

creative in Carmelito Koala's craft workshop, 11am to 2pm, until July 13. Bookings are not required.

ENJOY the great range of food at Northland between July 9 and 22 and you could win a 10-piece sporting pack. Just spend \$10 or more at any participating food and beverage store to enter the draw. Conditions apply.

AT Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre, it's the Johnny Young Talent School shows, 11.30am-1.30pm, until July 13, and Plaster Fun House, 10am-4pm until July 14. Enter the *Smile* photo competition. Entries close July 27.

AT Broadmeadows Shopping Centre enjoy activities daily, 11am to 2pm, until July 13, in front of Hoyts. Plus there will be 10 kids' movie pass giveaways. To win, simply participate in one of the movie activities. Details on 9309 5855.

AT Prahran Market, relax and enjoy family fun. Every Tuesday, there's animal farm and activities for the kids. Relax and listen to jazz, noon to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday. The market is open Sundays, 10am to 3pm. Details: 8290 8220.

ENJOY holiday entertainment at **Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre,** July 13, 10am to 4pm. On July 14, it's Fresh Plus' 10th birthday, with free rides and raffle. Details on 9309 5855.

cinema," she told *Leader* with enthusiasm. "At home (in England), cinemas are being turned into pubs or supermarkets - a cinema near

After the question-and-answer session, Blethyn posed for photographs with fans including Northcote residents Rose and her daughter Linda Catalano.

Actress Brenda Blethyn at the Clubland movie premiere at Westgarth Cinema.

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How a DVD store diversified and thrived

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CHANGES in technology make flexibility a prerequisite for running most successful businesses in the 21st Century.

Movie downloads from the Internet and DVD piracy almost killed a Darabin video store before its transformation into a multi-media cafe and community hub.

In less than six months, proprietor David Tucceri has turned Network Video in Fairfield's Station St into a thriving hub of activity.

"I wanted to make the store viable - takings had been drop-

ping in the past few years and it was looking like we might close," Mr Tucceri said.

"But I also wanted to give something back to the community, not just take the money and run."

Mr Tucceri still rents DVDs, but he has also set up free clubs, opened Tux's Cafe, through which he sells food and drink, and has set up an internet lounge within the store.

A different club operates almost every night of the week. "Anyone can just role up and join in free of charge," Mr

Tucceri said. Monday night is chess club.

"If you can beat the staff you get an instant prize," he said.

There is a trivia club on Tuesday night and budding movie critics meet on Wednesday - their reviews are displayed in the shop.

On alternate Thursdays the book club and performance poetry group meet and on Fridays the Playstation club meets to compete for prizes.

Mr Tucceri, a secondary school maths science teacher, has also started an astronomy club on

Saturday nights when he sets up a telescope in the video store car park.

"We've been getting great views of the rings of Jupiter," Mr Tucceri said.

He usually sets the telescope up after the 10pm closing time. Sunday afternoon is the time when local musicians can try their luck at busking.

There is also an exhibition space for local artists, a children's play area and a second hand book section.

Network Video Store is at 300 Station St, Fairfield.

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