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Marking the 12th annual event with growing crowds and a growing future presenting international classical musicians.

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St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Foundation Stone laid 100 years ago

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, the community of St. Ambrose Catholic Parish
in Woodend celebrated the centenary of the Blessing and Laying of the
Foundation Stone of their Church which took place on May 7 1916.

The second Archbishop of Melbourne Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Carr travelled
to Woodend to lead the 9am Sunday Mass and in the afternoon to bless and
lay the Foundation Stone of the new Church. His predecessor Archbishop
Goold, the first Bishop of Melbourne had laid the foundation stone for the
first St. Ambrose Church 52 years before.



*Parish Priest Rev. Martin Fleming invited the Most Reverend Dr Hilton Deakin – retired Melbourne
Auxiliary Bishop to lead the parish Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday -15th May 2016.*

Dr. Carr in his homily on the Eucharist expressed his extreme gratification
at the large number who received Holy Communion on that day. He delivered
a “most eloquent and inspiring address” that afternoon to a very large
audience.

One hundred years after these events, the present Parish Priest Rev.
Martin Fleming invited the Most Reverend Dr Hilton Deakin, retired
Melbourne Auxiliary Bishop to lead the parish Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday
May 15. The candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation to be held later
in the year and their parents were formally received and commended to the

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congregation who promised to pray and support them.

The congregation moved to St. Ambrose's Hall after Mass where a wonderful morning tea had been prepared by Mrs. Pauline Johnston and the ladies of the Parish. A cake from Blackbird Cakes in Woodend shaped like a beehive (to honour St. Ambrose) was cut and shared.

The Official Blessing and Opening of St. Ambrose Church in December 1916 by Most Rev Dr. Daniel Mannix Coadjutor Archbishop of Melbourne, will be celebrated later this year on the Feast of Christ the King on November 20. All are welcome to attend. Spread the word to people who may have moved away.

Rev. Martin J. Fleming PP

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Woodend Rainfall 2016

Each month we add the rainfall details and year to date total. Our rainfall report shows 2010, 2011 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5 year aver.
January	54.0	227.5	31.0	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	30.6
February	71.5	115.0	133.0	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	59.5
March	121.0	35.0	84.0	53.0	49.0	26	47	49.4
April	45.0	63.5	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2	48.6
May	39.0	73.5	54.4	47.2	46.0	68.7	101.2	58
June	98.5	69.0	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8	101.2
July	87.5	82.5	102.0	101.8	79.3	95.3	92.2	92.2
August	148.5	56.0	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7	73.9	73.9
September	97.0	98.5	54.6	85.0	55.9	44	67.6	67.6
October	154.5	86.0	39.0	75.6	49.6	12.9	52.6	52.6
November	193.0	82.0	31.4	67.2	53.0	41.3	55	55
December	93.0	120.0	21.4	35.2	36.6	41.7	51	51
Year total:	1202.5	1108.5	826.8	851.0	638.9	532.8	332.8	62.7

Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group

Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group and Jesuits Support After Suicide Service have joined forces and are very proud to be able to offer a new support initiative right here in the Macedon Ranges.

On Monday July 11 at 7:00pm we welcome all to come along to a Community Information Session at the Newham Mechanics Institute and learn all about the Macedon Ranges Support After Suicide Peer Group.

Come along and meet the Peer Group that have been trained to hold this space, meet Louise Flynn from Jesuits and learn why this group is important to them, important to the Macedon Ranges and surrounds and how it might be able to support you or someone you know who has lost a loved one to suicide.

If you would like to receive further information about our group please contact us by email at macedonrangesspag@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at the Newham Mechanics Institute on Monday July 11th at 7:00pm.

Emergency helplines : Lifeline – 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service – 1300 659 467

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Submitted by Annie Rozland on behalf of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group

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Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub



For over 100 years the nine towns of the Macedon Ranges have competed for infrastructure funding and either duplicated inefficiently or simply missed out because of that division. This project is different. The Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub has galvanised support across the region. Multiple towns, sports, clubs, associations, schools and community groups are calling for a regional approach in partnership between community and all three levels of government.

We need a 6 court multiuse indoor stadium with social facilities to bring towns, clubs, sports, schools and community groups together in a Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub. With retractable seating for 1500, it could also host concerts, whole school events and attract major tournaments.

The Vision: Multiuse shared infrastructure in a six court regional indoor stadium

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Acrobatics
- Tournaments
- Whole school events
- Sustainable design
- Community facilities
- Futsal
- Squash
- Martial Arts
- Concerts
- Netball
- Dance
- Seating for 1500
- Change rooms
- Cafe bar
- Meeting rooms
- Scale and quality to meet regional demand and host major tournament

With the Macedon Ranges being #46 out of 48 for indoor court space per person in non-metropolitan Local Government Areas, we need this facility now as current indoor courts are at capacity and kids being turned away from pursuing sporting activities. With a region forecasting continued population growth, our lack of facilities will mean even less opportunities for kids to participate in sports within the region.

We need your support now to ensure that Council, State and Federal members commit to making this project a reality.

If you wish to find out more or write a letter of support please email MacedonRangesRegionalSportsHub@gmail.com and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesRegionalSportsHub

Submitted by Tamara Collins 0411 017 185 Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub

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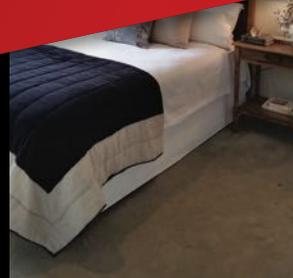
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Woodend Rotary 2015-16

A year in review

It was a busy and productive year for Woodend Rotary with many new projects and fundraising ideas, all of which have been successfully implemented.

