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Woodend Rotary presents

Community Halloween Party

Woodend Rotary is hosting
the 8th Annual Community
Halloween party at the Woodend
Children's Park (Nicholson
Street) on Tuesday 31st October
from 5.30pm. This is a free event
as a way of Woodend Rotary say-
ing thanks to the community for
supporting our events throughout the year.

This is a fantastic community event supported by Woodend Rotary and local business including major sponsor Fairhurst Conveyancing. Blackbird cakes will once again provide a delicious and spooky cake for everyone. Recent years has seen great community support and attendance for lots of fun, music and activities for the children in a safe and festive environment.

There will be lots of entertainment including some new surprises. There will also be sausages in bread, as well as other treats and lollies for the kids. People are encouraged to bring a picnic or purchase food from local vendors. Place the event in your calendar now as everyone is welcome and encouraged to dress in the theme of Halloween.

By Grant Hocking | Woodend Rotary



WRITE FOR US!



If you like what we're all about, why don't you write for The New Woodend Star?

We welcome stories of all types about the local Woodend area, so long as it's positive and informative.

Contributions are welcomed from individuals and community groups.

Simply send an email with all content & specific details (times, dates, contact person and details) directly to content@newwoodendstar.org.au.

Woodend's Rain report

Rainfall in August was 119.6mm, falling on 24 of the 31 days. Year to date 472.4mm. This is well above the August average and almost makes up for the dry start to the year. We are now only about 40mm behind the long-term average for this stage of the year.

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	av 5
January	31	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	27.8	2976
February	133	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	26.5	62.56
March	84	53	49	26	47	23.7	47.11
April	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4	36.2	165	63.45
May	54.4	47.2	46	68.7	101.2	38.6	59.35
June	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5	98.8	10.6	90.96
July	102	101.8	79.3	95.3	186.6	60.0	113
August	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7	107	119.6	84.1
September	54.6	85	55.9	44	163.6		80.62
October	39	75.6	49.6	12.9	91.8		53.78
November	31.4	67.2	53	41.3	63.2		53.7
December	21.4	35.2	36.6	41.7	92.8		46.5
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Carlsruhe COUNTRY FAIR

NOV 26TH
10 AM - 4 PM



Carlsruhe Country Fair

Spring is in the air, so there is no better time to hold the wonderful Carlsruhe Country Fair. For a day of fun, food and entertainment this is certainly the place to be.

The Carlsruhe Country fair is an event run by Woodend Primary School to highlight our historical campus and to raise much needed funds for the school. The Carlsruhe campus is set on a half-hectare, tree lined property about 8km north of Woodend, and includes the significant original red brick classroom.

The 2017 Carlsruhe Country Fair, to be held at the historic Carlsruhe school house on November 26, is sure to be the perfect occasion to enjoy the country charm. The day offers activities from old fashioned games, to lollies in the haystack, a vegie man competition, silent auction, and new to this year's fair, "The Zone" inflatable world, complete with laser tag.

Other highlights include, fresh baked goods & preserves, plant stall, market stalls, food, and musical entertainment from a Capella singers Miranda's Picnic, and our very own Woodend Primary School entertainment led by Joseph Bromley, and much more.

Don't miss this magical day, Carlsruhe Country Fair, Sunday November 26 | 10am - 4pm.

Submitted by: Belinda Witkowski - Woodend Primary School PFA

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When I asked for knitters in my last Red Cross letter, I hoped for a few to help us out. Well! The response was wonderful, especially when we are asking for an ongoing favour, not a once-off. But I'm always geared up for more - so don't hesitate, we need Trauma Teddies by the zillion, so call me for patterns, wool, needles, whatever, and I'll use my superwoman powers and get supplies to you pronto. We only need the bodies knitted, and sewn up if possible, the stuffing and embroidery is our job. So, if you can manage garter stitch and would like to give comfort to someone who needs a cuddle in stressful times, my details are below.



Next on our activity list is our Big Cake Bake Stall. All your favourites plus a few surprises, outside the Woodend Newsagency from 9.00 to 1.00 on Saturday October 7. Sweet and savoury, small and family size, we deliver deliciousness at very low prices. Irresistible, that's us!

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so if you would like to have some insight into our doings, we meet on the 1st Thursday each month at the Woodend Bowling Club (more thanks) at 1.30pm. Come for a chat and a cuppa, and check us out!

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Sadly, our final word is to tell of the loss of a wonderful woman, Joan Podrazil who was a long serving member, having joined Red Cross in 1983, and was Branch Secretary for over 10 years. Joan was born in England in 1922, married an Australian airman and came to Australia with their small son on a war-bride ship, to Melbourne. At her funeral her son, Stephen, described her as courageous and authentic, and all at Woodend Red Cross would heartily agree. Farewell Joan, and thank you.

By Robyn Grant Woodend Red Cross 0407 049 190



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Seniors Week Celebrations

During Seniors Week, Woodend Seniors are hosting a Luncheon & Entertainment event. Other Seniors Clubs in Macedon Ranges area have been invited to enjoy a beautifully catered roast meal followed by numerous choices of sweets. Then we will be entertained by Country & Western Singer, Cameron Mason. This will be an enjoyable time to catch up with friends from other Seniors Clubs.

If any Seniors are interested in joining us, the details are - Friday 13th October at 11.30am for 12 mid-day at Woodend Community Centre. Cost is \$22.50. RSVP 3rd October (payment with booking please).

Woodend Seniors meet at Woodend Community Centre and have weekly activities of Cards, Movies, Bingo and monthly Bus Trips, and special events such as Blumes Fashion parade.

If you would like any further information please phone Alma 5427 1644.

Submitted by Marea George



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Trivia Night

Get a team together and show the town how clever you are! The St Mary's Trivia Night is on again on October 28 at the Norma Richardson Hall from 7pm. Tickets are \$10 each, BYO snacks, drinks and knowledge of all things trivial. Silent auction prizes will be available, as well as a few gold coin games.

St Mary's Restoration

Thank you to everyone who has offered support and encouragement while St Mary's has been closed for the restoration works. We are now well on the way to re-opening the doors and we expect to be able to welcome everyone to a re-hallowing (blessing) of the floor in November.

The Woodend community has been wonderful and the people who worship at St Mary's give thanks for each and every one of you.

We still have a short fall in our budget so if you would like to donate towards the restoration project we have set up a crowd funding page at mycause.com.au. All donations are gratefully received.

Head to www.woodendanglican.org.au or get in touch with Rev. Mel on 0411 72 27 18

Blessing of the Pets

St Mary's Anglican Church welcomes all creatures great and small to join the Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets service at 11am on October 8.

Saint Francis is famous as the patron saint of animals, but he was also a dedicated champion of the poor and the environment, so we will also have a special focus on care for the planet on the day.

Everyone is welcome. Bring along your, suitably restrained, furry, scaly, wooley or feathered friend, and give thanks for their companionship, have some fun! (teddy bears are considered fur friends too!)

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Spring into Action with Woodend Landcare

October is a busy period for Woodend Landcare with two important working bees on the calendar. We need heaps of people to come along and lend a hand.

