



# The New Woodend Star



## Celebrating Australia Day

BBQ's, freedom, fun and lamb chops were the essence of Australia Day.

About 200 people turned out for the annual celebrations hosted by Woodend RSL. The day kicked off with the All Nations Flag March featuring local Scout & Guides, and a free community BBQ. A heartfelt Australia Day awards and citizenship ceremony was held at Kyneton Town Hall with family and friends packing the venue to welcome the newest citizens and celebrate our unsung heroes.

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# Australia Day Awards

a tribute to local champions

**M**acedon Ranges Shire Council presented the awards as part of Australia Day celebrations at the Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 26 January *Of the five award categories, Woodend was again well represented with locals Dr Frank Donovan and Rosemary Wilkinson receiving Community Achievement Awards.*

**D**r Frank Donovan: For Vietnam veteran Frank Donovan, the phrase from Little things big things grow really does ring true. His own experience of war has ignited within him a fierce commitment to remember and preserve the history of the Anzacs, growing the Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service from a small gathering of few dozen people thirteen years ago, to become one of the largest services in Victoria today.

Frank's contribution to the development of the service was acknowledged in 2014, as the recipient of the Victorian RSL Presidents Award for Outstanding Service.

With significant involvement in the Woodend RSL and Vietnam Veterans Association (Central Highlands Division), Frank also provides guest lectures at a number of local secondary colleges in the region on the significance of Anzac Day. Through his work sharing stories of the Anzac legacy, he has motivated a new generation to volunteer with the Mt Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service Committee.

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The annual Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival empowers participants to tread lightly on our planet. This year's festival will be bigger than ever, filling several venues and running across the last weekend in February.

On Saturday 27, from 10am to 4pm, a Sustainable Design and Technology Expo will be held at the Black Forest Timber Mill. Simultaneously, a Sustainable Food and Gardening Expo will occur at the Woodend Community Garden and Hub. Free shuttle buses will run between the two Expos.

'The highly interactive Expo at the Hub will include beekeeping, drought and fire resistant gardening, vegetarian cooking and food preservation,' said Jon Morgan, Festival Coordinator

'The Expo at the Mill will showcase up to 40 expert exhibitors, including the Alternative Technology Association and the Moreland Energy Foundation - offering assessments for domestic solar power - plus a display of electric vehicles.

'On Sunday morning, the Sustainable Ranges Tour will explore outstanding examples of sustainable houses and food production in the region. This bus tour will also visit the site of the Woodend Community Wind Farm.

'To close the festival, a Community Picnic will be held in the Woodend Children's Park on Sunday 28th, from 12.30 to 3.00pm. Everyone is invited to bring lunch or purchase veggie burgers and enjoy live music and old-time games.'

Bookings for the Sustainable Ranges Tour will open in February. All other festival events are included in the entry price: \$10 adult, \$5 child and \$25 family. For more information, visit [www.mrsgonline.org.au/slf](http://www.mrsgonline.org.au/slf) or follow [www.facebook.com/2016mrslf](http://www.facebook.com/2016mrslf).

See advert on page 19 for more details.

*Submitted by B. Colless*

## Woodend Rainfall 2015

Each month we add the rainfall details and year to date total. Our rainfall report shows 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Please note that your own rainfall readings may not exactly match these.

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	5 year aver.
January	0.1	54.0	227.5	31.0	3.9	19.2	61.4	55.9
February	2.5	71.5	115.0	133.0	97.4	11.2	41.6	71.8
March	42.5	121.0	35.0	84.0	53.0	49.0	26	64.1
April	51.0	45.0	63.5	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4	49.9
May	30.5	39.0	73.5	54.4	47.2	46.0	68.7	48.4
June	66.5	98.5	69.0	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5	105.2
July	76.5	87.5	82.5	102.0	101.8	79.3	95.3	88.3
August	107.5	148.5	56.0	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7	95.8
September	88.5	97.0	98.5	54.6	85.0	55.9	44	79.9
October	46.0	154.5	86.0	39.0	75.6	49.6	12.9	75.1
November	99.0	193.0	82.0	31.4	67.2	53.0	41.3	87.6
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## Syria in crisis

Red Cross Red Crescent has begun to deliver humanitarian aid to the besieged Syrian towns of Madaya, Foua and Kefraya, where people are reportedly starving.

The first Red Cross aid convoys arrived on Monday January 11, bringing with them food parcels for 40,000 people, medical supplies and blankets.

Since the start of the crisis Red Cross Red Crescent has been helping Syrian families to survive, each month we reach 4.5 million people with everyday essentials like food and water.

Your donation to the Australian Red Cross Syria Appeal will help provide lifesaving humanitarian aid to families in Syria and neighbouring countries.

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Tens of thousands of people in besieged towns are on the brink of starvation. The last time Red Cross Red Crescent teams were permitted into Medaya, they discovered 40,000 people living with barely any food, water, electricity or medicine. The international Committee of the Red Cross continues to call for regular access to more than 400,000 people living in besieged areas across Syria.

*Thank-you. Chris Barker, Woodend Red Cross*

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### Australia Day Awards

**R**osemary Wilkinson: Since 1993, Rosemary Wilkinson has held the position of treasurer of the Woodend & District Heritage Society—balancing the books as the society blossomed from a relatively small group, to one now boasting over 250 members.

Alongside tackling the society's budgets, banking and saving with panache, Rosemary took on the role of coordinator of the popular Heritage Walk, regularly volunteered at the Woodend Visitor Information Centre and is an active supporter of wildlife rescue, the Very Special Kids Glen Osmond Farm, Landcare, and St. John's Ambulance.

### Other awards presented include:

- Citizen of the Year Award: Loraine Kraus
- Young Citizen of the Year Award: Sharina Mayman

Sharina Mayman is a fifteen year old student at Sacred Heart College who, after witnessing the impact that mental health issues have had on family and friends decided to create Think About It—an awareness campaign targeted at young people in the Macedon Ranges that tackles issues around bullying and mental health.

Enlisting the support of local organisations like the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group, HALT (Hope Assistance Local Tradies), Sacred Heart College and more, Sharina has developed a powerful tool for young people that aims to give them the support and mechanisms and they need in difficult times.

- Community Event of the Year Award: Macedon Ranges Health Colour Run/Walk
- Arts Ambassador: Alan Stone
- Community Achievement Award: Deb Mitrevics

*Submitted by E. McCormick for M.R.S.C.*



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# Entries now open



## Woodend Lions Art Show now taking entries for 2016 show

The Art show is on again and it's time to submit your entries. Last year the revived show had over 400 entries and a raft of big prizes were awarded. Many paintings were sold, We expect this year will be no different.

Our partnership with the Macedon Ranges Art Trail tuned the show to modern art practice and enabled it to be brilliantly curated. The opening night was quite an event and many, many pieces were sold. We approach this year's show with great excitement.

This year the Art show leads off with Opening night on Friday night the 11th of March (more on that later) and open across the Labour Day weekend for viewing and sales Saturday 12 till Monday 14 of March.

As a well as a substantial 'Best in Show' prize we are offering prizes in a number of categories (Best Oil painting, Best Acrylic painting, Best Mixed Media, Best Drawing, Best 3D, Best Photography, Best Local artist, 3 prizes for under 16 artists and a People's Choice prize). A modest entry fee is charged.

Applications can be obtained via Woodendlions@hotmail.com. Entries close Monday February 29.

