

Program for sellers

SATURDAY:

12 noon: Auction in Great Hall ends.

12-1pm: Rapid conversion of hall from auction to Sunday Fair configuration.

1pm – 5pm: Stallholder and display set up.

During these hours Gary Hovey and Richard Blyton will operate the test & tag service @ \$4 per radio. No charge for any radio that misses the mark.

Free warning tags for untested radios.

2pm - 4pm: bus trip.

5.30pm – at the very latest – hall closed down for night.

(Our own security till 10pm, and Uni House security thereafter.)

SUNDAY:

8am: Hall doors open to stallholders for removal of covers and final details

8.30am: Doors open to HRSA members.

9am: Doors open to public.

(Workshops in Common Room will begin at 10am, 11am and 12 noon).

2pm approx: raffle drawn.

3pm: Fest officially closes.

Identification

HRSA BADGES: Each stallholder is asked to bring HRSA badge. For the Fest duration it will have a coded sticker added, identifying wearer as a stallholder.

Each stallholder may have one nominated assistant who will also be similarly identified.

Assistants attending the dinner will take their name card early, with its sticker. Others are asked to bring some kind of name card to which sticker will be attached.

Free hall entry for stallholder + one assistant.

Richard Elliott will be handling all this.

Note that as always, there have been requests along the lines “I don’t want a stall, but I’ve got 2 or 3 things I want to sell...” For the hopeful entrepreneur this achieves the twin goals of (a) avoiding stall rent, and (b) gaining early access to the goods, to get the jump on other buyers. This is not going to happen. If you’ve been approached by individuals along those lines and are happy to accept their gear, fine. But those lucky people must get their 2 or 3 things to you beforehand. They will not be bringing them into the hall themselves on the Saturday.

Hall admission and prior trading

Only stallholders, assistants and set-up team will be admitted to the hall between 1pm Saturday and 8.30am Sunday.

This is because we want everyone to have an equal shot at the offering 8.30am Sunday. For the same reason, we ask that you respect the no trading rule on the Saturday afternoon. We want to be able to look intending buyers in the eye and promise a level playing field. Many will have travelled across the country for this opportunity.

Extras

Table coverings: Old hands will know that Uni House provides magnificent white table cloths for all their large tables.

The small tables we bring ourselves. There are six nice cloths for small tables surviving from the last Fest. The first six to ask can borrow those.

ALSO: We encourage you to bring drop cloths – old sheets, whatever – to cover your stall for the evening/overnight. This discourages passers-by from trying for a closer look, and heightens the tension!

Food

There's an evening/morning restaurant aligned to Uni House. But nothing available Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, we will be catered for by the Goulburn Scout troop, by way of a barbecue plus a terrific range of home-cooked goodies – at very reasonable rates. They will be set up in the Fellows Garden, where there are more than ample tables and chairs. Drinks (coffees, soft drinks etc) will be sold at the associated Fellows Bar and Café.

Entertainment

In case you want to play any radios on your stall, we should have our local radio station going again this year, playing old-time music and shows. We'll give you the frequency of station 2RF on the day.

Parking & Unloading

Parking in the Uni grounds is free from 5pm Friday till Monday morning early. Unloading requires streamlined planning, because there is only one main entrance to the Great Hall. It's with this in mind that we ask for the details below.

Could you please reply with answers to the following?

1. Are you/your assistant planning to join the bus tour (2-4pm Sat)? Thank you to those who have already indicated. Others please indicate.
2. Do you want any radios tested/tagged? If so, how many? (We need to plan ahead here a little). Of course you can have your own T&T done by a licensed tech. beforehand.
3. Who is your nominated assistant (if any)?
4. Do you by chance have the odd wind-up gramo or Edison phonograph you could put on your stall? The Fest has always been advertised as Radio/Phono, and we have precious little of the phono this year. All contributions welcome!!
5. Do you have any special requests?

That covers most things, though undoubtedly something has been forgotten.

Things are warming up nicely. Publicity is good, with Kevin Poulter in Melbourne doing great things via *Silicon Chip* and elsewhere.

You'll be interested to know that the Silicon Chip Editor Leo Simpson has accepted an invitation to join us at the Fest dinner.

Our regular leaflet, billboard, newspaper etc advertising is supplemented by HRSA outlets, radio appearances on Sydney's 2UE and Canberra's ABC, and we hope Canberra readers will open their *Canberra Times* on Sunday morning to a good story on the Fest. It promises to be a great time.