On Sunday the 15th of October, we are holding a spring planting day to add important shrubs and grasses to our previous revegetation sites in the paddocks between Pyke and Bowen Streets on the south side of the Five Mile Creek. The working bee starts at 9am until we're finished. The best spot to park is at north end of Wood St near the gym.

On Sunday October 29, we will have a broom and gorse attack in the Quarry Rd Railway Reserve. We will also tackle non-indigenous Hakea seedlings growing in the same area. This an exciting chance to work in arguably the best area of wildflowers in Woodend. For this bee, park at the north end of Peter Godden Drive where it intersects with Quarry Rd. The working bee will run from 9am till 12pm.

For both events a tasty morning tea and all tools will be provided. Please bring your own gloves. For more information and to RSVP email woodendlandcare@gmail.com.

By Krista Patterson-Majoor

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On the weekend of 18 and 19 November over 30 wineries nestled in laneways across the Macedon Ranges come to life to welcome you.

Hidden away in the natural landscape you will discover small and diverse wineries and vineyards. The region is cool to cold by world standards and as a result, the region offers wine that is limited in quantity and exceptionally high in quality.

They grow outstanding grapes to make outstanding wine that can often only be sourced at the cellar door. They can be found on these charming roads less travelled and yet still only an hour from Melbourne.

Food from local producers and entertainment will be available. Buses have been organised to help you discover the wineries and enjoy the festivities. Why don't you stay over and really get away? Book a Festival dinner or lunch event where local chefs from the finest restaurants present food that celebrates the exceptional wines of the region.

Tickets are from \$20 for a weekend of tastings. For Festival information, to buy your pass and to book a bus visit www.budburst.com.



MACEDON RANGES WINES

Get your groove on for Woodend Kindergarten

Woodend Kindergarten parents are practising their dance moves in anticipation of the Woodend Kindergarten Committee's fundraising event of the year, Disco Bingo.

Parents, friends and local businesses are invited to come together on October 21st at 7:30pm for what is expected to be a night of hilarity, bingo and dance moves to help raise money for the new outdoor play space.

An exciting masterplan for the new outdoor area has been created to accommodate children with

sensory and or mobility challenges and to help address some drainage issues. The new space will also help all the Woodend kindergarten children reach their full potential with exciting new places to stretch their imagination and develop fine and gross motor skills. The new outdoor space is themed to fit in with our beautiful, Woodend environment and encourage experiential learning - it is sure to become a big asset to the kindergarten.

The Kindergarten Committee is busy writing

grants, planning crowd funding pages as well as organising super fun events like Disco Bingo to fund the \$160K project.

Tickets for Disco Bingo are just \$25 including a welcome drink on arrival. They can be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com.au and searching for "Woodend Disco Bingo". To donate a prize, sponsor a table or for more information contact Zali on 0420 685 258.

By Zali Nash (Kindergarten committee co-president)

Kids + Family Fly Fishing Day

Following the very successful "Come Try Fly Fishing" open day held at Woodend last year the Calder Fly Fishing Association (CFFA) will be holding a free "Kids and Family Fly Fishing Day" aimed at kids (and teens) together with family at Riddells Creek from 10am to 2pm on Sunday 8 October 2017.

The day will feature fly fishing in the lake, learning fly casting and practising, using our equipment; there'll be fish in the lake to catch if you're able. You'll have a chance to watch and try fly tying as well as learning about the interesting bug life on lakes and streams. (the aquatic nymphs, larvae, flies and beetles that we copy with fly patterns designed to fool a trout).

Rounding out a fun day there'll be a free sausage sizzle and a raffle with great prizes.

Join us at the Walter J Smith Reserve, Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek on Sunday, October 8.

By Louis Bokor, Calder Fly Fishing association.

Pictured above: Tameka with redfin Photos: Mark Hobbs



Thank you from BUPA

Bupa Woodend would like to thank all involved in helping raise funds for the Woodend Community Men's Shed extension. We are very grateful for the generosity of multiple business's in the Macedon Ranges who donated goods or services as prizes in our raffle. We raised \$3,800 in ticket sales and received two further cash donations. The Men's Shed committee were thrilled with the amount raised and we will continue to support their fundraising efforts.

By Jody Murdoch - Lifestyle Officer

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Adjust Pilates

Justin O'Donohue is very excited to introduce Adjust Pilates to the Macedon Ranges. Justin has over 7 years' experience teaching both clinical and classical Pilates. He is also an accredited Myotherapist of 10 years, and soon-to-be Exercise Scientist.

Adjust Pilates will offer group reformer classes for general fitness, as well as individually tailored clinical Pilates sessions, for those with specific musculo-skeletal injuries. The Pilates method was established by Joseph Pilates and his wife Clara in New York in the 1920's. Joseph was born in Germany and his background was in gymnastics, martial arts, boxing and bodybuilding. Contrary to popular belief, Pilates is not a flexibility based form of exercise, but a dynamic movement therapy, based on Joseph's prior training.

The spring based equipment used in Pilates can both build strength and improve joint mobility. Justin believes the greatest aspect of Pilates is that it empowers people to be conscious of the way they move their bodies, leading to better movement patterns and decreasing the risk of injuries. An added bonus is that the classes are fun, dynamic, and can be adapted to all fitness levels. *So, if you are ready to make that change towards a fitter, stronger, more positive you, then Justin would love to hear from you.*

By A. May



Justin O'Donohue
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Volunteers needed for Toy Library

Dear Woodend Community, Our long serving President is moving on from the Committee. Without someone to fill this position we do not have a functioning committee. If we do not have a President we are required to close the toy library until these roles are filled. All toys will need to be returned to the library and no more toys can be borrowed.

We have approximately 50 families as members of the toy library. We would love some of you to be our new leaders. It would be most disappointing if we could not find someone to fulfil this role and a tragic shame if we had to close the doors of this fabulous service.

Many of our existing Committee Members work both part-time and full-time. We all have young children and/or babies to care for and have many other commitments to manage. So, before you dismiss this request and say you can't help please stop and think about it, perhaps you can.

Although the role may sound daunting please remember that we are a toy library, not a pre-school or school that may face many issues that need to be dealt with by the committee.

The toy library committee is very easy going. We meet with our children about every two months. The President hosts the meeting with an agenda that has been prepared and sent out by the Secretary. Meetings generally run for 1 or 1.5 hours with everybody contributing to discussions and decision making. We are a really nice group of people that are committed to our toy library and the community generally.

Our current President will give you a full hand over of information and will be available as a mentor for advice at other times as required. This means that there will be a smooth transition and an easy introduction to the roles.

We need these roles filled by our AGM in November. If this does not happen within a week of the AGM we will send out requests for all toys to be returned to the library until a full Committee is formed as is legally required by our Constitution.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon. Please email expressions of interest to woodendtoylibrary@gmail.com. Also, don't hesitate to call me on 0408 657 554 if you'd like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

The Woodend Toy Library Committee

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- Birds, wine and cheese

Find out more about the significance of local woodland birds on Saturday 21 October from 8am to 10am at this unique bird watching experience. Join us after the bird walk for locally produced mulled wine and cheese. Cloud 9 Farm, 204 Goochs Lane, Pipers Creek.

