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Thousands pay tribute to the ANZACs at services across the Macedon Ranges

Mount Macedon's Anzac Day dawn service this year reflected on the 75th anniversary of the fall of Singapore, an event that led to up to 3 1/2 years of internment for over 15,000 Australian and New Zealand troops stationed there. In this centenary year of the First World War, we commemorate the Charge of the Australian Light Horse at the Battle of Be'er-sheba.

The tradition of the Dawn Service continues to bring us together to reflect on the ultimate and enduring sacrifice

of the many Servicemen and Women of Australia and New Zealand and those of many other nations.

Following the dawn service Woodend RSL Sub-branch hosted the traditional Gunfire Breakfast before a sizable crowd lined High Street for the Anzac Day parade as Defence personnel, schools, service organisations and community groups took part in the Anzac Day commemorations.

by A. May

PHOTOS COURTESY GRANT HOCKING
BOTTOM RIGHT: A LARGE CROWD GATHERED AT WOODEND'S RSL FOLLOWING THE MARCH.

TOP LEFT: WOODEND'S ANZAC DAY MARCH . RIGHT: BRAEMAR COLLEGE CADETS ON PARADE
LEFT: KEN BRYCE, CHARLES STONER AND RSL WOODEND PRESIDENT BARRY MELDRUM.

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A tree for your mum on Mother's Day

Come along and plant with your mum or for your mum on Mother's Day at this free event.

Woodend Landcare is hosting Trees for Mum on Sunday, 14 May from 9.30am to midday at Lake Earnshaw, behind Gilbert Gordon Oval.

Trees for Mum is a series of Australia-wide tree planting events run by Landcare on Mother's Day. These events started in Sydney in 2002 by friends and colleagues,



Deena Raphael and Lauren Adlam, as a way of paying tribute to their mums, who they had both lost to cancer; Trees for Mum in Woodend is in its sixth year.

Over the past few years Woodend Landcare's Thursday crew have been hard at work restoring this historic site from an overgrown mass of blackberries to the tranquil open space it is today, which makes it the perfect choice for Trees for Mum 2017.

The trees and shrubs will be a range of natives suitable for the climate and location and the Woodend Landcare

team will be on hand with plenty of tools to help you plant. Participants will be given a tree or shrub plus some grasses to plant, providing native understory and further improving the habitat at Lake Earnshaw.

We recommend you wear gumboots and bring along some gloves. The site will be well sign-posted from High Street - parking is available. There's no need to book this year, but if you do have a question call Angela 0409 373 010.

All photos courtesy of Kim Selby Photography:
www.kimselbyphotography.com.au

By Angela Van Dam Woodend

Can you lend a helping hand at Bupa?

Bupa Aged Care in Woodend has been very fortunate in acquiring the voluntary services of Woodend resident, Ruth Pollard. Ruth, a former lecturer in Horticulture at Melbourne University, has provided enormous guidance and expertise to staff in the maintenance and development of the gardens at the facility, located at 2 Sullivan's Road, Woodend.

In addition to her vision and tireless efforts in the garden, Ruth runs a club with interested residents that covers plant propagation and care and undertakes regular excursions. Places visited have included Mica Grange, Garden of St Erth, Ripponlea, Melbourne Botanical Gardens and the Kyneton Daffodil Festival. A trip to Heide is scheduled soon.

Ruth is keen to encourage more volunteers to help in the garden. Anyone who has time available on a Monday and can help enhance the enjoyment of our residents' life at the facility will be most welcome. It's an opportunity for experienced gardeners to

make a valuable contribution to our aged community. Equally it gives a chance for novices who want to learn more about gardening, to do so under the guidance of a qualified professional. All you need bring is enthusiasm - we can supply the rest. If you'd like to help, drop in during business hours or phone us on 5427 9700.

By Andrew Grimes
 Bupa Aged Care, Woodend

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Vocal Ranges Festival Hits A Higher Note

The 2017 Vocal Ranges Festival will set Kyneton's halls, cafés, pubs and streets vibrating with songs and harmonies, May 5 to 7.

"Building on the success of last year's inaugural one-day festival, we've packed this year's bigger-and-better program with inspiring live performances, workshops, storytelling and singalongs," says Festival Director, Polly Christie, leader of Pollyphonics Choir.

"We aim to bring people together, to experience the joy of singing across a broad range of genres including folk, spiritual music and contemporary pop."

On Friday 5 May, the Opening Night Concert

in Kyneton Town Hall features The Mae Trio, a young, contemporary folk group from Melbourne, who has received acclaim in festivals across Australia, the UK and the USA.

The Pollyphonics Choir will support the trio, showcasing voices from the Macedon Ranges community and conclude the evening with an Australian Folk singalong session lead by Jane Thompson and James Rigby.