The prize pool is raised from generous community businesses and individuals. If anyone is interested in supporting this endeavour contact Barry McDonald 5427 1272.

Woodend Lions uses the proceeds from the Art show to donate to many worthwhile community activities from the Men's Shed, to Wildlife Rescue, to Disability Carers, to an Autism Network, Little Aths and many, many more.

We help other volunteer organisations in this community and many individuals who need a hand. LIONS: serving this community to make Woodend a great place to live for everyone.

*Submitted by Barry McDonald, Woodend Lions.*

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# Calling Cancer Fighters

Every first weekend in March, Lancefield Park is enveloped by a show of unity, hope and strength that has steered the local Relay For Life event since 2003 and raised an amazing amount of more than \$1.2 million for the Cancer Council Victoria.



This year organisers are aiming to raise up to \$80,000 to fund vital cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

Apart from the fundraising aspect, a major objective of Relay For Life is to show those having treatment that they are not alone and that the efforts towards improving detection of the disease, treatment methods and survival rates continue to grow and bring more positive outcomes.

A highlight of the Lancefield event is the Survivors & Carers lap which marks the start of the Relay at about 3pm on Saturday, March 5.

Participants do not have to be registered with a team but there will be an afternoon tea so any Macedon Ranges residents interested in joining in are asked to call Anne Severson on 5429 1757.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is on March 5 & 6. Team and individual registrations as well as donations can be made online at relayforlife.org.au or phone 1300 65 65 85.

*Submitted by Nadine Hartnett*

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## NBN for the Macedon Ranges Community involvement is vital

Yes, it is happening, but it will be important that we get community involvement to help progress the build in each of the different regions of the Shire. Last December a meeting was held at the Newham Mechanics institute to discuss the progression of the NBN in the immediate area as many local businesses and residents have been suffering from what is now described as “The Netflix Effect”.

This has been explained to me by senior officials at NBN and Telstra, as the primary cause of the degradation of internet speeds across the country. Existing ADSL services are now having to cope with the massive jump in video and music streaming services that are now abundantly supplied around the nation. Add to this the fact that a lot of Websites now preload video when you log on to their sites which has created an estimated degradation of internet speeds somewhere in the vicinity of 40 to 50 per cent. In some cases, this is even more. So if you are trying to run a business online, and your speeds are already slow, then something needs to be done.

At a recent meeting were regional heads of NBN Co, Telstra Countrywide, our Federal MP Lisa Chesters, Cr Henry McLaughlin, local businesses and concerned residents. I am aiming to also host a similar event in Woodend sometime in February so that the build can be expedited with minimum fuss and objection. It would help significantly if local action groups are formed to represent each of the outlying areas of the Macedon Ranges, with the aim of keeping everyone informed and in the loop.

You can contact myself to discuss these issues and help with forming your local groups, my details are below. You may also want to contact your local councilor as well. The more we get community support and involvement, the faster our services will be upgraded. Feedback from our Newham meeting was very positive and the community is now trying to find ways to fast track the implementation of what will be one of the most significant infrastructure projects seen in our region for decades.

*Submitted by Ian Templeton  
itempleton@bigpond.com | 0419 556 140*

## Music in the Sticks looking for new members

If you are aged 14–25 and interested in learning a range of new skills in areas such as event management, sound and lighting, publicity, media, photography, film, hospitality, and live and studio recording then Music in the Sticks (MITS) is where you need to be in 2016!

MITS is a program for young people in the Macedon Ranges Shire with an interest in the music industry. The group meets approximately twice a month and has been running for over 15 years.

To find out more or register your interest, contact Natalie on 5422 0333 or email [mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mits@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

*Submitted by E.McCorick for M.R.S.C.*

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Peer Support Groups provide social connections with people who understand a little of what you are going through, the opportunity to develop long lasting friendships and importantly, the chance to have a laugh. You can also tap into local knowledge about services and health providers available.

For more information on the Macedon Ranges Peer Support Group, phone Susan on 0 411 116 711 or email [susanc23@bigpond.com](mailto:susanc23@bigpond.com) or phone Rita on 54 272483 or email [peteriet@outlook.com](mailto:peteriet@outlook.com).

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"Homelessness is a real issue and we need to raise people's awareness and help any way we can. Being homeless doesn't discriminate it can happen to anyone, so we are trying to empower kids to understand the issues and help

others in need." says Field Trip Founding Director Paul Kooperman.

This is a new initiative for The Field Trip and a great new partnership with the Woodend Men's Shed.

The Field Trip employs young people aged 18-24 to run a weekly program for kids 10-17 and the first project for the year is simply called CUBBY. It all starts Sunday February 7th and continues every Sunday 4-5pm during school terms. It's a totally free program for anyone who uses the promo code WOODENDSTAR when signing up via the website: [www.thefieldtrip.co](http://www.thefieldtrip.co).

*Submitted by P. Kooperman*

## Be prepared for power outages

This summer, electricity businesses will be modifying their powerline safety settings on Total Fire Ban or Code Red days to reduce the risk of bushfires. This may result in a temporary loss of power if a fault occurs.

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT



*President Elect and Foundation Representative:*  
**Josephine Falzarano**

Josephine joined Rotary in 2012.

Professionally and personally she has long been affiliated with community development, education and women's and youth welfare causes. Josephine joined Rotary for the sense of camaraderie and the shared commitment to positive change in the world.

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We always welcome visitors and people interested in supporting the community.

Woodend Rotarians continued to have a great time over summer with family and friends. There was a visit from two of our young friends with Youth Exchange student Isobel Langtry and National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Tallulah Duffy attending a meeting to practice their presentation skills and tell members a little more about themselves. It was a lovely night with both giving great presentations.

The first meeting back for 2016 saw a great turnout of members and fantastic talk from Kyle Hayes who returned from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and gave an insightful talk on the merits of the program, the activities, and what he gained out of it. An impressive young man already finished his first year at Uni as a secondary teacher focussing on maths and psychology.

Josephine Falzarano and Charlie Bender were presented with special Rotary pins with a blue disc as recognition of sponsoring new members.

**Activities in February**

- 4th Sustainability/Climate Change – Keith Altman
- 8th Joint cluster club meeting – Malmsbury Hotel 7pm
- 11th No meeting
- 13th Cooking Demo –RSL 10am
- 18th My Rotary – Caroline Ord
- 25th Tallulah Duffy – NYSF Review
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## MITCH Summer Concert

Music in the Central Highlands (MITCH) is a registered not-for-profit organisation, formed to support and promote fine musical performance and to develop local talent, particularly in the young, in the Central Highlands. MITCH presents four concerts throughout the year. Our summer twilight concert will be held at David Bromley's iconic art gallery in Daylesford, on Saturday 20 February at 6pm.

### Pugsley Buzzard

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The MITCH Committee invites you to come and enjoy this wonderful performance and to have fun with us. Please see the link [www.mitch.org.au/events/](http://www.mitch.org.au/events/) for booking details.