Over the last 12 months Woodend Rotary excelled at their tried and true activities such as The New Woodend Star, community Luncheon, Halloween community event, and Australia Day with the RSL.

Important achievements in this past year include;

- Cooking demonstrations
- Avenue of Honour Memorial Wall, fence & setting
- Vanuatu water tank
- Youth Mental Health First Aid programs
- Live 4 Life awards support
- Books for Vanuatu schools
- Blankets for the homeless
- New members 'EQUAL' project with the MRSC Youth Ambassadors
- Walking group continues weekly activities

Youth director Jenny Zimmerman was awarded the Darryll Crozier Award as best club person for 2015-16 for her outstanding and consistent efforts in supporting Woodend Rotary over the year.

Woodend Rotary made donations to Disaster Aid Australia, Woodend SES, CFA, Landcare and Mens shed as well as to Operation Cleft which performs cleft palate repairs in Bangladesh.

Outgoing President Grant Hocking thanked everyone for their support and participation in club activities over the year. Josephine Falzarano was inducted as President for the next 12 months.



Pictured: Outgoing President Grant Hocking with newly inducted President Josephine Falzarano and Cr. Jennifer Anderson

Woodend Rotary meets weekly on Thursday nights from 6.45pm at the Victoria Hotel and welcomes guests and those interested in participating in Rotary projects.
Find more details at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/rotarywoodend/ or webpage www.rotarywoodend.org.

See photo on back page

Submitted by G. Hocking



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SES Recruiting Drive. . . Victoria State Emergency Service's (SES) Springvale Unit is hoping to bolster its ranks with some new members.

Gisborne and Woodend SES Units have joined forces in a campaign to recruit people from all walks of life to join the State Emergency Service - SES.

The joint initiative stemmed from a recent move in volunteers departing Units due to geographical, employment or other reasons preventing them from retaining their volunteer status in our community.

'We are targeting people from all walks of life around the Macedon Ranges Communities to join our SES Units in both operational and support roles, available anytime day or night' Kevin Morris: Crew Leader Woodend SES.

There is something for everyone at SES and we encourage people to attend our open nights scheduled for 18 July 2016 at 7.30pm at the following locations nearest to you:

- Woodend SES, 26 Urquhart Street, Woodend (next to CFA Station) Phone: Bus - 54 272 932 or Email: woodendses@ses.vic.gov.au.
- Gisborne SES: 33 Robertson Street Gisborne (next to CFA Station) Phone: Bus - 54 283 037 or Email: gisborneses@ses.vic.gov.au. Or visit our website: www.ses.vic.gov.au

Gisborne and Woodend respond to both

emergency and non-emergency incidents throughout the Macedon Ranges, and actively participate in community events and education programmes.

The compilation of current members is from retired people in the community to young people, all eager to be a part of our community service.

All training and equipment is provided for all volunteers and in most cases is a nationally recognised accreditation.

'Our SES volunteers continue to provide a volunteer service to the communities of the Macedon Ranges and those that pass through its boundaries, and we inspire anyone to join our crews at either Gisborne SES or Woodend SES'

Di Dale: Deputy Controller Operations – Gisborne SES



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26 Urquhart Street Woodend (next to CFA Station)

P: B/H - 5427 2932 or E: woodendses@ses.vic.gov.au



2016 Festival sees visitor numbers to region up

After a successful crowd funding campaign which engaged the community and raised \$2000 for Opening night fireworks, Woodend Winter Arts Festival Committee members had everything to celebrate as the 12th annual Queens Birthday Weekend festivities drew to a close last month.

The Festival attracted international classical musicians supported by their respective governments – with Italian accordionist Pietro Roffi and Singaporean pianist Clarence Lees each performing recitals before returning to their international concert schedules.

More than half of the ticketed events sold out before the Festival weekend kicked off with free community fireworks at Buffalo Stadium. Others were close to sold out even before patrons from Melbourne and interstate flocked to the box office at St Ambrose Primary School to pick up last minute tickets throughout the weekend – some learning the hard way that booking online was essential before making the trek to the clear skies and fresh temperature of the Macedon Ranges.

Early reports at the close of the weekend indicated that box office sales were up nearly 10% on previous years, along with attendances – with nearly 3000 people attending ticketed events.

Estimates are still being collated for the numbers

of visitors to free events which included several art exhibitions and umbrella events.

A highlight of the event was a world first, with Artistic Director and Woodend local, Jacky Ogeil performing a sensationally complex set of exercises composed by Scarlatti and designed to stretch the skill of even the most competent key board musician. Not only did she complete the feat in two concerts, with a camera trained on the keyboard to ensure audiences could appreciate the level of difficulty and skill required, but she performed on one of only two replicas of the early form of the modern piano. The one featured in the Festival program is Jacky's own, and was commissioned by her more than seven years ago with the support of her patron, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, and was shipped to Australia from Europe where it was crafted. (The other replica resides in Europe).

Planning for the 2017 Festival program is now well underway, including discussion with sponsors and funding bodies to ensure it can again take place. Each year, the Festival which is a not for profit enterprise run by volunteers who live in the local region, relies on ticket sales to pay performers, and other funding sources to pay for venues and production costs.

If you would like to support the Festival in 2017 by donating, or volunteering, please go to www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au to find out how and register your interest.

Submitted by A. Kokocinski, Public Relations, WWAF

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The Thursday Crew Reflecting on 10 years

Back in 2006 three retired Woodend residents, Bert, Bernie and Arthur (Howdy) decided that the railway reserve along Quarry Road, Woodend required attention. The growth of noxious plants and weeds was prolific. Blackberry and gorse was taking over from the native plant and tree environment. Large pine trees were also stifling the growth of some larger native trees.