Bookings are essential and numbers are limited. Register your interest at mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events. Both events are being held to coincide with Birdlife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird Count (23-29 October) that invites people from across the country to spend 20 minutes outdoors during the nominated week recording sighted birds. To participate, sign up at ausiebirdcount.org.au or download the Aussie Backyard Bird Count App (Apple and Android).

By E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.

Unlocking the mysteries of the Cobaw State Forest

Have you ever wondered what animals call the Cobaw State Forest home?

Come along to a free information session and find out more about the native fauna of the region and the elusive mammals that call this unique location home.

The event will be held on Saturday 7 October from 2pm-3.30pm at the Newham Mechanics Institute, 1292 Rochford Road, Newham.

The Cobaw State Forest sprawls across 2,500 hectares in the Macedon Ranges and contains several rare and threatened species.

Earlier this year, Council, in partnership with the Deep Creek Landcare and the Victorian Government, conducted a series of wildlife surveys at the site, utilising remote cameras, wildlife traps and spotlights to collect data on the local fauna.

The aim is to discover more about the role that the Cobaw State Forest plays in the protection of local fauna, with findings from the program contributing to the development of Council's draft Biodiversity Strategy, which will be on public exhibition later this year.

Don't miss your chance to hear from Council's environment officers and representatives from the Macedon Ranges Conservation Society discussing the significance of the forest, its future protection and the unique fauna of this natural wonderland. Afternoon tea is provided.

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By G. Gamble for M.R.S.C

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In October Macedon Ranges Film Society will screen the engrossing documentary 'The Imposter'

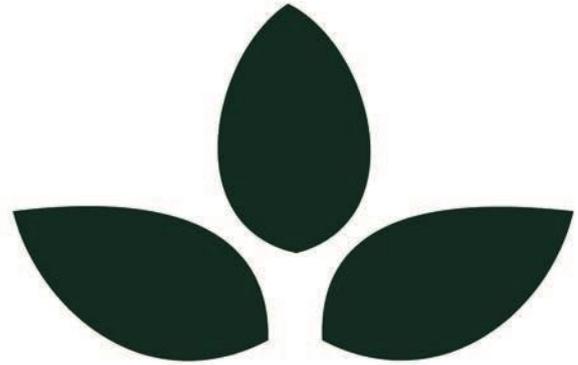
It will be shown on Wednesday October 11 at 7pm. The Imposter, English director Bart Layton's disturbing docu-drama, offers no clear-cut answers to the bizarre case of Nicholas Barclay, who was 13 when he vanished after a game of basketball in 1994.

In 1997, Frédéric Bourdin, discovered by tourists in a town in Spain, claimed to be the missing boy. Nicholas' sister Carey Gibson brought Bourdin back to Texas. The film suggests Carey and her mother wanted to believe Bourdin was Nicholas because the only alternative was to accept that the boy was dead. More details are available on the Society's web site - www.mrfilmsociety.org

In September filmgoers enjoyed "Far from Men". Based on an Albert Camus short story "The Stranger", and set in Algeria in 1954 as the war for independence began, Far From Men is film about difference, individual insignificance and conflicted loyalties.

Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday each month at Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club. Enquiries by email to mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Lorraine 5427 0921 or Christine 5429 5452. www.mrfilmsociety.org

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It's the time for blossoms and putting the cold weather behind us... we hope.

Events for Councillors in the last month in Woodend included the annual Suicide Prevention Walk (part of Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Group) held at the Woodend Community Park, which reminds us all of the importance of supporting and checking in with each other. The official opening of the Coptic Orthodox Monastery that will be available as a retreat for women for reflection and meditation.

I had a chance to catch up with all our Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nurses in our Shire at the 100 years' celebration. We know how important this service and early learning programs are to families and we appreciate their work.

Thank you to all who contributed with feedback to the draft options paper for the future of Hanging Rock. Also to those who take the time to provide any input to the many strategies and draft policies (such as the Nature Strip Policy) that are placed on the Council website. Speaking of which, the website has been updated and we hope that it is more user friendly and can provide easier access to information.

It doesn't stop there. Council is close to commencing video streaming of our Council meetings which we hope will allow a greater number of residents to view the meeting, and see what items are presented to Council, the process and how decisions are made.

Janet Pearce

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Animal registration renewal notices were sent to owners with outstanding registrations in June however there are still 935 registrations that have not been renewed. Owners will also soon receive a SMS reminder to renew the registration.

All dogs and cats over three months of age that live in the Macedon Ranges Shire must be registered with Council by 10 April each year.

Council's Manager Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner said its important owners register and microchip their animals and ensure its microchipping details are up-to-date.

"By registering your pet and making sure that its microchipping details are up-to-date helps Council to reunite you with your pet quickly if it becomes lost.

"If you've received a registration renewal notice and your pet is missing, has moved out of the shire or passed away, you must let Council know so we can update our records," she said.

Pet registrations not only help to reunite lost pets with their owners, but also enable Council to promote responsible pet ownership; fund pound and shelter services; audit domestic animal businesses (pet shops, breeding facilities, boarding kennels and catteries); investigate nuisance complaints such as barking and wandering animals; and prosecute dog attacks.

Your pet should wear a collar with a Council-issued registration tag. Adding an engraved ID tag with your contact details is also a great idea.

"We know it's a stressful time for the owner and the animal when it becomes lost. Council officers work hard to reunite lost animals with their owners and return them home quickly. Registering your pet is the best way to speed up this process.

"Also, don't forget that if you've moved house, make sure you transfer your pet's registration details. You must also remember to update your contact details with your microchip registry," she said.

If you find a lost dog or cat, and it is safe to do so, check it for any form of identification such as a registration tag or other identification e.g. name and contact number, then contact Council on 5422 0333 so we can help to return the animal to its owner.

Animal renewals can be paid online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/payments

By E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.

100s and Thousands of Local Little People

Kyneton District Health and Macedon Ranges Shire Council are celebrating 100 years of Maternal and Child Health services in Victoria.

So, the hospital's 160-year-old maternity unit is hosting a community garden picnic to celebrate local support for little people and their families.

Both KDH and Council's experienced teams are staffed by qualified nurses who are also midwives. Between them they have seen hundreds of babies born and made thousands of family visits to support generations old and new to the shire.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson, said the collaborative celebration was an opportunity to acknowledge the important role that local services play in supporting families from pregnancy and through the first few years of a child's life.

Catherine Prestney has been a midwife at KDH for 16 years, welcoming many babies into the world. She met this week with Council's MCH nurse Chris O'Higgins to take a peek at the Maternal and Child Health Service's historic visitor book.

The archive highlights how valued local maternity services have been right across the generations.