*Submitted by Diana Edwards MITCH Committee*

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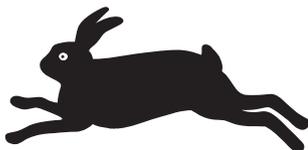
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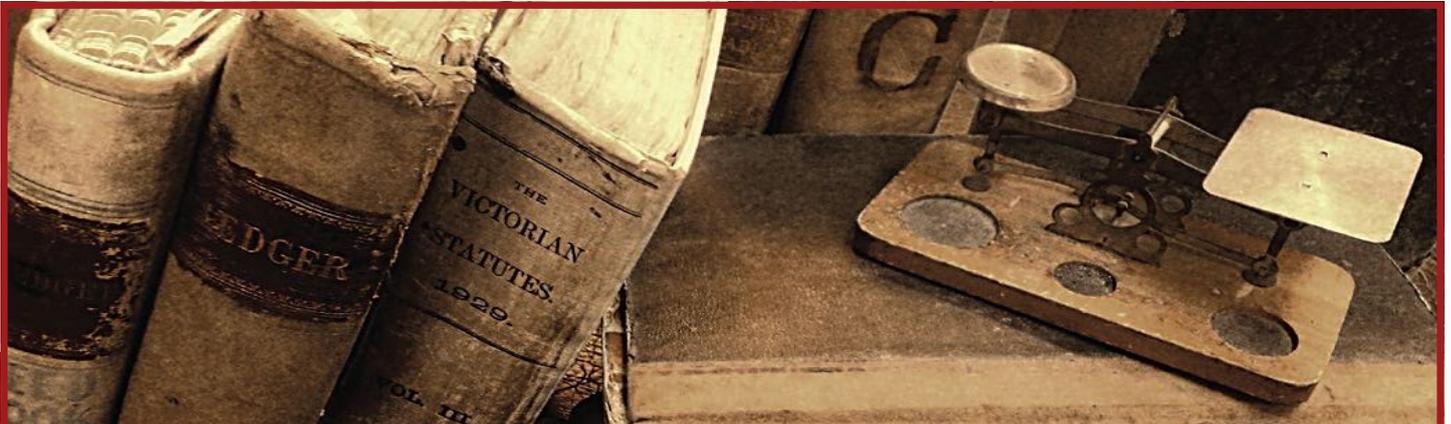
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### Allied Health referrals for patients with a GPMP & TCA

These referrals are commonly known as “EPCs” – Enhanced Primary Care referrals.

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Not all types of service providers are covered by this. Your doctor will know whether or not you can be referred under this program.

The EPC referral process takes some time to complete and usually requires an appointment with a GP or a Chronic Disease Nurse to develop or update your GPMP & TCA.

When referrals are made by GPs, patients are eligible for a total of five EPC rebates from Medicare per calendar year.

**This does NOT mean these services are free.** It means that Medicare will provide you with a rebate.

As the Medicare rebate does not cover the full cost of these services, BSMC charges a small out of pocket fee of \$20 per EPC service (pensioners & health care card holders are bulk billed).

Medicare rebates have not kept up with average weekly earnings & the Consumer Price Index for over 25 years.

Make your concerns known to your Local Federal Member of Parliament & the Federal Minister for Health, The Hon Sussan Ley.

### Fire risk policy

Brooke Street Medical Centre has a policy to keep patients and staff as safe as possible.

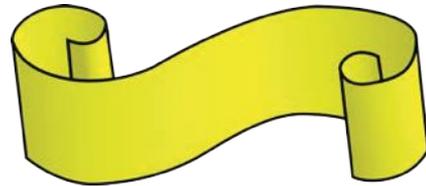
For this reason, on “Code Red” fire risk days, the Practice will close.

The Practice shuts automatically on Code Red days - **not** Total Fire Ban days.

We urge all our patients to have a fire safety plan which should be activated early.

*Brooke St. Medical Centre – tel. (03) 5427 1002*

### Welcome & farewell



We sadly bid farewell to Dr Pritinesh Singh. As a GP Registrar (a fully qualified doctor doing post-graduate studies in General Practice) Pritinesh now moves on to another General Practice as part of her continuing training. We thank Pritinesh for her hard work and the contributions she has made over the past twelve months.

On a brighter note, we welcome Dr Kiri Matthews. Kiri is another qualified doctor taking post-graduate studies in General Practice. As a GP Registrar, Kiri will also be with us for a year before taking up another General Practice placement.

We also welcome our new group of Monash University 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students who join us in February. The students are here until June and will undertake supervised General Practice consultations as well as participating in sessions with a range of nursing and allied health service providers.

Please advise our receptionists if you would prefer not to be seen by a student.

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### What's on for 2016

Last year we removed weeds from 17 hectares of public land around Woodend, restored 2 km of creek frontage and planted over 1600 indigenous plants near the Children's Park and Lake Earnshaw.

In 2016 we'll be continuing our enhancement of Five Mile Creek, through weed removal and maintenance of these new sites. Watering these young plants over their first year or two is vital and laborious.

We will again be participating in the Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival in February, promoting Landcare activities and encouraging local participation, this year with a focus on biolinks and management of roadside vegetation. Make sure you check out at least some of the events of the festival in its new two-day format.

On Mother's Day in May we'll be doing our major planting event for the year, on the creek flats near the Children's Park. As part of Trees for Mum – a series of public planting events to honour mums everywhere – we'll be calling for assistance to put in 200 trees and shrubs and 600 grasses and strappies, to further complement the revegetation work done there in 2015. More information will be available nearer the time on TFM 2016.

Keep an eye on our blog for location and timing of our monthly working bees. Non-members and newcomers always welcome, even for an occasional bit of community weeding.

For information visit our website at [woodendlandcare.wordpress.com](http://woodendlandcare.wordpress.com), see our window outside Coles, send an email to [woodendlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:woodendlandcare@gmail.com) or call 5427 2312.

*Submitted by Kate Daniel*

## Cooking for your Valentine

Family recipes and knowledge on making some Italian favorites will be on offer at a series of cooking demonstrations being offered in 2016 by Woodend Rotary.

The next Macedon Ranges Cooking Demonstration will feature Passata and Bread dough and occurs on Saturday February 13 from 10am at the Woodend RSL.

Macedon Ranges Cooking Demonstrations will guide attendees through the making of each featured item. A cooked lunch of Pasta, Pizza and Salad will follow based on the featured items. Wine will also be served during the event.

Demonstrations will appeal to a wide audience and are a perfect idea for a Valentines gift or to share with your special somebody.

The other sessions occur on;

- Saturday June 4: Sausages and Salami
- Saturday October 8: Cheese – Ricotta, Mozzarella and Cherve

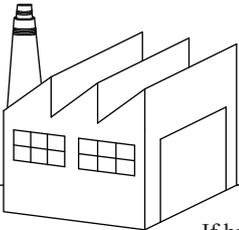
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2016 is set to see an increase in local community activity from PS My Family Matters. The appointment of a volunteer services co-ordinator along with an increased training program for volunteers, will enable the local charity to offer greater levels of support for those caring for a loved one with a mental illness.

"The granting of funding for our volunteer services co-ordinator is a huge step forward for us" said Tamara Wilson president of PS My Family Matters. "We are grateful to both Bendigo Health and Macedon Ranges Health for the support they are giving us. Having a professional services coordinator on board means that we can work more closely with local GPS and other health professionals to offer services to carers."