The three men were all retired gents from a variety of work related backgrounds; they were mentally and physically prepared to achieve the task they set out to resolve. Sadly in the early days one of the instigators of the clean up, Arthur (Howdy) Howden passed away, hence the sign placed at the southern end of the reserve, "Howden Reserve". The original crew battled on and as time went by the crew numbers increased. At the peak of membership the crew had fifteen volunteers; all meeting Thursday morning. It is worth mentioning the support of the crew's partners who predominately supplied morning tea on a roster basis.

There is no doubt that each member has a sense of pride in the environment and community in which they reside. I am positive that the interaction amongst the crew members over the years has also assisted in positive outcomes of a wellbeing nature.

It has now been ten years since the Thursday Crew's inception, many tasks have been undertaken at various



locations within the Woodend Township, too many to mention. Those who have taken the opportunity to wander along the Quarry Road Reserve for a pleasant walk, either alone with partners or with their canine friends, I am sure appreciate the environment as it stands today. The maintenance of the reserve is an ongoing task. Those that use it will often observe members of the crew mowing the length and breadth of the reserve during the growth months.

The crew continue to focus in on the area adjacent to the recently renovated Gilbert Gordon Oval. It has taken over two years to clear the prolific growth of blackberry and gorse from the surrounds of Lake Earnshaw. Many native plants have been placed in strategic locations surrounding the lake. Work is still continuing in order to achieve our goals in respect to this particular environment. The crew also continue to maintain the grassed area surrounding the Rotary Walking Track. (The history of Lake Earnshaw is interesting in itself, but that's another story.)

Due to circumstances beyond the control of some crew members' numbers have slowly diminished. On behalf the remaining few members and I am sure the community at large we wish to recognise the efforts



Calder Freeway-Station Road Interchange Gisborne ramp closure and detours

JULY 2016

Road users are reminded that the Melbourne bound entry ramp from Station Road onto the Calder Freeway at Gisborne is closed while works are underway to upgrade the Calder Freeway-Station Road intersection.



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When

Between June and August 2016 (weather permitting).

Where

The Melbourne bound entry ramp from Station Road onto the Calder Freeway will be closed for around five weeks

Detour details

Motorists travelling towards Melbourne are advised to use the following detour routes:

- Via the Mt Macedon Road interchange, alternatively
- Travel through Gisborne to connect to the freeway at the Melbourne Road interchange.

For diagrams of the detour routes visit: vicroads.vic.gov.au (search for Station Road)

Thank you for your patience while these important works are underway. Please observe the changed traffic conditions including work zone speed limits, for your own safety, the safety of other road users and the safety of our workers.



of those who have reluctantly moved on.

I must mention our appreciation for the assistance and support we have received over the years from the Council Outdoor Management Staff, along with Woodend Landcare of which the Thursday Crew is a subsidiary arm.

Thanks also to The Rotary Club of Woodend who have had significant input in assisting the crew with some of the projects undertaken over the years.

The crew is very appreciative of the anonymous donor who recently handed over a substantial sum of money in order for us to purchase a new mower to continue the maintenance of the reserve and other locations within the town.

*Submitted by Paul Newman on behalf of The Thursday Crew.
See pictures on back page*

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New signage rules

Community groups are urged to familiarise themselves with new VicRoads regulations which affect placement and display of temporary community event signs on arterial road reserves throughout the shire.

There are now 37 new VicRoads-approved sites for temporary community event signage within 10 Macedon Ranges Shire towns.

Each site has two steel posts erected to fix temporary community event signs, which must be produced by a professional signwriter and approved by VicRoads.

VicRoads says it has developed these new rules to ensure the safety of all road users, to minimise any line of sight issues and to reduce sign clutter.

“All community groups need to make themselves aware of these changes by VicRoads and ensure they allow enough time for the application process,” said Anne-Louise Lindner, Council’s Manager Community Safety

Information regarding the event post location and conditions for use can be found on Council’s website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/signs Community groups should direct any inquiries to Kelly Sanders at VicRoads on (03) 5434 5088. The new rules came into effect on 1 July and penalties may apply under the Road Management Act 2004 if anyone erects a sign on an arterial road without written consent from VicRoads.

Submitted by L. Manton for M.R.S.C.

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Why do we support it at Brooke Street Medical Centre?

To acknowledge indigenous Australians: and celebrate their history, culture and achievements.

To assist in “Closing the Gap” – by working to achieve the same health outcomes for indigenous peoples that other Australians experience.

- Life expectancy is lower than it is for other Australians – by up to more than 10 years.
- More children die in infancy / early childhood than other Australian children.
- Conditions like heart disease, diabetes and kidney disease are experienced at higher rates than other Australians.

Why do we ask: “Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin”?

To help plan and deliver services to those at risk of the above health and life-expectancy issues.

We ask this question of everyone – you can’t tell by appearance.

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Physiotherapy for commuters too

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- Saturdays 9am – 12.30pm

Bike racks



Our bike racks are located at the rear of the new building, near the ambulance entrance.

Flu vaccinations

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Winter Concerts
Saturday 16 and
Sunday 17 July at
2.30pm

MITCH – Music in the Central Highlands – is a not-for-profit organisation focused on the promotion of fine music in the Central Highlands region of Victoria. This regional area has a wealth of musical talent that MITCH is committed to showcasing in an accessible fashion for all of the Central Highlands community to enjoy and celebrate.

Once again, the delightful venue for the Winter Concerts is at 'House on the Hill', 290 Pearson's Road, Trentham East. Refreshments will be provided.

This year MITCH, together with the Proteus ensemble, will introduce two young musicians from the Central Highlands. They are Michaela Frantz who performs on Saturday and Una Mitchell who performs on Sunday.

