viktoria Darabi of Renaissance Rocking Horses who organised Huey's visit.

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