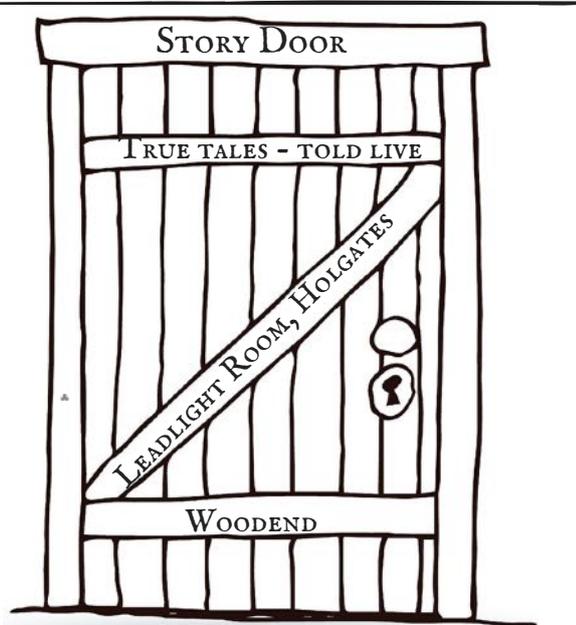
Following a recruitment drive pre Xmas, PSMFM now has a team of volunteers, ready to take on an increased number of carers. "All volunteers will be required to complete the Mental Health First Aid Training course, which we will run at the end of February" said Tamara. "We still have room on the program for a few more people, if anyone is still interested in volunteering".

For further information and to register interest please call 0475 269 965.

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get together at Café La Cibo Gisborne at 10am on the 17th February. All are welcome.

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*Submitted by Mike Hamer*



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Before changes happen we will try to raise community awareness of why Council has decided to alter the way services are funded or provided, so it is important for you to watch out for any notifications on our website and in the local newspapers as to how changed funding proposals affect you, and the wider Shire community, and to have your say on the proposed changes.

It is important that you feel free to ask any question you like, at any stage leading up to Council finally endorsing the budget in June.

The draft budget should be released on 27th April, so this doesn't leave much time to let us know what you regard as essential to spend money on in the Shire, and what things we should consider not funding or pursuing in the future.

I will write more on this in each upcoming edition, as this will be a major focus of Council's work in the next few months.

*Kind regards, Jennifer*

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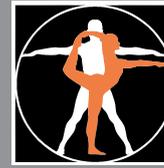
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Most of our courses and classes start back this week and you can find full details in our term one brochure or on [www.woodendn.org.au](http://www.woodendn.org.au). There's lots on offer this term from gardening to story-telling, computers to French and first aid. Hopefully there's something for everyone. Don't forget, you can become a member of the House for just \$5 a year and enjoy 10% off a course of your choice, free Wifi and vote at our annual general meeting.

This year's AGM will be held on Monday 21 March. If you would like to join our Committee of Governance and help steer the activities of the House please get in touch.

Would you like to teach at the House? School has only just gone back and we're already planning ahead for term two. If there's something you would like to teach, or learn, please call or drop in and we'll do our best to add you to our term two program.

Do you work from home and need an office out of the house? Our hot desk room has two desks and is currently vacant. We charge very reasonable rates which include WiFi and heating in winter. Come and have a look round if you're interested.

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A date for your diary: Saturday 19 March is the annual Whole Town Garage Sale. This event is a great chance to have a clear out and meet your neighbours. Registrations are now open on our website or through the House. It's \$5 to join and you'll be given a garage sale kit to help promote your event. We'll then sell a map of all the sales on the day. Last year we sold over 100 maps and the event was the talk of the town.

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*Submitted by Angela Van Dam*



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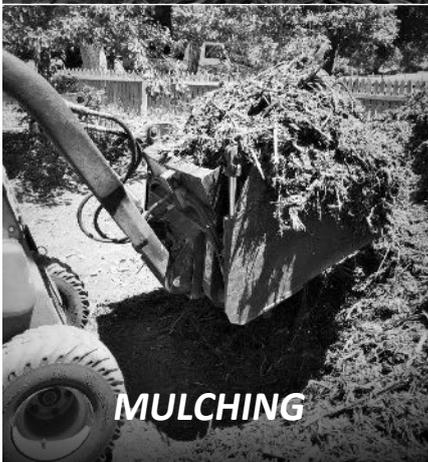
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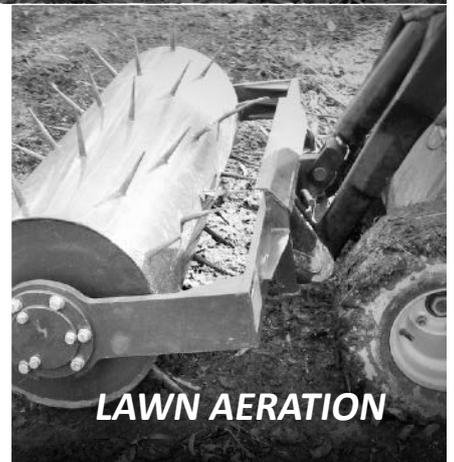
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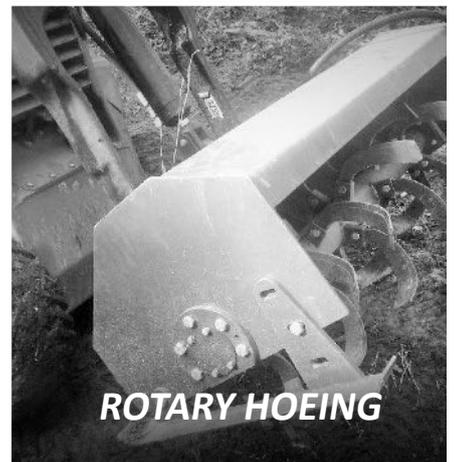


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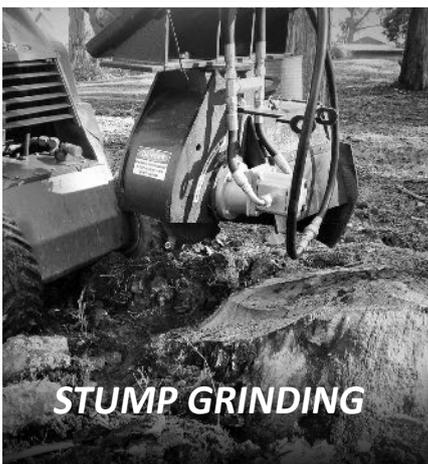


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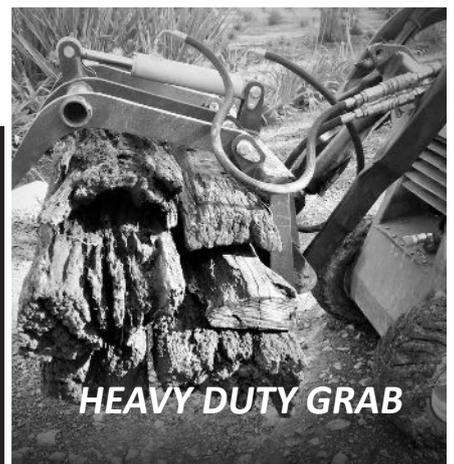


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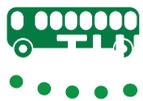


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Registered Women's Health Nurse consultant, Gen Lishenko, from Woodend, has opened a Women's Health and Pap Smear Screening Clinic on Mondays and Saturdays. All screening is overseen by Victorian Cytology Service and placed onto the Victorian Pap Screen Registrar. Women are able to have a tailored individual consultation and screening examination that encourages them to participate in their own health needs along with nurturing support and education. Early morning and evening appointments are available to support women and their busy lifestyles.