Saturday's program includes workshops and more community choirs will perform in various Kyneton venues.

The day concludes with a concert held in the Bluestone Theatre featuring Mal Webb and Kylie



Polly Christie & Joseph Bromley

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Morrigan, followed by a 'pub style' singalong, backed by local musicians.

Sunday brings the opportunity to join a massed choir with Aria Award winner Kavisha Mazzella, conducted by Polly Christie and Joseph Bromley, in Kyneton Town Hall.

"This festival celebrates everything singing does for us," says Ms Christie. "Singing brings people together, to tell stories, to celebrate and grieve, creating social cohesion through shared experience and empathy. Singing has been proven to reduce stress

and promote fitness and wellbeing.

"The festival is a place to make new friends, bonding deeply through music. It's also an opportunity to enjoy Kyneton's broad range of accommodation, award winning dining and the many tempting shops on historic Piper St and elsewhere.

"I believe that the more opportunities we can create for people to let their hair down and sing, the better the world will be!"

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MRBC will also be hosting a catered network lunch on the Thursday for business owners to connect with others and share their experiences.

You can select individual workshops to suit your interests and needs or discounted package options. The Small Business Bus will also be present for your free one-on-one mentoring session, strictly by appointment at www.business.vic.gov.au/events/small-business-bus (search Kyneton location).

Take this opportunity of low cost workshops with industry professionals to help identify your future business movements.

See all details including booking information at www.mrbusinessconnect.org.au/conference or search for the Macedon Ranges Business Conference at trybooking.com.

Prepare your schedule now as every workshop has limited numbers. Enquiries welcome by email at info@mrbusinessconnect.org.au.

by Jess Bonanno

Arts grant supports international story of peace

Woodend Author Dee White is off to Paris next month on a research trip for her latest novel, Beyond Belief.

Based on the true story of Algerian Muslims in the Grand Mosque of Paris who saved Jewish children during WWII, Ms White will spend a month immersing herself in the world of the mosque, the sewers, and other historical settings featured in the story.

Ms White, whose father fled Austria in 1938 says that she was drawn to the story not just because of the Jewish history in her family, but because of the universality of the themes. "The world belongs to all of us. We are all entitled to the same safety, freedom and acceptance regardless of race or religion, and this story is a reminder of that," she said.

Mary-Anne Thomas congratulated Ms White, who received a \$9,200 Vic. Arts Grant to research and develop the novel.

"Grants like these really open up horizons for regional writers like me. It's a fabulous opportunity and I'm grateful for the government support that will make it a reality."

Ms Thomas said, "I have the utmost respect for writers who can transform the experiences of the past into lessons for the future. It's wonderful to see Dee recognised in this round amongst some of the state's most exciting artists and creative companies."

By T. Tyler | Office of Mary-Anne Thomas MP, State Member for Macedon

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Cope-Williams Contemporary Arts Centre

Neil McLeod Exhibition to open new Arts Centre in Romsey
 Art lovers from around Australia have converged on the newly-opened Cope-Williams Contemporary Arts Centre for the first of several new and exciting exhibitions.

Melbourne artist Neil McLeod is the inaugural artist to be exhibited in this new space, born from the space which was originally occupied by the Real Tennis Court at the Cope-Williams Winery at Romsey.

Gordon Cope-Williams and Neil McLeod have collaborated to bring exciting new contemporary and thought-provoking works to this space, with the addition of Neil's Indigenous and Oceanic art collection providing a truly exceptional contemporary art experience in the Macedon Ranges.

Numerous books and exhibitions over almost four decades have given Neil an enviable curriculum vitae of work and endeavours in many subject areas.

This exhibition features paintings, sculpture, trans-mography and installations that will excite, astound and make the viewer think.



Immaculate Imagination at Cope-Williams Contemporary Arts Centre

Neil says of his transmography work: "I try to rewrite photography. I suppose it is an attempt to discover my voice, to do something fresh and unexpected. I have no master to follow for technical assistance so I love to break the trade of tradition."

The new exhibition at Cope-Williams Contemporary Arts Centre is called Neil McLeod Immaculate Imagination and will run until June 30 this year. For more information visit www.copewilliams.com.au.

By I. O'Duffy

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The Rotary Club of Woodend is looking for candidates to spend a fortnight in Canberra in January 2018 doing the National Youth Science Forum program. This well-respected residential program is designed for students about to enter Year Twelve. The program is hugely popular and has been running since 1984. Over ten thousand young people across Australia have completed the program, and places are highly sought after.

The program is professionally run with input from the Australia National University and other tertiary institutions, CSIRO, Defence Science and Technology Group, ResMed, Cochlear Foundation, CSL Ltd and many other partners.