Michaela Frantz, a clarinetist, is 15 years old and in Year 9 at Salesian College, Sunbury. Michaela began learning the clarinet when she was 10 years old, with Sue Morris as her teacher. Michaela is currently studying for her AMEB Level 2/5th Grade Clarinet Examination. During the past 2 years, Michaela has performed in a variety of settings, including with the Liquorice Allsorts, at 'Music on Crombie', in her school jazz band, and with MITCH. She is currently a member of the Moorabool Light Orchestra.

Una Mitchell is 14 and is in Year 9 at Alice Miller School. She has been playing violin since she was 7 under the tuition of Heather Cummins and is currently studying AMEB Grade 5. She has been a member of the Resonance String Orchestra for five years and performs with the orchestra's Senior String Ensemble.

Special guest performers include harpist Mary Doumany, mezzo soprano Katherine Nowland and young pianist Morgan Tyrrell.

Bookings can be made through TryBooking at: www.trybooking.com/205478. For further information please see our website www.itch.org.au or contact Bern Barry on 0409317822 or bernbarry@hotmail.com.

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Major raffle prizes were donated by Carasmatic, Interiors of Woodend, Bradley's Curtain and Blinds, Feeling Framed, New Leaves, Blackbird Cakes and Woodend Newsagency. Vouchers from Il Caffe, Milko, Café Colenso and the hampers from the Farmers Market Stall holders were popular prizes.

Thanks to Genevieve Hansford and the Woodend Library Volunteer team for catering and to Kim Selby, local organisations and all the other Library members for donating their time or raffle items. Jan Harver from Brooke Street Medical Centre spoke to the group and John Connor helped us out by drawing over 30 raffle prizes!

Library programs and events in July are all on our website and a range of sessions are available over the winter months. We publish for kids and Pop Up cards are just some of the Holiday Program sessions. Book in now! www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram.

eLibrary news.

You'll have noticed there's been some change to the eLibrary both in presentation and content.

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You'll find our term three brochure enclosed in this edition of the Woodend Star and enrolments are now open. We've got 10 exciting new courses, workshops and activities to keep you busy and out of the cold this winter.

Jill Kratsis joins us again this term for an informative session on immune boosting super-foods for kids. Vicki (of rag rug making fame!) is offering a crochet workshop and a rope wool basket making session.

Our workshop undercroft space is getting put to full use this winter with Tony's DIY projects, Andrew Blossome offering pottery classes and Mark Horner teaching bike mechanic skills.

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And, for parents who need some tips and support for children finding reading tough we're running Jackie Agnes Niewenhuizen's "Kids Can Learn to Read" program.

These new classes and workshops are in addition to our usual favourites. So, drop in and say hello, join us, get fit, get active, learn something new, have lunch and have fun – there's something for everyone.

School holidays

There's still time to enrol in one of our exciting and fun school holiday science classes or Art Smarties' art play workshops – full details are on our website www.woodendnh.org.au.

Thank you

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising sausage sizzle during the June long weekend. Our friends at Newham Walking Group hosted the event outside Coles and raised valuable funds for the House.

Submitted by Angela Van Dam, Coordinator Woodend Neighbourhood House

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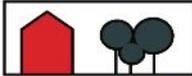
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Koalas, the Lake, and an AGM

Woodend Landcare's restoration plan for Lake Earnshaw and the Macedon Ranges Koala Project will be the focus for our 2016 Annual General Meeting.

The informative afternoon will kick off at 2pm on Saturday the 23rd of July at the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Woodend Landcare's Thursday Crew are very passionate about the restoration of Lake Earnshaw and they have recently developed an inspiring draft plan for the area – including future revegetation sites, paths and possibly a sheltered picnic table. We will launch the draft plan at the AGM and invite your feedback and input.

The Macedon Ranges Koala Project is an initiative of local wildlife rescuers that has been operating since 2009. The project aims to give a local picture of koala populations and better insight into their threats and guidance for management.

You can submit sightings online at www.mrpk.org.au. What have been the findings and what can we do to help? Come along on the 23rd to find out!

RSVPs to the AGM are appreciated for catering purposes to woodendlandcare@gmail.com.

Also, a reminder that Woodend Landcare memberships are due for updating. Forms and more information about the group is available at www.woodendlandcare.wordpress.com.

Submitted by Krista Patterson-Majoor, Woodend Landcare

PS My Family Matters steps up local services.

Local charity, PS My Family Matters has taken a significant step forward in its service offering to those caring for a family member with mental illness. From this month, people in the region will be able to access services at two locations in the Macedon Ranges.

'We've been looking to establish service points where people can access us directly, face to face,' said Tamara Wilson, president of PSMFM. 'We are now offering people a drop in and meet us service, in the offices of Anglicare in Kyneton and Macedon Ranges Health in Gisborne. Our volunteers will be on site to assist people access services and practical help. Over the last 3 months, PSMFM has recruited and trained 8 peer support volunteers, all of whom have lived experience of mental illness.'

The development of PSMFM and its peer support service model has attracted wide attention since it was launched in mid-2014. 'We recently presented to the Vic Serv conference in Melbourne, and have received interest from both health agencies and other support groups in how we are going about things' said Tamara. 'We hope to continue to expand outreach service to other agencies in our region.'

If you would like to access assistance from PSMFM, please call 0475 269 965.

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get together at the Kozy Café, Neal Street Gisborne at 10am on the 20th July. All are welcome.