Psychologist Roslyn Martin has also joined the Maiaveda team, offering appointments on Tuesday afternoons.

Maiaveda founder, Marye O'Brien, in conjunction with Ayurvedic specialist Dr Gurnam Saini continue to offer Ayurvedic Consultations and therapies, massage and

spa treatments, and will also be offering regular Well-being workshops, Ayurvedic Cooking Classes, Lifestyle & Nutrition education seminars and Detox retreats.

Additionally, due to demand from the community, we are scheduling a variety of Meditation services during school terms:

- Full Moon Women's Meditation Healing Circle (monthly)
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- Sound Healing & Soul Activation Meditation facilitated by Marye O'Brien (7-8pm Wednesdays, fortnightly)

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Please see our website for more information and our events calendar: [www.maiaveda.com.au](http://www.maiaveda.com.au) or contact Gen Lishenko 0438 844 994 or Marye O'Brien 0420 580 886.

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Lars Tharp, well-known for his appearances on UK television's Antique Road Show, will present the year's first lecture on Thursday 3 March at 7 for 7.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall. His talk, 'Five men behaving badly – a really Grand Tour of Kent', will provide an entertaining view of English artists William Hogarth and Samuel Scott and others.

Membership of ADFAS is open to everyone with an interest in the arts. With Kyneton Town Hall as its venue, this well-established organisation offers members and guests an opportunity to listen to a wide range of international and Australian arts experts and enjoy supper and conversation afterwards. The evenings are held monthly on a Thursday, usually mid-month, commencing at 7 for 7.30pm.

ADFAS volunteers also organise events, visits and tours throughout the year to museums, galleries, gardens and private collections. In addition, members are invited to luncheon talks in interesting venues such as wineries.

This year, 'Eat and Sing' will be introduced to the program. Who can resist an opportunity to enjoy good food, wine and song! 2016 programs and membership applications are available at Woodend Information Centre or ring Norma on 5427 4918.

*Submitted by Norma Aplin, ADFAS Central Vic*

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# Campaspe Family Practice



## We have moved!

Campaspe Family Practice has moved to bigger and better premises at the Kyneton Hospital in Caroline Chisholm Drive.

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With our new clinic in a wing of the Kyneton Hospital we aim to provide quality health care in the Macedon Ranges and help to restore confidence in our community hospital.

### New Extended Hours

Monday-Friday 8am - 8pm  
Saturdays 9am - 5pm

### CFA and SES Volunteers

As a big thank you to all our local CFA and SES volunteers we will continue to bulk bill all routine appointments



### Introducing Dr Gowri GP Obstetrician

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Gowri Thavnayagam.

He is a highly skilled GP Obstetrician and will support the maternity services at the hospital.

He has relocated to Kyneton after spending the last 21 years working in rural communities throughout Australia. Expectant parents in the Macedon Ranges can now receive quality maternity services right at their doorstep at Kyneton Hospital.

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# Campaspe Family Practice

Relocation & expanded services

Campaspe Family Practice has now relocated to their newly renovated rooms at the Kyneton Hospital. The move is the result of the Campaspe doctors' desire to work collaboratively with the hospital to improve patient and medical care for the town and the region.

The new rooms will enhance delivery of medical services including a move towards a seven day service, extended opening hours and the introduction of new health services to the town.

These entail a comprehensive cardiology service available in the Macedon Ranges for the first time, a pulmonary lung laboratory with onsite physician, ophthalmology, dentistry, GP obstetrics, and skin cancer medicine. These new services will be supported by a diverse array of allied health including sports physiotherapy, dietitian, exercise physiology, podiatry, diabetes nurse specialist and psychologists. In collaboration with Ambulance Victoria, the practice aims to provide comprehensive care through the Urgent Care Centre.

"We are putting our resources back into the hospital



to ensure its sustainability and to provide a first class medical service in the Macedon Ranges," says Dr Robert Power.

The practice is providing extended hours from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Sunday surgery is planned to commence soon.

An onsite pharmacy to support the new endeavour is also planned to open later in the year. Contact details remain the same: 5422 2877

*Submitted by Jackie Power*

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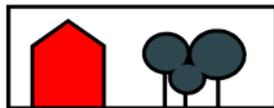
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### Taxation Treatment

As the club can no longer justify funding for the position of a "club mascot" his payment would be considered a genuine redundancy. The amount above the tax free component is taxed at 32% including Medicare levy as Jim is under his preservation age.

The tax free component is calculated as follows:

Base amount + (service amount \* completed years of service)

For the 2015 financial year, the Base Amount is \$9,514 and the Service Amount per year of completed service is \$4,758 resulting in a tax free component for Jim of \$23,788.

Depending on Jim's other income, he will be taxed at the lower of 32% or his marginal tax rate. Alternatively if Jim's marginal tax rate is over 32% a lump sum tax offset may be available.

Should you wish to discuss your redundancy payment taxation consequences please feel free to contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood on 5427 8100 for an initial consultation.

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## Wine Reviews with Patrick Eckel

No doubt many readers have enjoyed a number of great wines over the holiday period and hopefully had the opportunity to visit some of the great cellar doors in the region. It may now be time to take the opportunity to replace some depleted wine stocks, with this month's reviews representing fantastic value, as well as being perfect for the warmer months.

### Hanging Rock Macedon Brut Rose NV

A pretty colour in the glass with salmon to bronze hues, the nose has strawberry and cream undertones that are accentuated by a touch of citrus.

The palate shows a wine with well considered proportions, strawberry and citrus are well supported by developed brioche richness, and stitched together with a thread of bright acidity. The finish provides a full mouthfeel, whilst at the same time strips back any residual richness, priming you for the next sip.

Rated: 94 Drink: 2016 - 2018 Price: \$30

Alcohol: 12.5% Website: [www.hangingrock.com.au](http://www.hangingrock.com.au)

### Gisborne Peak 2015 Pinot Rose

A lovely salmon colour in the glass, a delicate and floral nose with wild strawberry, the palate has an ever so subtle spice, there is textural richness but the wine remains elegant yet full of character with citrus drive to finish. A very good example of the variety and style that has come just in time for summer!

Rated: 91 Drink: 2016 - 2017 Price: \$24

Alcohol: 12.5% Website: [www.gisbornepeakwines.com.au](http://www.gisbornepeakwines.com.au)

*Kind Regards, Pat*

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## Social Running

# It's a fun way to get fit!

**M**acedon Ranges Running Club (MRRC) is preparing for its Autumn Start Running Program (SRG) to help people learn how to run up to 5kms non-stop, in a non-competitive social and fun environment. The SRG starts week beginning February 15 with availability across six Macedon Ranges Shire towns of Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey/Lancefield and Woodend.

**T**he Woodend branch meets three times a week every Monday & Wednesday evenings 6.30pm and Saturday mornings 7am at Gilbert Gordon Oval. For an annual subscription of only \$10 for individuals or \$15 for families, members have access to training plans/programs in a friendly group environment to reach their goals, a monthly newsletter and access to the club's Facebook page to discuss topics of interest.

**W**ant to get involved? Then contact the club's Woodend Co-ordinator, Janine on 0400 727 474 for further information or visit [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com). All ages and abilities welcome.