If you're interested, you can apply online with an expression of interest via nysf.edu.au. You will need to receive endorsement from the Rotary Club of Woodend. Financial assistance is available for low-income students who wish to apply. You do not need to be the top science student in your school - far more important is your enthusiasm and passion for your area of interest in STEM. If you have a positive attitude, some extra-curricular interests and are willing to challenge yourself and prepare for your future study and career, the NYSF program is for you!

Please contact Jenny Zimmerman, Rotary Youth Services, at limosa.tpg.com.au to find out more!

Michael McCoy at Duneira

You've no doubt enjoyed the recent new garden series 'Dream Gardens' on the ABC ... so now hear Michael McCoy speak at Duneira this weekend on his favourite topics ... gardens!

Michael says "One of the real powers of gardens is to have one foot in eternity and one foot firmly in this very second. Gardens invite us to stop and engage - to seize the moment - while both acknowledging the past and wooing us into thinking about, and planning for, future joys."

Michael McCoy (The Gardenist and presenter of 'Dream Gardens' on ABC TV) takes us on a journey of gardens worldwide that buck the trend towards low maintenance/low reward planting, and work towards making every moment count.

Pre-purchase your ticket online to ensure you have easy access to the Duneira garden and parking on this day. Sunday 2nd April at 12.30 pm. Tickets \$25 full / \$20 concession and available online at www.duneira.com.au

Submitted by I. O'Duffy, Duneira, Mt Macedon



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by A. May



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Picnic at Hanging Rock: the next generation?

Around seventy refugee and asylum-seeker families attended a picnic at Hanging Rock on Sunday 26 March.

Forty locals were on hand to cook, welcome the guests and enjoy bridging the gap between established Australians and those who hope desperately to make their home here.

The mood was one of warmth and laughter and an abundance of delicious food. Stories were shared and the many visiting children played skittles, frisbee, soccer and other ball games.

Most of the asylum seekers travelled to Woodend via a bus provided by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and the Hobson Bay Refugee Network. Ann Morrow, president of The Hobson Bay network, praised the local organisers from Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey who made the day such a success. An impromptu performance by local kookaburras caused much delight, as did the passing of a llama trek passing through the parklands.

Local refugee support groups consistently report that the attitude amongst residents of the Macedon Ranges and surrounding areas is overwhelmingly one of compassion for asylum seekers and a desire to help them settle in Australia and begin healing from the wounds of the past. Australia is a country made up so successfully of wave after wave of immigrants, most of whom have come here fleeing less friendly parts of the world. The organisers hope to make this an annual event.



We hope that the people of the Macedon Ranges will continue to support dispossessed people arriving on our shores, who get so little assistance or welcome through formal agencies and the current government.

Much of the food and drink for the picnic was donated by generous businesses in towns around the Macedon Ranges, and Macedon Ranges Signs donated a magnificent banner for the occasion.

The photo shows some of the picnickers gathered to watch local kangaroos, which were greatly admired.

By Jenny Zimmerman | 0438 498 869 | Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees

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During his stay, he is confronted by his brother, who proceeds to bully his way into staying at the house and using Austin's car.

In addition, the screenplay which Austin is pitching to his connection in Hollywood somehow gets taken over by the pushy con-man tactics of Lee, and the brothers find themselves forced to cooperate in the creation of a story that will make or break both their lives.

True West runs from May 26 – June 10.

Auditions for our third production *The Full Monty* will be held on Monday. 1 & Wednesday. 3 May.



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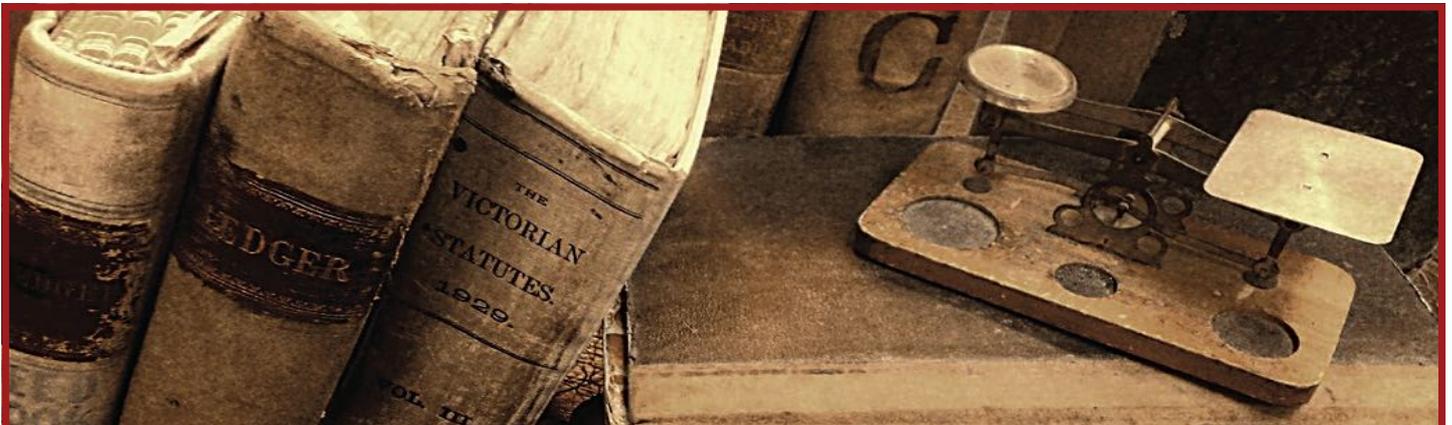
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Woodend Rotary Club celebrates 30th anniversary