Submitted by Mike Hamer - 0411549432

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- 4 Cooking Demonstration
- 10 Nominations open - MRSC Youth Awards
- 10 Woodend Winter Arts Festival – Fire Works
- 12 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am -12noon
- 10-13 Woodend Winter Arts Festival – see page 3
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 17 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood
- 19 Kyneton District Health – open day
- 22 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter
- 24 – 11 Woodend Neighbourhood – STEAM Program

July

- 9 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
- 11 Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group - Newham
- 15 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 16&17 Music in Central Highlands concert
- 17 Conversations in Pubs – Annie Smithers - Trentham
- 18 Storytime – Woodend Library
- 18 Woodend/Gisborne SES recruitment night
- 19 Storytime – Woodend Library
- 19 Rhymetime – Woodend Library
- 20 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter
- 23 Woodend Landcare AGM
- 28,30&31 Legally Blonde - Gisborne Secondary College
- 31 Nominations close - MRSC Youth Awards

August

- 7 Kyneton Ridge Estate – Cruisy Afternoon
- 13 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 19 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood
- 17 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter
- 19 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood
- 25 MRSC Youth Awards Night

September

- 10 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 21 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter

October

- 8 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 19 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter

November

- 12 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 16 St Mary's Guild's Knit and Natter

December

- 10 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon

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Woodend Art Group, Railway Station,
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Playgroup Library Week



Woodend Playgroup and the Woodend Library will be joining forces to celebrate Playgroup Library Week between the 18th and 22nd July. This state-wide initiative encourages families to connect with their local library to assist with pre-literacy learning in a relaxed and informal environment.

Playgroup Library Week will begin with a special Storytime Session at Woodend Playgroup.

- Monday July 18 at 2.30pm - playgroup families with children between 0-5 years old are encouraged to join Lulu for stories and fun at Playgroup

Woodend Playgroup will also be running a Children's Book Drive during Playgroup Library Week to help stock its newly installed bookshelf in the literacy corner under the tree. Donations of good quality children's books suitable for 0-5 years can be dropped off during July.

Woodend Library (Cnr of High Street and Forest Street) will be running its usual series of Storytime sessions during Playgroup Library Week:

- Tuesday 19 July at 10am: Storytime – stories, songs, rhymes and activities for 3-5 years.
- Tuesday 19 July at 11.30am: Rhyme Time – simple stories, songs and rhymes for 0-1 years.
- Friday 22 July at 10am: Toddler Time - stories, songs and rhymes for 1-3 years.

Lulu Cockram, Manager of Woodend Library, understands that not all playgroup families will be able to attend one of the organised Storytime sessions so to help groups celebrate Library Playgroup Week, she has organised for information to be on display at Playgroup:

“If you can't make it to Storytime, perhaps you can read a book or two as a group during your playgroup session. This is a great way to introduce children to books and encourage your child's listening, language and learning skills”.

All Storytime sessions during Library Playgroup Week are free and there is no need to book. For more information about Woodend Playgroup, visit www.woodendplaygroup.org.au. For more information about Woodend Library, visit <http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/libraries/woodend>.

Submitted by Helen Edwards

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Woodend Toy Library is run entirely by volunteers, we are open Thursdays and Saturdays, 10am to 11am, during school term time. We have over 500 fantastic toys available for borrowing. It is also a great place to meet some of your local community. Membership costs \$40 per year (\$20 conc). For all enquiries email woodendtoylibrary@gmail.com.

We are open Saturdays in the school holidays!

Our members have kindly offered to open the toy library on Saturdays during the school holidays. Beat the winter blues and come and borrow some toys to

entertain the kids. We'll be there between 10-11am on Saturday 27 June as well as Saturday 4 and 11 July.

Grandparent Membership

Are you a grandparent or know a Woodend grandparent that would benefit from the use of the Toy Library for entertaining the grandkids? The Woodend Toy Library is pleased to announce the introduction of a \$20 annual toy library membership for grandparents.

Are you having a kid's party?

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We need your help

Do you have a background in writing, administration, event organisation or are good with your hands? If so, then the Woodend Toy Library committee needs you! We are looking to fill the positions of Vice President, Grants Officer, Fundraising Officer and Toy Repair Officer on our committee. The committee meets approximately every two months in a relaxed atmosphere (kids welcome) and it is another great way to get to know people in your Woodend community whilst improving the services the toy library can offer. Anyone interested please email us at woodendtoylibrary@gmail.com.

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Beverly Knight is a trailblazer in supporting indigenous culture – both in sport and the arts.

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She is the Patron of Bindi Inc. – Mwerre Anthurre Artists. Bindi Inc. a cross-cultural collective based in Alice Springs, established more than 20 years ago to provide a wide range of options and services to people with a disability.

Beverly has also been guardian mother of six young indigenous boys and girls from the Northern Territory and Tiwi Islands over the past 25 years, enabling them to be educated in Melbourne and support their interest in sport.

In 2009 she became the first Essendon Football Club director appointed to the Tiwi Bombers Football Club Board in Darwin, which represents players from Tiwi, Bathurst and Melville Islands.

As an overarching supporter of the arts, Beverly is a Curatorial Panelist for the Daylesford Macedon Ranges Open Studios (DMROS), which takes place during the first three weekends of November – 31st October, 1 November – 15 November. She will be in Conversation with Creative Producer, Jill Rivers in the DMROS 2015 Group Exhibition in St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 26 Yaldwin Street, Kyneton on Saturday 7 November, 2015, 5pm – 6.30pm. \$30 incl. glass of wine.

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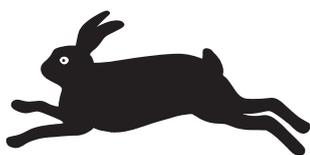
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- Caring for the public Ashbourne and Marsh Court Reserves – working bees to clear debris and weeds, and plant indigenous species;
- Carrying out specific projects funded by grants, on both private and public land such as our recently completed restoration of a long section of riparian zone along the Upper Campaspe River, in partnership with the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network and the North Central Catchment Management Authority.
- Our successful WAG program – Weeds Action Group - many local landholders are participating in eliminating gorse, blackberry and hawthorn.
- Visits, walks – to interesting local places
- Field “walks and talks” about native wildlife, wildflowers, hydrology of our landscape, remnant vegetation, biolinks and more conducted by flora and fauna experts
- Interaction with other Landcare groups and government authorities in our region
- Social camaraderie – picnics, lunches, local and regional involvement...