Since the 1920s women were advocating for a purpose-built maternal and child health facility in Kyneton. They later raised funds for the existing Hutton Street facility

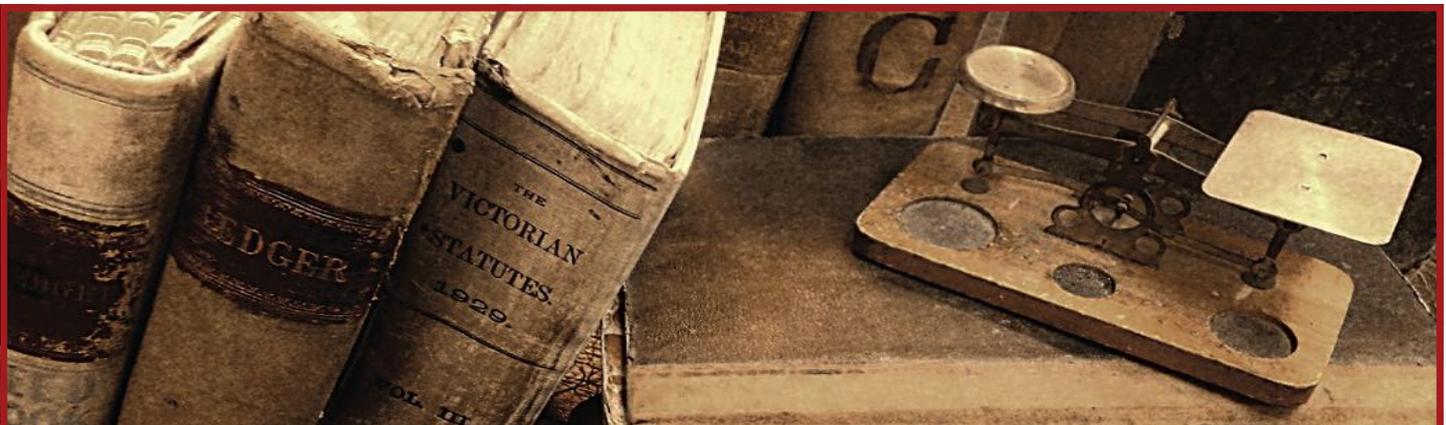
through lamington drives.

So, the bakers are getting lamingtons onto the menu for the upcoming picnic. There will also be face painting, storytelling and a chance for future parents to tour the hospital's private maternity suites. Cobaw Community Health will also be involved in activities on the day.

KDH Deputy CEO, Karen Laing, said that the milestone celebration is a chance to reflect on the past achievements, and commit to ongoing support for young families in our community.

"The event is an open invitation, but we especially want to welcome people who have been or might become one of the 100s and thousands of personal stories connected with our local maternity services".

By E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.



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Broaden Your Technological Horizons at Woodend Library

Free Online Learning Workshops are run on a wide range of relevant and interesting technology topics each season in small groups, with friendly library staff. Some of the sessions focus on products available in the Goldfields Libraries eLibrary. eLibrary products are available to members free of charge with their library card number. Most products are available anywhere online and are compatible with most devices.

Topics coming up in Spring include learning how to use eBooks and audio books, Microsoft Word basics, Facebook basics, eResources for families and kids, tips and tricks to improve your Google searching, an introduction to the Lynda.com online learning video suite and how to navigate the Goldfields Libraries website.

The workshops will be held at a number of different libraries and details can be found on pages 12-13 of the Goldfields Libraries Spring Program: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/seasonalprogram All sessions are free and bookings are required via www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Be a part of our Volunteer Library Team!

Have you ever wanted to volunteer at the library and help those in need in the community? Goldfields Libraries provide library services to individuals who are unable to visit the library themselves due to ill health, frailty or being a full-time carer.

This service will soon be expanding into Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. We are currently looking for volunteers to help out. Tasks will include selecting books for Home Library Service members and picking up and delivering items to the members in their homes. Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

If you would like more information or to apply as a volunteer please get in touch with our Community Based Services Team via email helpdesk@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone 5449 2790. See back page for photos of Joey Scouts on a recent visit

by Lulu Richards

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- 5 Activity Day - Ktn. Sports Centre
- 5 Woodend Hanging Rock Pentanque opens
- 5 Social Bowls - Woodend Bowls Club
- 7 Cobaw State Forest info-session
- 7+8 Mt Players auditions - The Offshore Island
- 8 Blessing of the Pets - St Marys
- 8 Family Fly Fishing day - Riddells Creek
- 10 Movies that Matter - Cultivating Murder
- 11 M.R Film Society - The Imposter
- 11 Woodend Hesket Football Netball - AGM
- 15 Kyneton Museum - Storybook
Characters of Dromkeen
- 17 Walk the Camino - Woodend Library
- 18 Healthy Minds Expo - M.R Health
services Gisborne
- 19 ADFAS - Lucia Gahlin lecture
- 19 Social Bowls - Woodend Bowls Club
- 21 M.R Montessori Primary's Spring Fete
- 21 Disco Bingo - Woodend Kindergarten
- 22 Colour Run - Gisborne
- 27 Battle of Woodend's club - Bowls Club
- 28 St Mary's Trivia Night
- 29 Woodend Landcare clean up
- 29 Open Day - Woodend Bowls Club
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- 24 Air Cadets info night - Kyneton
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You may still receive cheques in the name of the doctor who provided your service so please bring them back to the Practice. We have letter boxes outside the building for your convenience.

Brooke Street Medical Centre patients are asked to pay their account in full on the day. The Medicare rebate portion of that fee will be repaid by Medicare directly into your nominated account.

Patients who experience hardship paying in full on the day should please discuss this with a receptionist.

Flu

This year Department of Health reports indicate a considerable rise in the number of people with confirmed influenza. At time of writing numbers are not decreasing so it is advisable to consider immunisation. We have vaccines in stock – telephone reception for an appointment.



Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma

Last November's Thunderstorm Asthma took Melbourne by surprise. Nine people died and an astonishing 8,500 people sought hospital treatment. The hospital system was overloaded.

Thunderstorm asthma occurs when high levels of pollen are present at the time when a particular kind of thunderstorm breaks. In this rare event pollens are broken into miniscule particles by the storm and blown through the air. Breathing these particles can be fatal for those at risk.

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Thunderstorm Asthma - who's at risk?

- those with a history of **asthma**
- those who suffer from **hay fever**
- those with **allergies to grass pollen**
- unfortunately, some people may not be aware of allergens or have undiagnosed asthma

It was reported on the "60 Minutes" program "The Killer Storm" that 40% of those seeking hospital treatment had no history of asthma.

To determine the risk on any given day, go to www.melbournepollen.com.au or use your search engine for "Deakin AIRwatch" – which also gives daily risk ratings from low to extreme.

Be aware though that during these rare events, many people can be affected. The ambulance service was overwhelmed with the Thunderstorm Asthma epidemic last November.

It is vital that preparation is carried out before an event and keep aware of forecasts. During "high" and "extreme" risk days, stay indoors (before and during a storm) with doors and windows shut and have air conditioning on recirculate.

People at risk should:

- Be aware of Thunderstorm Asthma and keep an eye on websites reporting risk levels
- Create a plan with your doctor (even if you've never had asthma but have hay fever or grass pollen allergy) – have them teach you how to use reliever medication with a spacer
- In your plan, talk to your Doctor about taking antihistamine medication prior to weather event
- Have an asthma reliever medication like Ventolin on hand (available over the counter at pharmacies) – and use with a spacer
- **Learn asthma first aid** and apply it at any first sign: difficulty breathing, wheezing, coughing or tightness in the chest. Go to www.nationalasthma.org.au/asthma-first-aid
- **Call 000 for ambulance** if symptoms worsen or don't get better. Ask for estimated time of arrival and if the wait is long, consider getting someone to drive you to a hospital or GP clinic whilst continuing to use the reliever medication.