On April 6, Woodend Rotary celebrated the 30th anniversary. President Josephine Falzarano welcomed over 90 guests to the Macedon Wine room.

Guests included Dr Susan Alberti, MP Mary Anne Thomas, Mayor Jennifer Anderson, Woodend Rotarians, past members and

Rotarians from other clubs in the district.

Also attending the event were current District Governor Neville John and those in line for the DG role over the next 3 years including Woodend member Grant Hocking who was recently selected as District Governor for 2019-20. Neville thanked the club for all the wonderful projects that had been successfully implemented over the 30 years.

Past member and 2001-02 President Tim O'Brien provided some insights into the formation of the club and projects completed in the first few decades.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal and the inspiring presentation of Susan Alberti who spoke of the passion she has for supporting research into Diabetes and of course the Western Bulldogs and being a key player in the formation of the AFL Women's league.

Pictured to left: Dr Susan Alberti AC and Coin North OAM.

by G. Hocking



Bowelscan

Woodend Rotary is again supporting the Rotary Bowelscan project and urging everyone to take Bowel cancer seriously. There are some shocking statistics that need addressing.

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Debutante season is in full swing

All over the Macedon Ranges and surrounding areas young women and men are taking part in suit fittings, dress shopping, dancing lessons, and organising hair and make-up sessions. Debutante season is in full swing once again! It is an exciting time for many year 11 students and Top Hat productions is there to capture this very special time in their lives.

The Top Hat team has filmed many debutante presentations over the last twenty years, from small to large groups. Drawing on their vast experience in this field, the Top Hat team provide advice and assistance to the debutantes and their partners in all aspects of this very special

day. The production team assist the debutantes and their partners with their arrivals to ensure that these sometimes-awkward moments are captured with style, grace and an element of fun, as are the formal presentations and social dancing.

The Top Hat team also assists the organisers and the MC to ensure that the formalities are filmed smoothly. This wonderful and unique day is captured on film and tastefully edited by the expert team. The debutantes, their partners, families and friends are left with a memento they will treasure forever.

In the coming months, Top Hat is proud to be producing the debutante



presentations of Braemar College, Sunbury College and Kyneton Secondary College, just to name a few.

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For the writers, the readers and the political enthusiasts – events in Woodend over Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend (9-12 June) 2017

If you’ve got a memoir (or a garden) struggling to find structure, or you’re looking to expand out your child’s life trajectory through a love a reading, or perhaps you’re just looking for a satisfying conversation thrashing out just why there is so much perplexing political apathy right now.

These possibilities and more will be catered for during the 13th annual Woodend Winter Arts Festival with the usual high quality Words and Ideas program put together

by locals Don and Sheila Drummond.

The program is complemented by an full art exhibition program, and an extraordinary music program featuring international and Australian classical musicians – including an exclusive Australian performance by Vienna’s Trio Alba, who join the festival program with the support of the Austrian Government and will perform Haydn, Suk and Smetana in a concert entitled Bohemia near the sea, and a CD launch and concert Il Diavolo, featuring Davide Monti from Italy, performing with Josephine Vains and Festival Artistic

Director Jacqueline Ogeil in an event supported by long term festival patrons, the Cope-Williams Winery.

The Words and Ideas program includes:

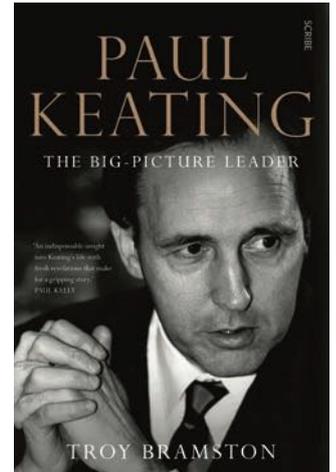
This fascinating life: Writing memoir day-long workshop for early and emerging writers, with author Spiri Tsintziras in collaboration with Writers Victoria