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Submitted by Libby Peck

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Woodend Kids As Authors

The Field Trip has come along way since it first opened the doors in August 2015.

The Field Trip is a self-sustaining model which employs young people aged 18-24 to run a weekly program for younger kids aged 10-17. The focus of the program is to empower participants to find their passion, peers and path in life. It's a low-admin, low risk program with high impact. The youth group currently employs three Macedon Ranges young people and is training lots more.

The Field Trip program runs in term blocks (in line with school terms) and delivers a significant, extraordinary tangible outcome each term. Last year, Field Trip members ran a weekend retreat for the elderly at the Lancefield Farmers Arms Hotel. First term this year, members connected with architects and builders at the Woodend Men's Shed to build an extraordinary cubby house which was auctioned off, the proceeds going to Urban Seed which fosters a sense of home for those without. This term, members are producing a podcast for Highland FM and SYNFM community radio and next term participants will be writing and publishing their own book, to be sold in local shops as a celebration of Book Week - local kids as the authors.

Owen Phillips, 21 year old Director of the Lancefield branch of The Field Trip has recently been nominated for Young Business Person of the year in the Macedon Ranges. Congratulations Owen.

"The Field Trip is an exciting new model to employ and engage young people whilst providing exciting outcomes for participants and the community. There is nothing like it anywhere in Australia and the interest shown so far bodes well for creating chapters in towns and shires which need it the most. We're proud that it all started here in the Macedon Ranges", says Director of The Field Trip, Paul Kooperman.

The Field Trip currently runs in Lancefield, Meadow Heights, at Whitelion in Melbourne's CBD and soon at The Royal Society of Victoria. Being completely inclusive, The Field Trip works closely with Whitelion to help and include young people at risk and those who are disadvantaged.

The Field Trip starts Term 3 on Sunday July 17 and is free for kids for the first four weeks. The Field Trip is now taking registrations for kids aged 10-17 keen to try it out. Register via the website: www.thefieldtrip.co

Submitted by Paul Kooperman | 0400 344 746

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Girls Leading the Way....

Outdoor soccer in Woodend is hugely popular, however there is no dedicated pitch for the game in the town. The Macedon Ranges though has two great soccer fields - at Barkley Square Kyneton, and also at Dixons Field, Gisborne.

These school holidays, why not consider a 3 Day Holiday Camp for Soccer at Gisborne? The Star Camp runs from 9-12pm for 5 -12 year olds, and the Elite Camp runs from 1-4pm for 9-14 year olds - all at Dixons Field on Wednesday 6 till Friday July 8. Bookings can be registered at FSA 1300 372 300 or footballstaracademy.com.au

The Soccer Club at Gisborne is having a stellar season this winter, commencing with the completion of the new pavilion. This upgrade is a welcome improvement providing fresh change rooms, canteen and balcony area servicing not only the Macedon Ranges players, but the many other visitors who come to compete against our teams each weekend.

The atmosphere is fantastic, and numbers at the club have almost reached 400 players competing in 19 teams. The biggest surprise is the engagement of young female players joining the sport this season at the Club, five junior teams plus a senior womens' and a waiting list for the 2017 season.

These figures match nicely with the increasing trend for female participation in the sport at a national

level. According to the latest Roy Morgan figures, June 15, outdoor soccer has even pipped netball as the preferred overall sport for girls in Australia.

Maybe this part of the Matilda's effect, but it is certainly contributing to the rebalancing of gender in the participation of sports in this country.

As a Club, our focus is to now consider further lighting options to open up the east field for night training, and to ensure the grounds can meet our expanding and professional needs as the demand for this sport rapidly increases in the Macedon Ranges.

For any enquiries regarding Gisborne Soccer Club please email gisbornesoccer@gmail.com or see us on our website www.gisbornesoccerclub.com.au.

Submitted by J.Walduck

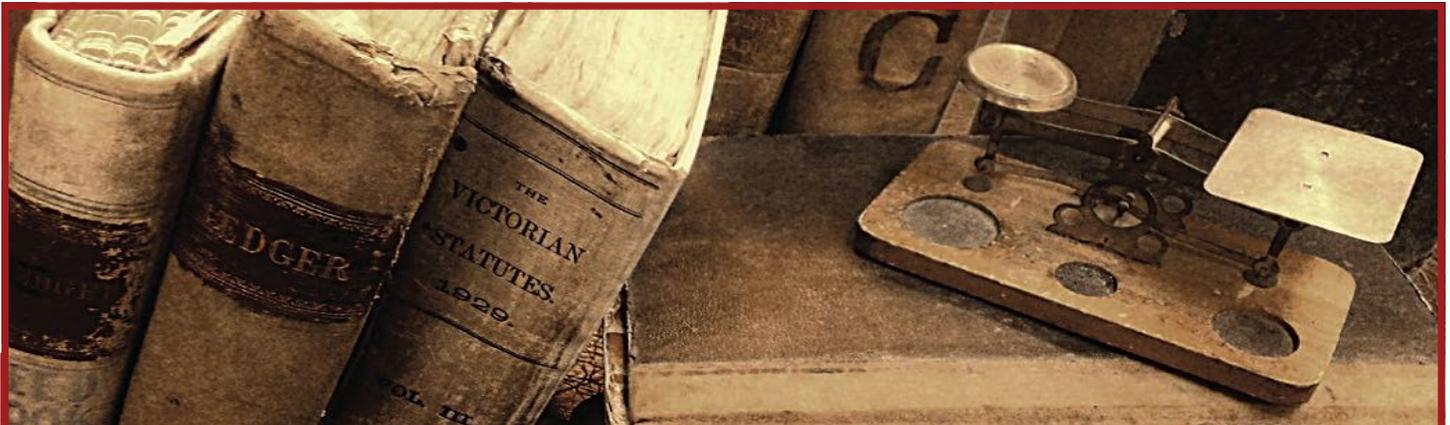
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Hawks too strong for Tigers

The Hawks continued to show the Masters league that we're no easybeats with another convincing win over the Maryborough Tigers under lights on May 28.