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The Mount Players Happenings

The Full Monty wound up a spectacular season on 10th Sep having entertained packed houses to the max!! The cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed putting on this memorable production.

Auditions for our first production of 2018, The Offshore Island By Marghanita Laski, will be held on Saturday & Sunday 7/8 October at The Mountview Theatre.

The play requires seven adult males, one adult female & a teenage boy & girl.

Full details about this play including performance dates are detailed on our website. To book an audition we invite you to call Director, Cherry Servis on 5426 1892.

Our last production for 2017 is a Noel Coward classic, 'Present Laughter'. This wonderful comedy will open on Friday 17 November and perform till Sunday 3 December. Tickets are now available! Book via our website www.themountplayers.com or phone our box office on 5426 1892.

By Karen Hunt

Healthy Minds Expo to be held in Gisborne

PS My Family Matters in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Health Services will be hosting the third Healthy Minds Expo at Macedon Ranges Health Services, Neal Street, Gisborne on October 18, 5.30pm-7.30pm.

'The expo gives everyone the chance to explore the range of mental health services across the Macedon Ranges' said Tamara Wilson, president of PSMFM. 'We will also have an update on the recent launch of the NDIS in our region.'

The expo will feature information stalls from key service providers and agencies, and give consumers and carers the opportunity to chat to staff in an informal setting. It also will be a great opportunity to gain insight into how the NDIS is impacting since its introduction in May. 'There will be representatives from the local NDIS team present' said Tamara. 'There will be a progress update and the opportunity to ask questions.' Light catering will be available from the Kozy café during the Expo.

If you would like to further information, 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 October 23. All are welcome.

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by Mike Hamer 0411 549 432.

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Macedon Ranges region, by people who loved where they lived and wanted to see their communities thrive. Rather than looking outwardly for work, business or employment they focussed within their communities. Instead of pouring their energy, talents and time away from where they live, they turn this around to create prosperity within their own communities.

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Recruiting Now

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is the premier youth organisation for teenagers aged 13-20 interested in aviation or a career in the Defence Forces. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, Fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. The squadron parades on a Friday night from 6:30pm during school terms. Cadets meet at the squadron barracks located on Market Street, Kyneton.

Information session will be held at the barracks, for interested teenagers and their families to attend on Friday 24 November at 6:30pm, running for roughly an hour. Enrolment paperwork will be handed out during on the night.

We are also looking for any adults who would be interested in becoming staff members. If that interests you feel free to come along as well.

Please direct any inquiries about the information session to admino.430sqn@aafc.org.au or 5422 1073.

By E. Portelli

Gardens & Famous Faces in October at Duneira

Opportunities abound in October for musical and garden delights at Duneira.

Sunday October 8 highlights the brilliant Streeton Piano Trio who are on an Australian tour. Their concert Czech Masterpieces highlights inspiring piano trio music from favourite Czech composers. Later in the afternoon, Duneira is delighted to have Julian Burnside AO QC join in a lively conversation. These events are always popular so don't delay getting your tickets.

On the last Sunday in October, join Woodend's garden guru Michael McCoy who presents his Top 10 Gardens and then join him on a garden tour.

Join Duneira's Director Jacky Ogeil in conversation with actor David Wenham in a popular session 'On the Couch'. Finally, the day ends with a special session with Professor Jayashri Kulkarni who will talk on the topic of Women's Mental Health. Garden and house tours are also held on these days as well as Thursdays.

Open Gardens start in October, and it's the best time to view the famous bluebells lining the long drive. Visit the Duneira website for more information about open garden dates.

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By I. O'Duffy Duneira, Mt Macedon

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- ensuring any rainwater tanks are easy to access and pumps are tested regularly
- ensuring you have a bushfire survival plan in place and practise it regularly
- attending local CFA community meetings about fire preparedness.

Property inspections and notices

Council's Fire Management Officer will soon begin inspecting properties for fire risk within the shire and will issue fire prevention notices to those properties that pose a fire risk.

If you receive a notice, don't ignore it as heavy penalties can apply to owners who fail to comply. Properties are expected to be maintained to the required standard throughout the fire danger period. If you are grazing stock, you must demonstrate that the number is sufficient to reduce the risk and if not, you may be required to do additional

Rotary in Action

This month sees the Rotary Club of Woodend focusing on two initiatives aimed at helping the younger members of our community, as well as the planning for the Halloween party in the Woodend Children's Park

Rotary offers leadership opportunities for young people in Woodend!

Do you know a young person with great potential who needs a bit of a boost in their confidence and goal setting? The Rotary Club of Woodend is currently able to offer two sponsorships for young people in the Macedon Ranges. The first one is for the annual RYPEN weekend conference at Malmsbury which takes place from 27-29 October 2017. This is a leadership program for students in Years 9-11 who are interested in both self-development and community work. The weekend is run by professionals and will focus on resilience, communication, teamwork and other life skills. More information at rypen.rotaract9800.org.au

The second scholarship funds the week-long RYLA conference from 3-9 December 2017 in Mt Evelyn. This is a more intensive leadership and personal development experience for young adults aged 18-25. The program is designed around four main themes: challenge, diversity, time out and community. Find out more at www.ryla9800.org.au Interested candidates please contact Jenny at limosa@tpg.com.au

Local Rotarians- Ready to help our local students.

Local Rotarians are lending a hand to assist with Project Ready - a Macedon Ranges wide initiative aimed at helping local year 9 and 10 students get ready for the education and career choices ahead of them as they move toward finishing secondary school. 'This is a critically important time for these students' said Rosemary Guyatt, director of vocational services for Woodend Rotary. 'We are pleased to be assisting Cobaw Community Health and the Central Ranges Local learning and Employment Network in providing mentoring and interviewing skills support to assist the students get ready for what lies ahead of them.'

Project Ready has a number of key aims including: building self-worth and resilience through personal development: helping students discover their passions and career goals through a range of industry engagement activities and assisting the development of personal development plans. 'We have a number of Rotarians assisting with the program' said Rosemary. 'However, we would love to hear from other community members who may wish to get involved. This will include joining student groups in a mentoring and coaching capacity as well as taking part in interviewing skills practice sessions.'

If you are interested in helping with Project Ready or in the RYPEN or RYLA scholarships, or just want to know more about Rotary Woodend, please contact membership director, Mike Hamer on 0411 549 432. Rotary Woodend meets every Thursday evening at 7pm at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend. Prospective members are more than welcome to come along and see what Rotary is all about. We welcome input to any of our projects from people who would just like to lend a hand.

Submitted by Mike Hamer - 0411 549 432

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Helping the homeless

On Thursday 21 September, the CEO of Cobaw Community Health, Ms Margaret McDonald and Ms Justine Maher from Youth Housing Support, visited Sacred Heart College Kyneton to speak with Year 11 and 12 students about issues relating to homelessness in the Macedon Ranges.



Above, Year 12 students from left Pryce, Lochie and Bridie with Justine Maher and Margaret McDonald CEO of CCH

Their visit was in response to the recent fundraising completed by the College and provided the students with an opportunity speak candidly with them and learn more about the issues and work done by Cobaw Community Health (CCH) to support homeless people, particularly homeless youth in the Macedon Ranges.