- How to change your child’s life, with Mem Fox



- FREE event for parents and teachers, supported by Goldfields Libraries and Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries
- Possum Magic and more, a FREE event for children with Mem Fox, supported by Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries
- Political apathy: A disaffected community, panel discussion with Troy Bramston, James Button, Lisa Chesters and Michael Bachelard
- Of dirt, design and dreaming, with Michael McCoy (ABC TV Dream Gardens) and journalist Jen Vuk
- Slam poetry at the pub, upstairs at the Vic Hotel with the Chamber Poets – poets compete for two

prizes (People’s choice and Judge’s Prize)



- Paul Keating: The big picture leader, with political columnist Troy Bramston and former journalist, politician and now author, Mary Delahunty
- Australia at the crossroads, panel with some of the team from Crikey - Bernard Keane, Josh Taylor, Sally Whyte, and moderated Sally Warhaft
- In search of Alan Moorhead. Authors Thornton McCamish and Stuart Kells discuss one of Australia’s most famous writers
- Inspiration! A discussion about that most elusive but critical writing ingredient, with GP and author, Jacinta Halloran and literary agent Sheila Drummond.
- Free opening night fireworks at Buffalo Stadium on Friday 9 June – entertainment from 5.30pm.

Full details of the entire Festival program, including tickets, are available at www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

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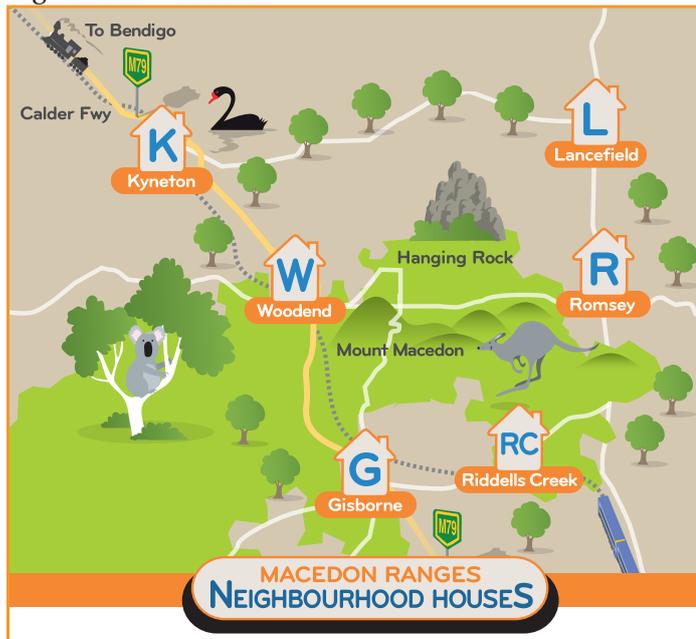
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May is a time for celebrations at the Neighbourhood House

May 8-14 is both Neighbourhood House Week and National Volunteers Week.

Volunteers help keep the Woodend Neighbourhood House open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm as well as putting on our fabulous community lunch, helping with the gardening and keeping the House clean and tidy. If you've got a few hours to spare and are looking to make some new friends and get involved in the community come along to our next community lunch on Friday, 12 May at midday and find out what volunteering at the House is all about - we've got something to suit everyone.

And, to celebrate Neighbourhood House week we've joined forces with the five other Neighbourhood Houses in the Macedon Ranges to offer a free bus tour to all the Houses. The bus leaves from Woodend Neighbourhood House at 8.40am and will return at 4.45pm. The tour will include; Riddells Creek, Gisborne for morning tea, Woodend, lunch at Kyneton Community lunch, then on to Romsey for afternoon tea and Lancefield before heading back to Woodend.



If you'd like to join some of our volunteers for this fun day out call us on 5427 1845 or email reception@woodendnh.org.au to book your seat on the bus.

By Angela Van Dam Coordinator Woodend Neighbourhood House

Community Lunch for Everyone

Lots of people ask us about community lunch: Who's it for? What's the purpose? Can I come along? Do I need to book? And the answers are simple.

Community lunch is a monthly lunch at the Neighbourhood House for anyone who wants to come along. It's good to let us know if you're coming, but there's always room if you forget to book.

Lunch is always vegetarian and sometimes vegan, we never have nuts and we try to cater for most tastes. A lot of the produce we use is donated or freshly picked from the permaculture garden, so even if Friday lunch doesn't suit your schedule you can always join in by donating produce from your vegie patch. Lemons are always top of our wish list. So, if you've got a laden lemon tree this autumn; we'd love to be your friend!

Lunch costs \$5, or is a gold coin donation for children. If you're strapped for cash for the week and would still like to come, just come along. There's always generous folk who pay it forward for someone else.

Dates for the next lunches join us at 12.30pm on Friday, 12 May and 16 June. We'd love to see some new faces.