## Australia Day

**A**nother successful 5km Fun run was held at Sankey Reserve Gisborne and a second venue at Lion/Five Mile Creek Reserve Romsey. Both runs were hosted by MRRC and supported by its sponsors Macedon Ranges Shire Council and were hailed a great success. Congratulations to all who took part from Woodend, while not forgetting the number of volunteers involved in making the events successful. Well done everyone!

## Are you a walker?

**W**ant to start running? Or already running ready to progress? Then Macedon Ranges Running Club is interested to hear from you and can help you reach your goals. We are a non-competitive local club for local communities, offering a friendly welcoming social environment for all ages and abilities. We welcome you to come along to one of our training sessions to discuss your needs. For further information simply email the club [macedonrangesrc@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesrc@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com) for session times/dates.

*Submitted by Stephen Ingram  
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## February

- 3 ADFAS lecture
- 4 Rotary guest speaker: Keith Altman
- 7 The Field Trip Cubby House project begins
- 8 Rotary cluster club meeting Malmsbury
- 13 Cooking demonstration
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 15 Macedon Ranges Running Club SRG begins
- 18 Rotary guest speaker: Caroline Ord
- 19 Community lunch – Woodend Neighborhood House
- 20 MITCH concert: Pugsley Buzzard
- 21 Woodend Lions Market
- 25 Rotary National Youth Science review
- 27 St Ambrose Woodend community carnival
- 27 Sustainable Living Festival

## March

- 4-5 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life
- 5 Relay for Life Lancefield
- 6 Heritage Walk Ceremony
- 12-14 Lions Art Show
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 19 Whole town garage sale
- 19 Duneira/WWAF program launch
- 20 Duneira; lecture on teenage depression
- 20 Woodend Lions Market
- 21 AGM Woodend Neighbourhood House

## April

- 3 Duneira Rosalie Ham writers master class
- 3 Duneira Comic opera "Le 66"
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 16 Duneira Julian Burnside in conversation
- 17 Woodend Lions Market
- 17 Duneira Open Garden
- 27 Draft Council budget released

## May

- 8 Tree's for Mum
- 8 Mother's Day
- 15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
- 15 Woodend Lions Market

## June

- 4 Cooking Demonstration
- 10-13 Woodend Winter Arts Festival

### COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday night,  
Cobaw Community Centre, 0409 131 144

Australian Breastfeeding Association,  
Heather, 5427 2398

Cobaw Thursday Walking Group  
5427 3340

Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480

1st Woodend Scout Group, 5427 2848,  
Leisa 0429 331 695

Friends of Macedon Ranges Library,  
Sheila/Don 5427 3644

Garden Club, 5422 6062 / 5427 3340

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PO Box 57 Kyneton, 3444

Lancefield-Macedon Ranges, Relay For  
Life, Kathy 0419 644 688

Living Word Christian Church, 5429 6327

Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523

Macedon Ranges Art Trail  
Nadine 0439 399 838

Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club,  
10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st  
Wednesday each month 8pm

Macedon Ranges Amateur Radio Club  
Graeme 0418 838 300

Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo  
Sports Stadium, 5427 1752

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 1884

Macedon Ranges Families of Children with  
Disabilities Support Group, 5427 3365

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5427 1481 or 5427 2651

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society,  
Ron Mathews, 5427 3284

Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group  
info@mrsgonline.org.au

Parent Support 4 LD, Kerrie 0414 432 158

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Rotary Club of Woodend, meetings weekly at  
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month 5427 2315

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Sunday, 0408 578 032

Woodend Business & Tourism Group  
woodendtraders@gmail.com

Woodend Landcare: Meetings and weekend  
working bees – Jo 5427 1909

Thursday Crew – morning – Stewart  
5427 4615

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club,  
Hanging Rock Reserve, 5420 7595

Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th  
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Woodend Playgroup 0467 093 878

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Laura 0408 881 763

Woodend Winter Arts Festival Inc.,  
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## Woodend Library e.learning with Goldfields Libraries

We have recently purchased several new elearning programs. Two of these programs – Lynda.com and thecomputerschool.net – are now available on our website under the Resources section: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/elearning](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/elearning)

Lynda.com is a huge database of videos covering a wide range of topics. You can create video play lists and match search results to predefined interests. There are videos containing functionality tips and tricks.

Online Magazines are available to download from Goldfields Library through Zinio magazines.

You can find the link to Zinio on the E-Library page of the Goldfields Library website. All you need to download an online magazine is a Library membership, an Internet connection and either a computer or smart device.

### Children's programs recommence in February

Come along to Storytime at 10am and Rhymetime for babies at 11.30 on Tuesdays. Toddlers and their siblings can have fun with Glenda at Toddler time on Fridays at 10am.

If you can't come to the Library during the week please join us for Storytime on the 2nd Saturday each month. This is a lovely session for families with young children under 6 years of age – Saturday February 13th is the next date.

Library Lovers Day is just around the corner on February 14th. Come and book for your 'blind date' and you may find a 'new love' reading a theme or genre you haven't tried before!

*Submitted by Lulu Cockram*



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## News from

## Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries



### Read-Along Dads

Our \$200 donation in December to Friends of Castlemaine Library's campaign was welcome – "Thank you so much for your donation to our crowd funding campaign for 'Read-Along Dads'. It is people like you that help make the world a better place: we do feel that our program does have some effect on peoples' lives - the dads in prison, their families and particularly the children."

The program - at low-security Loddon Prison - provides the children with an audio-recording of their dad reading them a book. Both the recording and a copy of the book itself are sent to the child who can listen to their parent's voice while reading or looking at their book.

Begun originally to celebrate the International Year of Reading in 2012, the program has grown and flourished with more than 300 prisoners now reading stories for more than 400 kids. See [www://chuffed.org/project/readalongdads](http://www://chuffed.org/project/readalongdads).

There has also been lots of media coverage – just search for read-along-dads on Google. As one item points out, there are many benefits: "the prisoners feel that they are doing something positive for their kids – actively parenting, encouraging literacy – which feeds back into self-esteem, and the kids know that their father is thinking of them, which helps them through a difficult time of feeling isolated or even abandoned by their fathers.

Also, both local and overseas studies have shown that programs like this which encourage family connections actually reduce recidivism. Men who have participated in such programs are less likely to re-offend after release from prison."

### Summer Reading Club for children 5-12

FoMRL are donating first prize – a \$25 book voucher, to each of our four libraries in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend, for the winner of Children's Summer Reading Club. The children that entered are then in both the regional prize and the State draws.

For adults, the ten Summer Read books for adults are great recent releases either written by a Victorian author, set in Victoria or about Victorians, and all are free to borrow from our local public libraries.

For book descriptions, extracts and information about Summer Read events, visit [www.slv.vic.gov.au/summer-read](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/summer-read).

Finally, all are warmly invited to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16 February, at 2.30pm in the Woodend Library. Councillor John Connor as guest speaker will talk of a long association with our libraries and his time on the Board of Goldfields Library Corporation. Afternoon tea is provided.

*Queries and RSVP – Helen Scott 0412 582 526*



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A few minutes, or even seconds, can make an amazing difference when we are called to an incident. The quicker that we can accurately arrive on scene, the faster we can take action.

There are some simple things that you can do, as members of our community, to help us achieve that goal.

**Meet the truck to give directions**

**I**ncidents can often be several hundred metres from the main road, and

therefore difficult to spot. Once you have made a call for an emergency service to respond, if possible, send someone to the roadside to meet the vehicle. If at night, make sure you take a torch.