The students were thrilled to be able to present Ms McDonald with a cheque for \$500 which CCH will pass on to homeless people in the form of SIM cards and grocery vouchers.

The funds were raised through a Year 11 and 12 Sleep Out, held on September 8 at the College. The Sleep Out was planned completely by VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) students, coordinated by two Year 12s - Lochie Edwardes and Lochie Wise - and is intended to become an annual event.

The students slept at the College for the night and had limited resources for meals eating just soup and rolls for dinner. One of the biggest challenges noticed by the students was being unable to shower across the 24-hour period, but still having to attend a full day of school the next day. Just over \$500 was raised from the participant's fees, donations and a raffle.

Information about youth housing and other homeless support provided by Cobaw Community Health can be accessed via their website: www.cobaw.org.au. See picture back page

By J Baldwin, Sacred Heart College Kyneton



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Local Kids Engaged 2 Act

On Wednesday 13 September, nine Field Trip kids from Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges attended the inaugural Engage 2 Act Unconference at the St Kilda Town Hall, aimed at community engagement experts and professionals across the country, to facilitate a workshop on 'strengthening engagement with young people' for the other speakers, high profile guests and delegates.

Engage 2 Act is a collective of individuals committed to progressing high quality community engagement practice. It is a specialised field but all about assisting community members to increase their say on matters which affect them (www.engage2act.org).

With a room of 50 conference participants, volunteers and speakers from all over Australia, Hong Kong and elsewhere, the kids took to facilitating the group like they'd been doing it for years. They conducted the group as a choir (including some people who didn't speak English), taught them skills and led them wonderfully in wrapping wool around themselves symbolising their feeling of 'community'.

You can see highlights of the workshop on youtube.

The feedback from Engage 2 Act Board members, conference delegates, volunteers and participants has been extraordinary and we're even discussing a possible 'youth division' for Engage 2 Act.

Very excited for The Field Trip kids in being part of this extraordinary event.

By Paul Kooperman

Dignified Woodend

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Share the Dignity Drive in August this year. Recognition must go to Coles for maintaining the Collection Box throughout the month.

It was a real blast managing the Woodend and Kyneton collection points and receiving collections from events held during the drive including the Babes and Picnics Macedon Ranges monthly gathering.

Through your incredible efforts, we were able to share over 400 packs of sanitary items to charities both local and elsewhere in Victoria.

Without efforts such as these many women and girls who are homeless, disadvantaged or fleeing domestic violence have to face unthinkable indignities during their monthly period. For these vulnerable and at risk women, each month brings a shameful and traumatic experience, suffering indignities such as having to clean themselves in public toilets and use paper towels or newspaper to create makeshift sanitary pads.

Share the Dignity hold their Dignitydrive in April and August each year to provide these women with sanitary items. Collection points around Australia help the Charity's mission to ensure every woman has dignity when dealing with her monthly period.

Other events throughout the year include:

- itsinthebag collection providing a gift to a woman in need at Christmas time.
- DigniTEA in May
- Yoga4Dignity in September and
- istandup in October.

Funds and products raised go towards our projects supporting women in need and funding projects such as our Pinkbox Dignity Vending Machines, Because We Care and Activities4All

More information can be found at Sharethedignity.com.au or search for sharethedignity on Facebook.

I look forward to hassling you again for donations in April 2019

By Anya Richards

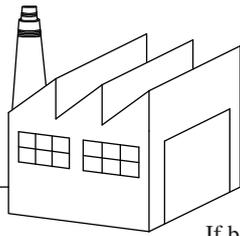
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The Rotary Club of Gisborne is staging an unusual, colourful summer event

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Riders are coming from near and far to experience the roads, cafes and tourist attractions that the Shire so superbly displays.

This is the chance to showcase what the region has to offer and encourage return visits, because what us locals already know, is that we have an amazing Shire full of diversity and splendour, eager to welcome visitors to share our gems.

Riders will take a leisurely ride via five checkpoints as a loop starting and finishing in Gisborne. This is not a timed event. The unusual element is the use of mathematics. Five dice are rolled at each checkpoint over a cuppa, chat, possibly a cake or some local produce. The winner of the Guy Fawkes Day Poker Dice Ride, will be the rider with the highest score.

Prizes will be awarded by Gisborne Rotary President, a motorbike rider himself, John Scott.

There will be bike displays and stands, including the charity representatives, at Dixons field and the sale of raffle tickets to fund Rotary community projects, should attract people to wander over from the Sunday market across the park.

This month I am bending the rules slightly with the inclusion of a Heathcote Shiraz as one of the wines reviewed, that being said there is a pretty strong connection with the Macedon Ranges as it comes from one of the most iconic wineries in the region, Hanging Rock.

Hanging Rock produce exceptional cool climate wines with their late disgorged sparkling, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay consistent standouts. Their Shiraz is made from an excruciatingly low yielding vineyard in Heathcote and is the quintessential expression of elegance and power that the region is known for.

2013 Hanging Rock Heathcote Shiraz

A meagre 5.1 Tonne were harvested from the 20 acre 'Athol's Paddock' vineyard, the low yield has created a wine of exceptional concentration, but one that has maintained definition, texture and class.

The blend of new French and American oak provides an array of aromatics on the nose in the baking spice spectrum that melds with violets and dark plum. The palate presents plenty of tannin up front that works in concert with beautifully proportioned plum, blackberry and dark cherry fruit. The finish enjoys a milk chocolate like richness and a saturation of spiced plum. A complete and compelling wine.

As is the case with almost all of the Hanging Rock Heathcote Shiraz releases it will live for a very long time.

Rated: 96 | Drink: 2017 - 2033 | Price: \$75

2016 Zig Zag Rd Pinot Noir

A more atypical representation of Pinot Noir from one of the oldest vineyards in the region, that is located in the township of Malmsbury. A light to medium red in the glass with good clarity, the nose is brambly and earthy with stewed cherry, rhubarb and lick of varnish.

There is a consistent herbaceous, earthen thread that is softened by dark cherry fruit. Tannins are fine, with background notes of spice shrouded by the wines more savoury notes. The finish gives rosemary and cherry. It will be interesting to see where this goes with time.

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By Joanne Leitch



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Colour run comes in Gisborne

Only a few weeks to go and Gisborne will be a sea of colour on Sunday 22 October when the MRH Colour Run and Walk takes place at Gardiner Reserve in Gisborne. Tickets are selling fast and again this year we expect the event to sell out prior.

Western Water are supporting this event again with water stations and drink bottles to keep everyone hydrated and refreshed and the SES will ensure all participants get off from the start line in an orderly manner!

Don't forget to register <https://www.trybooking.com/QLWO> - this event is about a great morning in the park with your family and friends - you don't have to run, in fact the majority of our participants are walkers.

If you are interested in attending the event as a volunteer or have any queries please contact Kelly Milne on 5428 0300 or email: Kelly.milne@mrh.org.au

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Take a shot at basketball this summer

It's not too late to sign up for the local basketball competitions that run over summer (October 2017 - March 2018) at Buffalo Stadium here in Woodend.

This summer the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association is offering competitions for young and old - as well as Aussie Hoops skills sessions for 5-10-year-old (contact Fiona on 0418 571 285) and the ongoing All Abilities program. Beginners are always welcome!