By Angela Van Dam Woodend Neighbourhood



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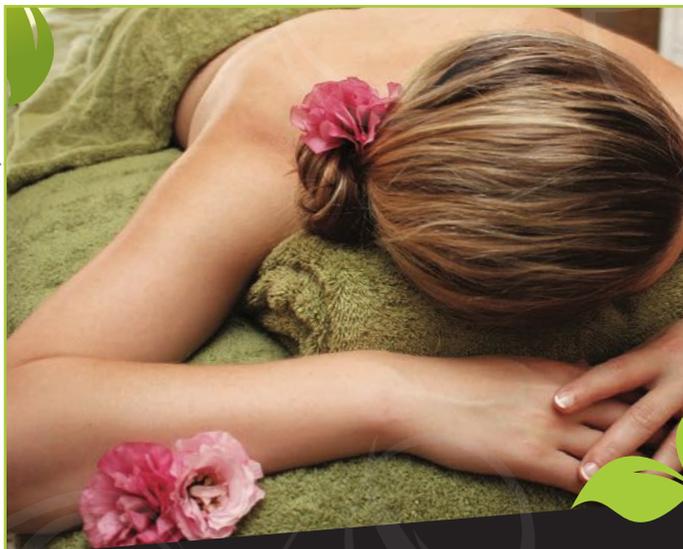
Featuring an all-killer, no-filler cast of Australian stars, talented newcomers and international performers, we've got all your comedy bases covered. Get on board, grab your mates and get giggling as the ultimate comedy road trip rolls into Kyneton!

The performers for this year's Roadshow at Kyneton are: MC - Award winning comedian Bob Franklin: Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2016 RAW Comedy Grand Final, Danielle Walker, DeAnne Smith, hilarious Canadian/American comedian with a weakness for Australia, Raw Comedy National Finalist 2015, and relative newbie Sam Taunton and Sean Choolburra, the hilarious and charismatic host of NITV's comedy show Express Yourself. He also sings, dances and plays the didgeridoo.

Tickets: Purchase tickets online via the book now button below contact the Box Office on 1300 88 88 02 (Monday to Friday 8am-3pm) purchase in person at any of our Customer Service Centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey or Woodend.

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Improvements to local roads underway

A number of works are underway, or due to commence soon, around Woodend and Macedon.

Council would like to thank residents and businesses for their patience and understanding while these important works are completed. The works include:

Tree works, including powerline clearances, deadwood removal and pruning. Due to be completed late May.

Bridge upgrades on Chambers Road, Ashbourne. Due to be completed mid-June 2017.

Roadworks along Clarkes Lane, Mahoneys Road and Collier Street, Woodend.

Black Spot Programme works on Cobb and Co Road, including the installation of a safety barrier and upgrades to signage to improve motorist safety.

Construction of a new boardwalk that will run parallel to Nursery Road in Macedon to allow safe access for pedestrians. The anticipated date of completion is the end of June 2017.

Footpath works along Brooke Street, Woodend. The new footpath is located between Wood and Bowen streets and. The anticipated date of completion is the end of June 2017.

For more information, call Council on 5422 0333.



Flu vaccination clinic



Phone us (or go online www.bsmc.net.au) to book into a flu clinic. These clinic consultations are solely for giving flu vaccinations and they are bulk billed.

The cost of the vaccine is \$20 or freely provided by the Government to those who are:

- aged 65+
- pregnant
- indigenous aged 15+ or
- assessed by their doctor as having a chronic illness or condition that predisposes to severe influenza illness.

Fluvax is recommended for people with such conditions as diabetes, asthma, COPD and emphysema.

Please call reception to book into a clinic.

Cancer risk factors



Cancer is a complicated condition and is related to many factors depending on the type of cancer.

While not everything is in our control, a group of factors can help protect against some cancers.

Important elements include:

- eating a good diet, with a variety of fresh unprocessed foods;
- not smoking;
- maintaining a healthy weight;
- regular exercise and
- limiting alcohol intake

Our GPs and allied health team can help you manage these lifestyle factors to help reduce some of the risks linked to some cancers and many other diseases including heart disease and diabetes.

What do you think of our services?

We'd love to know more about your needs and your views about our services.

We're interested in hearing from you whether you use our services or not. You can go online to fill in our survey www.bsmc.net.au or pick up a paper copy from our reception.

It should only take you a few minutes to fill out.

Bowel Cancer Screening

Around 80 Australians die each week of bowel cancer making it the second highest cause of cancer related death.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) aims to detect bowel cancer early. Nine out of ten cases can be successfully treated if found early enough.



People aged 50 – 74 are sent the free NBCSP packs for home based sample collection. The test detects whether there is blood in your bowel movements. The presence of blood (a positive test) would require further investigation.

Follow the instructions in the pack to do the two sample test and return via mail in the envelope provided.

A positive test result doesn't necessarily indicate cancer – but you do need to follow up with your GP for further investigation.