Shortly after the team boarded the bus to escape the dreary Woodend winter for the drier conditions of Maryborough, Ben Bush shuffled to the bus to alert us that he wasn't going to play.

If body language is an indicator Bushy looked as though his dog had died and wife had taken off with his best mate, but the team Yetti's dog was fine and his wife loyal, just sick, and he had to head back home and take care of the very crook Sammy. However, not before a spirited speech to rev us up. With game time pushed out to 6pm, the team froze on the sidelines before accessing the rooms but giving us a great chance to socialize, with plenty more to come after the game.

Peter Wood took over the coaching duties for the days allowing Ray Tadd to get more game time. Woodsy rotated the well populated bench giving everyone a decent run in different positions.

The Hawks took control early with Gerome Raco kicking the first goal and setting up many more for the evening. Windy conditions wreaked havoc early as shots on goal were missed at both ends, but began to settle late in the game.

The second quarter saw the Tigers come back hard to close the gap and the halftime break stopped their momentum, but they had a sniff. With this in mind the Hawks dug deep and with Racs, Glenn Mangan, and Nick Watkins controlling the ball through the midfield our defenders were left to talk about a group hug with opponents to avoid hyperthermia.

The last quarter would become the Fordey Show with regular running defender Chris Forde shifted from his trusty back pocket to full forward to kick a few goals.

None were better than when he scrapped for the ball on the points line to fight off two, albeit fat and slow, Tigers players to win the ball. As he cleared the bloated bodies of the Tigers defence, not only did he dismiss teammate Daron Jacks - who was alone facing the goals for a certain six-pointer - but showed his fellow Hawk the ball in the greatest case of "smell the leather" showboating to snap a goal over his shoulder. It was impressive and he knew it. "I was never gonna give that off," he was later heard to say.

The siren sounded minutes later with the Hawks clear winners. By how much no one actually knows because of the unmanned scoreboard and no one taking scores during the game. But we won and that's what mattered.

The winning margin was agreed to be in the three to six goals. The more celebratory drinks had the better the score and boasts of Brownlow-worthy performances. A special mention goes to "American Dave" Platt who played his first game of Aussie Rules, and held his own well, and debutant Daniel Edwards also playing his first game for the Hawks.

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Hawks too strong for Tigers

“The brilliant pre-trip pep talk from Bushy put us in the mood,” Woodsy said.

“I would say that this was our most consistent four-quarter performance so far. The game was open and free flowing and we started to see a semblance of some structure that was recognisable.

“We rolled lots of players on and off the ground and through all positions without losing our ability to defend or score effectively.”

- Woodend-Hesket: Many goals
- Maryborough: Not as many goals
- Best: Chilton, Watkins, O’Connor, Mangan, Chew.
- Goals: Raco, Forde and others.

Submitted by D. Jacks, see photo on back page



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New committee for 2016-17

Woodend Bowling Club recently held our Annual General Meeting.

The committee was elected for 2016-17: President – Mike Dornau, Vice-President – Stan Nicholls, Secretary – Dave Osborne, Treasurer - Laurie O'Brien, Committee Members – Tim White, Norm Bickerdyke and Irene Boldiston. Saturday Match Committee: Norm Bickerdyke, Stan Nicholls and John Fisher. Mid-week Match Committee: Graham Muir, Cliff Staggard and Ron Frost.

The meeting also thanked outgoing President Toby Barker, Secretary Angela Brett and committee members Murray Bradley and Rick Seymour.

A highlight of the meeting was the voting of Angela Brett as a Life Member of the Club. Angela has been a stalwart of the club for more than twenty years, and a representative at district and regional levels, and justifiably deserves the honour.

Even in the middle of a Woodend winter, you still have the opportunity to have a bowl with organised Social Bowls every Wednesday, starting at 12.30pm. We can also organise a social Barefoot Bowls on Friday evenings.

We are always looking for new members, young and not-so-young. In fact, many of the leading lawn bowlers in Australia are now in their twenties and thirties. Simply get in touch to find out more.

For further information please call me on 0409 093 935 or email: admin@woodendbowls.club.com. For barefoot bowls bookings please email: bookings@woodendbowlsclub.com

Submitted by Mike Dornau, President Woodend Bowling Club Inc.

We really need truck drivers

Our Brigade has recently lost some of our truck drivers, including some of our more experienced members. All have left the Macedon Ranges area, and this has left us a little short on good truck drivers.

- Whilst we still have a group of very good drivers, it would be great to have a few more so that we can spread the load. Our drivers are among our most important volunteers, as without them we would not be able to turn out.
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- You will need to undertake minimum skills training, which the Brigade will help fast track to ensure that you are operational as soon as possible. You will also need to undertake some additional training to ensure you are able to drive the trucks in emergency (lights and sirens) and bush conditions.
- If you have a Medium Rigid or above truck licence please contact us.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie on 0419 870 601 or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935, call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: www.woodendcfa.org. You can also be our friend on Facebook.