If you are keen to shoot some hoops, sign up to one of our Wednesday competitions:

- boys and girls in Grades 4, 5 & 6 (contact Jo 0405 320 773)
- boys and girls in Years 7, 8 & 9 (contact Jo 0405 320 773)
- open Men's (contact Justin 0478 125 929)

We're also still taking expressions of interest from women and older teen girls and boys who might like to play. Send expressions of interest to mail@mrba.org.au.

Junior Macedon Ranges 3x3 comps in October

Visit the MRBA website to find out more about the Macedon Ranges exciting 3 x 3 competition being held in Gisborne in October. There are comps for U12s & U14s on 15 October and U16s & U18s on 22 October. Places are limited and registrations close early in the month. Participants are eligible for consideration for Macedon Ranges representative teams.

Woodend Hawks star in Sunbury winter season finals

Finally, well done to the six Woodend Hawks teams who made their Grand Finals in the Sunbury Basketball Association winter competition. A great effort for our town to have so many high-level teams, with plenty of great talent coming up through the ranks. Congratulations to the Under 19 boys (pictured back page) for finishing on top in the final game of the day!

Visit www.mrba.net.au to read the latest news and more information about all that's on offer from the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association.

By N. Cooper

Woodend Community Market springs into action

The first community market of the year happened on Sunday September 17th a vibrant spring day in Woodend. The third Sunday of the month. The Lions run this market raising money for community groups and projects and it's still going strong. A jumping castle has become a regular feature. There is fresh veg and fruit as well as local pastured eggs. The plant stalls feature many interesting specimens. There are still lots of craft, hardware and clothing stalls as well as food and the ever-present coffee. It's a great place to take a wander and catch up with others.

By Barry McDonald

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Movies that Matter, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group

Our next movie "Cultivating Murder" was directed by Gregory Miller, funded through the Documentary Australia Foundation and is dedicated to memory of Glen Turner a professional and ardent environmentalist.

Glen worked on the frontline of habitat, species and wild life protection. He was investigating illegal land clearing in rural NSW when he was found murdered on the side of the road. The killer was Ian Turnbull, a wealthy NSW rural producer who had previously been prosecuted for illegal land clearing. During the murder trial, Turnbull pleaded not guilty on the grounds of "substantial impairment", claiming the Office of Environment and Heritage was bankrupting his family agribusiness and as a result, he suffered acute depression.

Cultivating Murder tells the story of four people who are deeply affected by the murder. By looking at Glen's work we see how vital it is to continue in the face of legislative changes now being proposed that will see a major winding back of environment protection.

The movie will be shown at the Victoria Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 October. Please eat prior to coming to the movie. You might like a meal in the bistro from 6.30pm.

Movies that Matter is a monthly film program coordinated by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, screened on the first Tuesday of the month. Films are selected to achieve a mix of enlightening, thought-provoking, educating, motivating and inspiring stories about our planet, the threats it faces and the people working to implement sustainable solutions.

Submitted by L Mitchell, member MRSG



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Please join us on October 11 for the Annual General Meeting.

If you are a community minded person, with a combined passion and interest in assisting grow a very important part of the social fabric for our youth in our great town, you are welcome to join us and be part of a committee that is dedicated to facilitating a positive and sustainable culture of physical health, mental health and wellbeing, together with a charge to on-field success with a core group of outstanding players in both football and netball.

All positions will be open for voting and we welcome any person willing to volunteer and make a meaningful contribution whether you are new to the community, recently retired, or just someone ready to have a go.

For further information, please contact David Robinson - Secretary 0428 243 023

AGM: Wednesday 11 October, 7.00pm - Gilbert Gordon Social Room

By D.Robinson

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Play Bowls Month

Lots Happening in October

This year the Woodend Bowling Club is taking part in Bowls Victoria's 'Play Bowls Month', which will include a range of FREE events for our community to come and enjoy during the month of October ... including the above Battle of the Sports Clubs.

Bowls is an easy game to pick-up if you have never played before, and perfect for players of all ages, genders and abilities. We will supply everything else ... the bowls, the greens and some members to help you get started.

Some of the events include:

- Come and Try Coffee and Biscuit Social Bowls – Please bring the kids.
- Thursday 5th & 19th and Tuesday 10th – from 10am to 12 noon.
- Friday night Bowls under Lights, including a sausage sizzle: Friday 13th from 6 to 9pm
- A Social Saturday afternoon, where Bowling Club members will also be encouraged to bring a friend: Saturday 14th from 1 to 4pm
- Our special Open Day for the whole community on Sunday 15th, with a range of activities to be organized including a sausage sizzle
- A Sunday social afternoon on the 29th from 1 to 4pm.
- And every event is FREE!

Battle of the Woodend sports clubs ... under lights.

Friday October 27 – still some places left!

As part of our Play Bowls Month, the Woodend Bowling Club is organising a special Battle of the Woodend Sports Clubs.

We are inviting all of our local sports clubs to enter, and play a social round robin event to see which is best club at bowls in Woodend. All you have to do is organise a Team of four, including mixed teams. We already have several team's books, so just a few places left. And your supporters and spectators are more than welcome to come and cheer you along.

It will be played under lights on Friday October 27, 2017 from 6pm to 9pm, including a sausage sizzle. Plus, you will be able to enjoy our bar facilities at famous low Crackerjack bowls club prices!

Please RSVP to Woodend Bowling Club President Mike Dornau (email: mike@dornau.com.au or call 0409 093 935) by Friday October 20.

It will be a lot of fun, and it's FREE! Check out our website and Facebook page. For more information please call our NEW phone number 0448 769 366, visit our website at www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com. You can also follow us on Facebook.

By Mike Dornau, President Woodend Bowling Club Inc.

Badminton

The summer season of the Kyneton badminton Club begins on Monday 9th October. Games are played at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre from 7:00pm. People of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information contact Kevin Roberts 5422 3057.

Graham Smith 5422 6579

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Season Opening Thursday October 5.

Petanquers, boulistes, players, friends or maybes all welcome to join Members at Hanging Rock from 5:00 pm each Thursday from 5 October onwards

No experience-no worries we have spare boules (petanque balls) available and will show you the basics and away you go... too timid? well come and watch and get the "feel" of the place the people and the game. Even stay and enjoy our BBQ.

Want to have a chat about the game? give our President David Shaw a call on 0414 457 602

November sees our Triples Tournament and Triples at Avoca. Petanque season is upon us during daylight saving.

By Chinka Steel 0427 272 826

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A gardener's ode to Winter and welcome to Spring

Many people complain of the ongoing cold wet weather, but I reckon it makes Spring seem even better, as buds swell and leaves burst on the exotic trees. Late Winter has its joys – yellow everywhere with wattles and daffodils, wallflowers bursting with all sorts of colours, and lovely hellebores – “Winter roses”. If you have a garden largely of native plants, as I do, winter can be a delight, with many varieties of correa, grevillea, hakea and banksia flowering. A bonus of these is they don't need watering over summer. They also have the added benefit of providing food and shelter for local birds. We have so many I sign up for the Aussie Bird Count in October each year – find it online if you would like to do it.