We strongly encourage 50-74 year olds to participate in this important program as it helps save lives. By 2019, everyone in this age group will be sent the screening tests every two years – **please do the test every two years.**

See your doctor if you haven't done the test and you are in the 50-74 age group; bowel cancer can develop without you knowing it.

Regardless of their age, people with symptoms or a significant family history of bowel cancer should see their GP without delay. Do not wait for the screening packs to be posted to you.



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Nominate someone you know in the 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Do you know an older person who enriches your local community?

Recognise the valuable contribution that seniors make in our community by nominating them for a 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Award.

The awards acknowledge older Victorians who volunteer to assist, support and encourage others in their communities. Nominations are also being accepted for community organisations or businesses that create age-friendly communities through inclusion and active ageing.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said there were many community members, aged over 60, whose volunteer involvement strengthened our community.

"Nearly a quarter of all residents in the Macedon Ranges undertake voluntary work, and many of those volunteers are seniors.

"We rely on these volunteers for everything from supporting us during emergencies, to keeping our sporting, cultural and other groups going. This is an opportunity to recognise their contribution and say thank you", she said.

The 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards highlight the role of seniors who inspire others as mentors, educators, role models, leaders, or behind the scenes workers. Nominees are assessed on their volunteer contribution and achievements since reaching the age of 60.

The award categories are:

- Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year
- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award
- Healthy and Active Living Award
- Veteran Community Award
- Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Award
- Age-Friendly Victoria Award.

For more information on the awards or to pick up a nomination form, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au, drop in to a Council customer service centre in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend or Kyneton, or call Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258.

Nominations close on Friday 23 June. Award winners will be announced at a ceremony to be held at Government House during the 35th Victorian Seniors Festival in October.

Submitted by G Gamble for M.R.S.C.

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Defined Benefit Pensions & \$1.6m superannuation transfer balance cap

With all of the talk around the \$1.6m superannuation transfer balance cap, something that hasn't been discussed a great deal in the media is around the treatment of defined benefit pensions in relation to the cap. The application of the cap differs depending on whether the pension is sourced from taxed funds (generally private sector funds and some public sector ones) or from untaxed sources (some public sector funds). If you are unclear if your pension account fits one of these descriptions contact your superannuation fund and they can confirm.

You can establish if a defined benefit pension will be valued at over the transfer balance cap limits by multiplying the amount received annually by 16. Therefore if you receive a pension from a defined benefit fund at or over \$100,000 you will be considered as using up all of your cap.

The taxation treatment is therefore as follows:

Untaxed Defined Benefit Pensions – 100% of pension amounts over \$100,000 will be included in the taxpayers assessable income taxed at marginal rates, and the 10% offset available will be capped at \$10,000.

Taxed Defined Benefit Pensions – 50% of pension amounts over the current cap of \$100,000 will be included in the taxpayers assessable income at marginal rates, no offset is available.

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News from the 1000 Books program

Goldfields Libraries are delighted to congratulate two young locals on a job well done in the new 1000 Books Before School program!

Congratulations to Ava Ryan, the first Goldfields participant to read 1000 books in the program, and to Angus Jewell, the 1000th preschooler to register for the program. Both Ava and Angus registered for the 1000 Books Before School program at Woodend Library, and both have received a special book pack to enjoy on their reading journeys.

Children aged 0-5 who are yet to start school can register at any Goldfields Library branch or agency. They will receive a 1000 Books Before School kit, which includes the Reading Record booklet. Registration and participation is free. The same story can be read multiple times, and hearing stories at Storytime sessions count too. Reading eBooks or listening to audio books also count – a great range of stories are available in the Goldfields Libraries eLibrary, including stories read by celebrities available in Storybox Library: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/ekids

The program is an initiative of Public Libraries Victoria and has had great success increasing children's literacy in other parts of the world. It encourages positive early experiences of reading at home, which in turn greatly develop a child's future ability to read and write, instilling a life-long love of reading.

Reading 1000 books might sound arduous to some, but if built into a child's daily routine, it will become a fun and rewarding opportunity to spend quality time together. Picture books only take 5-10 minutes to read, so

Kinder kicks of the year in earnest

Woodend Kindergarten community celebrated a terrific start to the year with a wonderful turnout to the Welcome BBQ hosted by the Committee.

Kids and adults alike wolfed down delicious, smoky bacon and egg burgers, and the quintessential sausage and bread. Fun was had by all, as kids charged around and the sun and laughter bubbled forth.

Special thanks go to Hardwicks for the sausages, Maxxy Fisher for the eggs and Coles for the \$100 Coles voucher to get supplies.

We also started our fund-raising this year with a bunny-hopping Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Egg Guessing Competition. Families did a tremendous job, raising over \$1400. This will go towards teaching resources and our major project for the next few years: the Master Plan for the Kindergarten grounds. The kids brought buckets full of joy into our lives with wildly decorated Easter hats and a hop in their step as they paraded around the kindergarten grounds.