**Make sure your house is clearly numbered**

**I**t is amazing the number of houses in our area that are not clearly numbered or identified. If you ever have to call 000 please make sure that you give the operator as much information as possible – especially your location, the address with the property number and even closest cross roads or nearby landmark.

We have been to several incidents recently where we spent valuable time looking for the actual property number. Sometimes the numbers are very small, have been overgrown ... or don't exist at all.

**Stay at the scene if you made the call**

**S**ometimes you might make a call away from home or in a remote location ... such as a motor vehicle accident. If possible, please remain at the scene until emergency services arrive. This will not only help us arrive at the precise location more quickly, your information will also be invaluable.

**Several big thank yous!**

**A** huge thank you to the Woodend Uniting Church Op Shop Committee for their recent very generous donation. This will be used for some much-needed equipment upgrades. And to the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group for allowing us to have community safety information available at their November, December and January Woodend Farmer's Markets.

Thank you also to everyone who dropped into the station during the recent hot spell with gifts of food and drinks for the brigade – very much appreciated.

**Change Of Siren Time**

**W**oodend CFA holds our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. In the past these meetings have started at 8pm, and we sound the siren briefly at that time. These meetings will now be starting at 7.30pm, so don't be alarmed if you used to the siren sounding at the later time.

*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, follow us on Facebook or on web: www.woodendcfa.org.au.*

*Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau, Woodend CFA*

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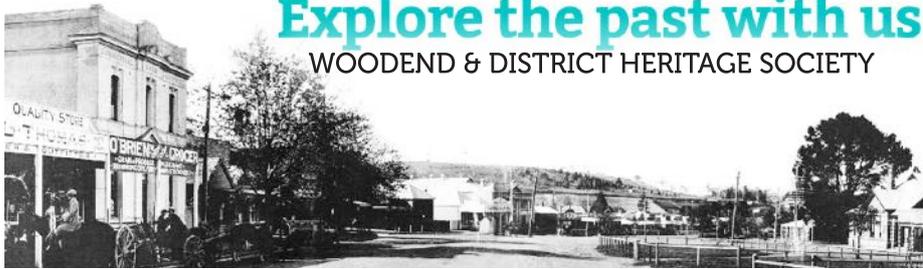
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### The Heritage Walk

The Heritage Walk Ceremony 2016 will be held on Sunday 6th March at 1:30 pm beside the Five Mile Creek when three new plaques will be dedicated. As usual the Kyneton Municipal Band will play prior to the ceremony and a generous afternoon tea will be provided at the tennis pavilion. Following this, a photographic display connected to the plaques will be open at the Old Courthouse in Forest St.

Fifteen years ago, in 2001, the Woodend and District Heritage Society launched its Heritage Walk project, with annual plantings of trees to commemorate families and individuals who made Woodend their home and contributed to the town. In recent years it has expanded to commemorate community organisations and groups, which play important roles in the life of Woodend.

The walk begins behind the old Court House, heads down behind the tennis courts then along Five Mile Creek towards the Visitor Information Centre. It features over seventy trees – all Black She Oaks (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) typical of the area. In March this year, another three trees and commemorative plaques will be added to the walk.

The continuing success of the walk depends on volunteers who undertake routine maintenance through the year and attend to the annual tree planting in March. It's not an onerous task, requiring one or two people who keep an eye on the trees, attend to occasional pruning, spray weeds, rake up litter and leaves, and keep new trees watered until they establish themselves. The annual tree planting involves installing the brass plaques, set in concrete, that record the people or organisations being honoured. Woodend's Thursday Crew has also assisted with this in recent years.

#### Help needed

The Heritage Society is looking for someone willing and able to take on the job of honorary curator caring for the walk. While the annual tree planting is the busy time, there are other small jobs needed through the year. If you're interested and would like to know more, the Heritage Society would like to hear from you. Someone who enjoys straightforward garden work, particularly tree care, and has some time to spare, could make a great contribution to this worthwhile heritage project. Contact Jannyse Williams, Director, or Diane Dobson, Heritage Walk Co-Ordinator by email: [wdhs@vicnet.net.au](mailto:wdhs@vicnet.net.au).



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Sophie Gehling presented a youth message on Australia Day



Woodend Rotary Club planning Australia Day celebrations



Over 200 locals participated in the All Nations flag parade



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**Q. What is Chicago's view on "all of the sudden"?**

**A.** CMOS is silent on the issue, but "all of the sudden" is not idiomatic and normally would be edited to "all of a sudden." You can compare the frequency and longevity of these two expressions in published books at Ngram Viewer. You aren't the only one to have noticed the new popularity of "all of the sudden," by the way. You can read one discussion of the phenomenon here.

**Q. Sometimes, in spiritual circles, people like to capitalize words like Love or Truth or Divine. For example, "that which is ultimately beyond the mind itself, but is what I call the Divine" or "this deep Love that resides within you at this moment." My feeling is that capitalizing these "concept" words gives them an air of importance and sacredness, and they are quite often written with this intention. But they really aren't proper nouns. Are there any guidelines for using such capitalizations? And even more important, what about using both capital and lowercase throughout a book-length manuscript with some policy of consistency?**

**A.** We like consistency, but the problem is that even in a book with spiritual content, not every use of Truth or Love will merit caps: sometimes the terms will have a generic meaning. Writers and editors of such content must work mindfully when they uppercase and lowercase so as not to confuse readers. There will naturally be gray areas where either styling would do. In many documents, the safe choice (and Chicago style) is to simply lowercase everywhere, since uppercasing everywhere would almost certainly lead to inappropriate capping in some cases.

**Q. Is it correct to say \$3–5 million? Or should it be \$3 to \$5 million? Or \$3 million to \$5 million?**

**A.** These are all acceptable ways to express the same thing. With regard to the \$ symbol with inclusive numbers, in Chicago style an abbreviation or symbol is repeated if it is closed up to a number but not if it is separated by a space: \$3–\$5 million, but 2 × 5 in. (See CMOS 9.17.)

**Q. My colleagues and I are debating a grammar issue. We read the grammar rules, but we are still unclear. Here is the sentence: "Your employees are the business's most valuable assets." Business is singular but it could be interpreted as plural. Which of the following is correct?**

**A.** "The business's most valuable assets" is correct because business is singular. (Businesses is the plural of business.) Actually, your other sentence is also technically correct ("Your employees are the business' most valuable assets"), because in a practice that Chicago does not recommend, singular words that end in s are sometimes made possessive by adding only an apostrophe, without another s: James' hat. (Please see CMOS 7.21.) CMOS recommends adding the s: your business's assets, James's hat.