Wattles are amazing – with close to 1000 Australian species of Acacia there will be at least one flowering every month of the year. Take a look at a blog celebrating Wattle Day (and first day of Spring, September 1) with photos of a species for nearly every letter of the alphabet – <http://ianfrasertalkingnaturally.blogspot.com.au/2017/09/happy-wattle-day-acacia-alphabet.html>.

In the vegetable garden, leeks, and Brassicas such as kale, broccoli, cabbages, rocket and brussels thrive in the cold – and what a relief not to be picking off cabbage white caterpillars as you have to in warm weather. I have lettuces, coriander and peppery mizuna, and many flower varieties, self-seeding in all the paths and garden

beds; they are happily shared at the produce swap on Woodend Farmers Market days.

One of the temptations of Spring is to forget about frost. At your peril! A frequent topic of conversation among Woodend gardeners is “when do you plant your tomatoes”? Cup Day in November often crops up, but that is still no guarantee of missing a late frost. A greenhouse of course gets over the problem; so does planting in pots and protecting them. There are as many stories about citrus varieties – my lemon and lime trees are sheltered by a hedge and survive well, but at 630metres on the north slope of Mt Macedon our frosts are not as bad as the lower frost hollows in Woodend.

It will be October, middle of Spring when you read this, and gardeners will be mulching, enjoying trees in blossom and all the Spring flowers, and of course battling weeds. Your vegie garden will be full of lettuces, salad greens and whatever seedlings you fancy. Your best bet for learning what to plant when is one of our local nurseries, produce stores or Farmers Market stalls. Or check the ABC's Gardening Australia at www.abc.net.au/gardening/vegieguide/.

By Helen Scott

If you want to be happy for a short time, get drunk; happy for a long time, fall in love; happy for ever, take up gardening.” Chinese proverb

(Colliers prevailed upon me to write a gardening article for the Woodend Star – let Alexia or Sylvia know if you want a regular one, or wish to volunteer!)

Do you salary sacrifice into superannuation?

Consider Mavis' case

Mavis is a 56 year old employee of BHP Billiton and has been salary sacrificing to superannuation for the last few years to build her retirement nest egg. Mavis is concerned that due to the changes in superannuation contribution limits that she may need to revise the amount that she salary sacrifices into superannuation.

Mavis currently earns \$253,000 gross earnings per year as an office manager, her superannuation guarantee that is paid by her employer is 9.5% up until the maximum superannuation contribution base which comes to \$20,049.

The new concessional contribution cap for 2018 is \$25,000 which means Mavis has the ability to salary sacrifice up to this amount. As a result Mavis can salary sacrifice an additional \$4,951 to be within the concessional superannuation contribution limit.

Mavis will need to consider Division 293 taxation consequences as her income (including reportable super) exceeds \$250,000. Division 293 tax of 15% applies to concessional contributions when the \$250,000 threshold is exceeded. As Mavis is \$3,000 over the threshold she will pay an extra 15% tax on these superannuation contributions, equating to \$450.

Should you wish to discuss your payroll needs please feel free to contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood on 5427 8100 for an initial consultation.

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New growth

Spring is a time for new growth, to break free of the blanket of winter and explore a refreshed world. New Year resolutions seem to be the go but our calendar is an artificial creation and has no partnership with the rhythms of the seasons. I always see the Spring equinox as the start of the year, the time to plan new pathways and new branches in your life after a winter of consolidation.

With the rising sap comes the rising energy. It's a perfect time to get the bike out of the shed, pump up the tyres, lube the chain and get out there in our magnificent Macedon Ranges. Feel the wind and the rising and falling waves of our landscape. Smell the blossom and that freshly cut grass.

Maybe this year is the one that you commit to riding or walking the kids to school. Save the car for those rainy days or the time you need to bring the school project home. Just remember to be safe out there and to teach your kids to be safe on their bikes. At Bike Safe we are actively working with the local council to improve safety for all road users.

Get out there and make it fun. We will all feel better for it.

Jem Richards

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

Daylight Saving - Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am (EAST) on Sunday October 1.

When you change your clock, you should also change your smoke alarm battery. The CFA recommends that all Victorians should replace your smoke alarm batteries around the time that you turn back your clocks for the end of daylight saving - which is NOW. The message is quite simple: only working smoke alarms save lives. If there's no sound from your smoke alarm, there's no warning.

Remember, it is normally smoke, not flame or heat, that kills the majority of fire victims. When asleep, our sense of smell is largely diminished, and we're unlikely to smell smoke. The smoke may also put occupants into a deeper sleep, so a smoke alarm actually helps wake you.

It is law that all residential properties in Victoria must have at least one smoke alarm installed on each level.

Here are some interesting home fire facts:

- Research has shown that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%
- While 45% of properties visited had smoke alarms installed, 31% of those were not functioning with the batteries flat or even removed
- Last year, there were nearly 3,100 preventable house fires in Victoria

- About 64% of house fires were unintentionally lit
- More than 40% of these started in the kitchen
- In more than 95% of household fires someone was home at some stage during the fire

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm:

All smoke alarms have a 10-year life span and need to be replaced or they may not work when you need them most.

While most people know to change their smoke alarm batteries at the end of daylight savings, many are unaware that smoke alarms themselves have an expiry date. We believe that some Victorians have never replaced their smoke alarms and that is concerning.

Both CFA and MFB recommend photoelectric smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery in a tamper proof chamber.

Quick tips to keep your smoke alarm working:

- Test your smoke alarm monthly
- Dust your smoke alarm annually and replace the battery if it is powered by a replaceable battery
- Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau at the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street, follow us on Facebook or our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

By M Dornau

There's so many stories to tell at Kyneton Museum

The Storybook Characters of Dromkeen, Showing until 15 October

From lovable possums, dirty dinosaurs, cheeky tom cats and slobbering gorillas, don't miss your chance to explore this marvellous collection of original Australian children's picture book illustrations.

With work on display from artists such as Freya Blackwood, Ron Brooks, Terry Denton, Leigh Hobbs, Alison Lester, Julie Vivas, Anna Walker and Mark Wilson, this is a must-see for lovers of art and literature.

The Museum is open from 11am-4pm, every Friday to Sunday and entry fees apply.

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By E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.



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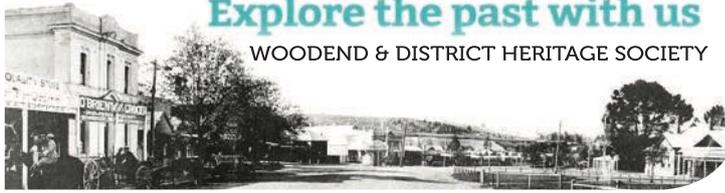
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Can you name these children?

This 1950 photograph of Grades 1 and 2 at the Woodend State School has no names attached. Can you help with any of the names?

Whenever we ask for help with photographs like this we are often amazed at the response. So, if you can think of anyone who may know these children please contact them.

Norman Showler (to left) brought the photo into the Woodend & District Heritage Centre last week. He believes his late wife, Doreen Showler née Hanson, is one of the students.

You may remember Doreen as the Lollipop Lady at the road crossing outside the Woodend State School. Norman is now fulfilling the role of Crossing Guard, a job that meant so much to his wife.

By J Williams for Woodend & District Heritage Society



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