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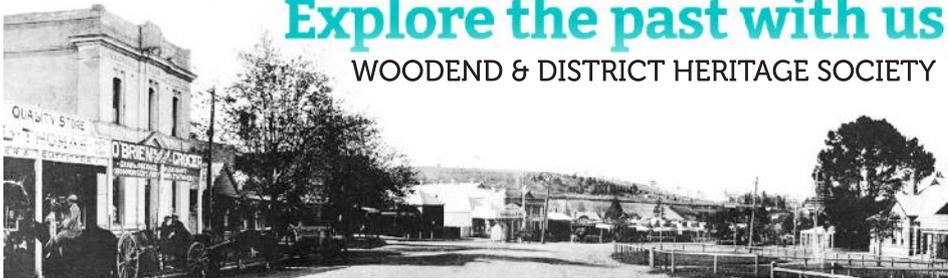
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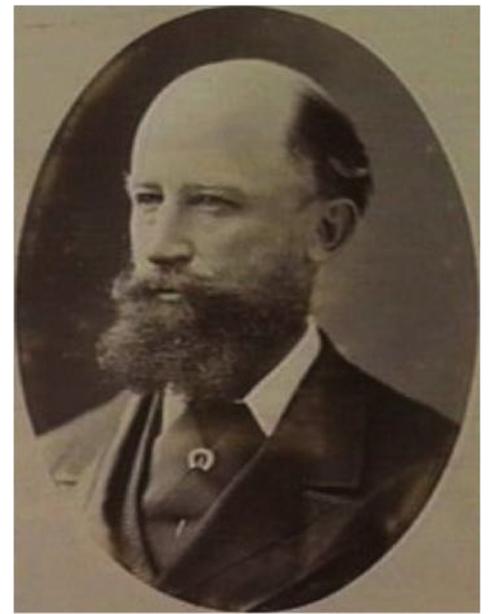
It is interesting to note the articles of interest to the readers at that time.

The Woodend-Lancefield Railway: Intimation has been received in Woodend that the Premier has promised that the officers of the Government Survey Department shall at once make a survey of the proposed line for a railway to connect Lancefield and

Woodend. Great satisfaction was expressed when it became generally known.....of the proposed new line via Hanging Rock.

Sir William Clarke on Defence: There is no uncertainty about Sir William Clarke's utterances....he touches in an easy and pleasant strain upon the condition of current politics, and....he sums up the question of defence "I regard a system of defence in the light of insurance."

Pictured: *Sir William Clarke, philanthropist, politician and the Colony's largest landowner*



Gisborne Notes by our own Correspondent: Old Gisborne has been left out in the cold....It is to be hoped inhabitants will arouse themselves...urging their claim for a railway station when the direct line to Maryborough is decided on...a

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Macedon Gossip (our Correspondent): There are two items of news relating to this township that are subjects of conversation. One..individuals who... damage property,...burning haystacks, breaking fences...a programme of destruction. Repeat applications have been made...to station a policeman here.

Is There Gold in Woodend?: We learn that a considerable amount of prospecting has been done at a spot but a few miles from the town....occasionally excellent results have been obtained....so far the gold has not been found in payable quantities...it is unearthed in pure or almost pure nuggets of the "pin's head" to "pea" size...those expected to know are convinced that there is a "good lay out" in some gulch or another not very far away.

You Will Regret It: If you don't beg, borrow, steal or buy -- the latter is preferable -- next Friday's issue of the STAR. A special announcement will be made and it may be money out of your pocket if you miss it.

Submitted by J. Williams for W & D.H.S

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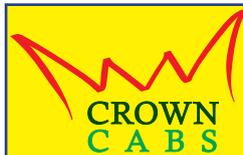


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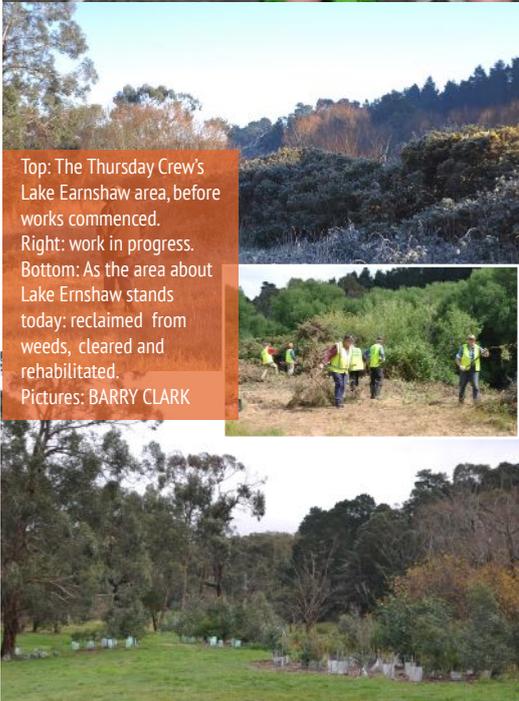
Girls from across the shire are taking up soccer in rapidly increasing number



Rotary Club Woodend new committee: From L-R- Daniel Rigoni, Jenny Zimmerman, Jenni Mayer, John McCausland, Josephine Falzarano, Peter Willmott, Charlie Bender and Grant Hocking.



Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub has galvanised support across the region, campaigning for the vision: A Multiuse shared infrastructure in a six court regional indoor stadium.



Top: The Thursday Crew's Lake Earnshaw area, before works commenced. Right: work in progress. Bottom: As the area about Lake Earnshaw stands today: reclaimed from weeds, cleared and rehabilitated. Pictures: BARRY CLARK



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Woodend-Hesket Masters players listen to game-day coach Peter Wood deliver his pre-game speech at Maryborough. Picture: NEIL EDWARDS