**Q. Does the following sentence require a comma after says? The person who says "I no longer get anything out of reading" has stopped running up against questions to think about as he or she reads.**

**A.** Commas commonly appear before quotation marks—for instance, there is a strong convention of using a comma after expressions like "He said" or "She asked." There may be a widespread belief that the comma is required before a quotation, although there isn't necessarily a grammatical reason



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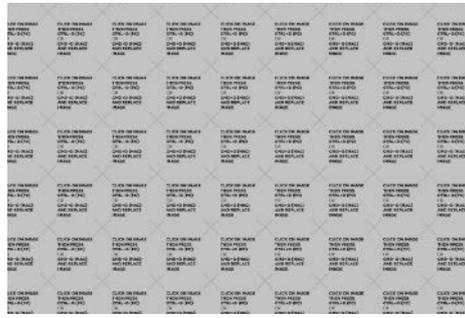
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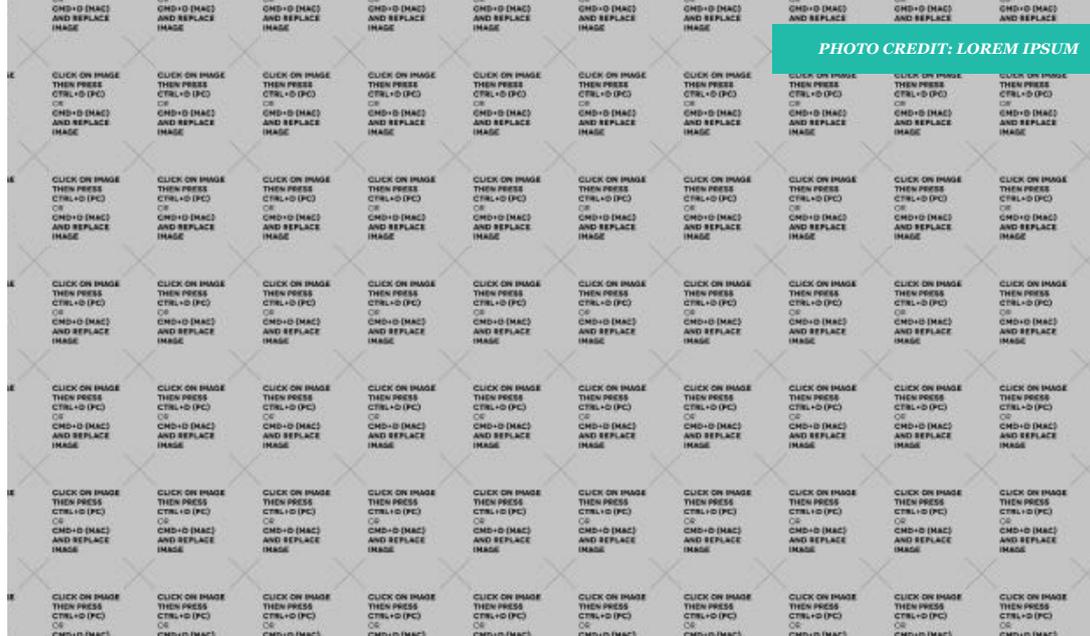
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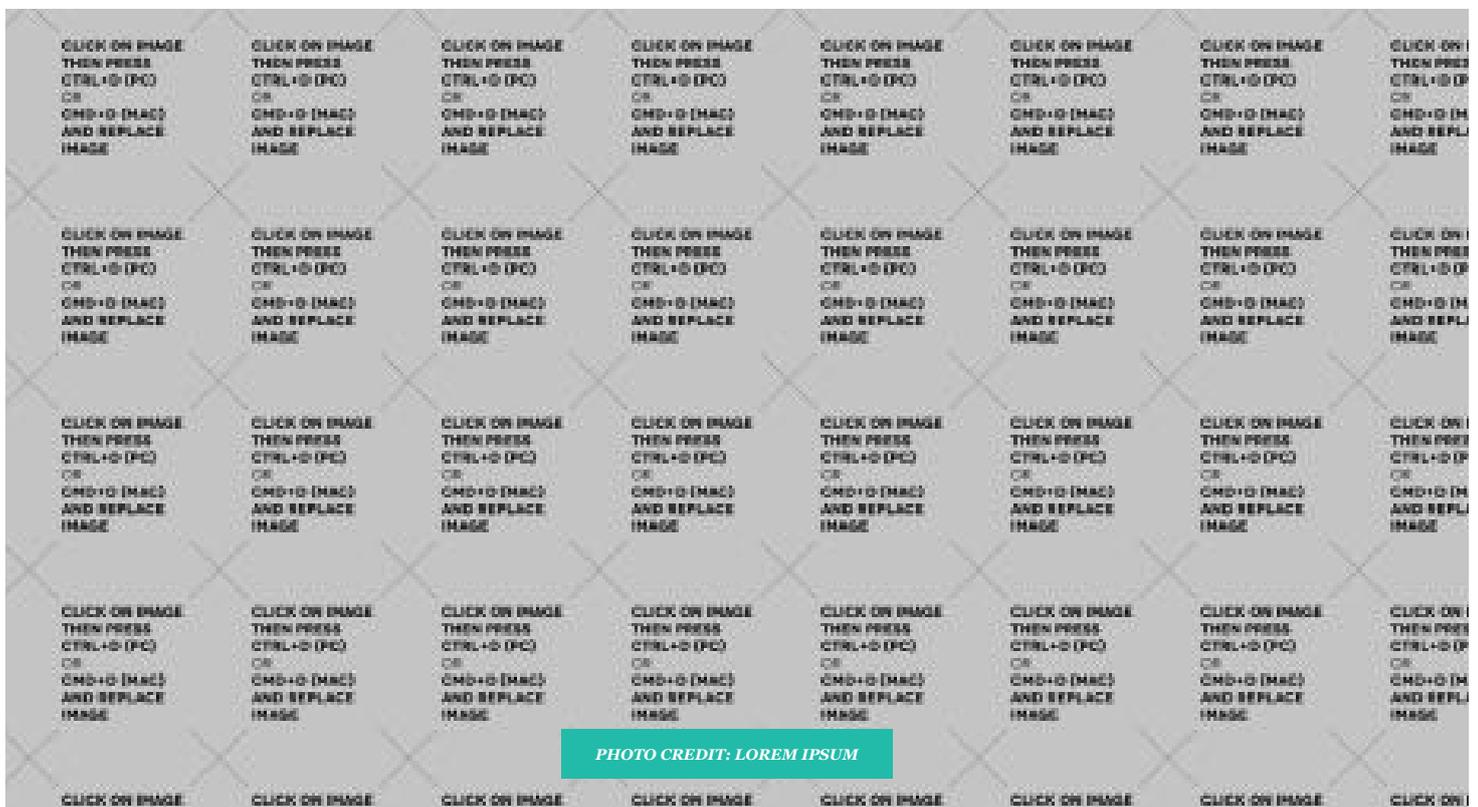
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## Share your Christmas Cheer

Macedon Ranges Rural Residents in support of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is collecting food and household items. Your generous donations will contribute to the Christmas hampers that will be delivered to the community ASRC work with in the weeks leading up to Christmas and will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be delivered to the Anglican Church in Woodend or at Collier Office & Business Assist.

Items sought include: healthy breakfast cereals, dried fruit, nuts & seeds, flatbread, long life (UHT) milk, healthy snack foods, tomato paste, tinned sardines and salmon, tinned tomato, corn and peas, tinned beans and lentils (without sauce), green tea, black tea & instant coffee, spices, honey (in small jars), dishwashing detergent, shaving items, sanitary pads, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, washing powder. Please no baked beans, canned spaghetti or canned soup.

Donations of the following would also be appreciated:

Gift cards from department stores such as Kmart, Big W and Target, International calling cards (with good rates for Sri Lanka as well as African and Middle Eastern countries), brand new linen sets in unopened packs.

Go to [www.asrc.org.au](http://www.asrc.org.au) to learn more.

Submitted by A. Downie

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