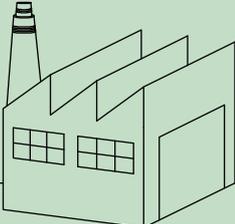
Last year Woodend Kindergarten Committee was awarded a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to go towards a Master Plan for the grounds. This term the tendering process for the Master Plan has begun under the guidance and leadership of Rebecca Gray a kindergarten parent and landscape architect.

We are looking forward to delighting taste buds galore at our cake stall on May 6 outside the newsagents and warming the cockles of everyone's hearts with piping hot donuts at the Fireworks at the Winter Arts Festival.

See photos on back page

By Zali Nash

Woodend Kindergarten Committee



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a message from
Cr. Janet Pearce

The Council Plan and Budget listening posts, survey monkey and the “Zing” community forum event at the Kyneton Town Hall have finished. The drafts will be on public exhibition from Thursday 27th April until Thursday 25th May.

We hope that you will provide feedback to the Council as it is our community plan and finances.

The Health and Wellbeing Plan will be incorporated into the Council Plan.

There will also be an opportunity on 7th June for individuals and groups to present to Council as well.

I know all Councillors have really enjoyed the listening posts and plan to continue these throughout the next years, so if you see us around please feel free to introduce yourself.

Some people may not be aware that Councillors are also representatives or members of a wide range of committees, some that are specific to the Macedon Ranges, such as Health and Wellbeing. Others involve multiple organisations from within the Shire, such as the MR Local Safety Committee. Others involve multiple Shires, such as the Central Ranges Learn Local and Employment. Others involve representatives that are State-wide, such as the Municipal Association of Victoria.

I have been pleased to attend many local community events and meetings so please continue to invite and keep Councillors informed of your activities. We enjoy hearing your ideas and what is happening in Woodend.

Best wishes,
Janet

Need a hand to get your dream garden going?

Join Romsey horticulturalist Kerri Mewett on Saturday 13 May for Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s practical workshop on sustainable garden design.

The workshop will cover topics from site analysis, soil types, companion planting and garden zones, through to understanding how to attract wildlife to your property.

The free event will be held from 10am–11.30am at the Romsey Community Hub, 98–100 Main Street, Romsey.

Bringing a wealth of experience to the workshop, horticulturalist Kerri Mewett also operates her own landscape design business and has a keen understanding of the requirements for planting in our local environment.

“It’s good to have a plan when it comes to the garden”, said Kerri.

“You can identify features that are important to you, and work towards achieving your aims.

“Sustainable garden design is really about looking at how you design a landscape that minimises energy inputs.

“There’s low water use, minimal or no chemicals being used and an array of edible plants growing. A thriving sustainable garden encourages wildlife and increases biodiversity,” she said.

Senior Citizens

Their 50th Birthday with a bus trip to Ballarat Specialist School. We enjoyed a lovely 2 course lunch and were entertained by the Specialist School Band & Choir. Thank you to Organs Bus Lines for organizing and supplying the beautiful birthday cake. Photo - Two of our long serving members, Lorna Muntz & Bob Adams. Submitted by M. George.

Contact details - Marea George, Secretary Woodend Senior Citizens. Phone: 03 5427 2412.

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Spoil your mum (or yourself) on Sunday 14 May with our Mother's Day Concert & Afternoon Tea. We commence with afternoon tea at 3.30 pm in the elegant dining room and then move into the music room for a concert featuring classical chamber music. One lucky mum will receive a door prize at the end of the event. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under 16. All children must have a paid ticket.

Enjoy a sublime musical experience on Sunday 21 May when Accademia Arcadia present a repeat performance of their sell-out Melbourne Recital Centre performance "Music for a Prussian King". Featuring trio sonatas of CPE Bach, Quantz and Benda, this music was written for the music-loving Frederick the Great and will be played on baroque-style instruments.

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Patrick Eckle's

Wine review

Vintage is drawing to a close in the Macedon Ranges with only some of the later ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon still to be harvested. The vines have changed colour to a golden hue and are soon to enter their winter slumber. It's a great time to get out to many of the great cellar doors in the region, sit in front of a wood fire and enjoy a nice glass of wine!

2013 Cobaw Ridge Lagrein

Cobaw Ridge are a pioneer of the variety in Australia, let alone the Macedon Ranges. It takes courage to grow the variety in the cool climes of the region, however the resultant wine and its ability to age have warranted a cult following.

The nose is full of briary dark plum and raspberry fruit that's accentuated by a suggestion of black licorice. The palate is plush and approachable with initial raspberry and blackberry fruit dominating before a drying, juicy backbone of fine tannin and a taut savory texture give length, complexity and definition.

This will age effortlessly and gain secondary complexity.

Rated: 95 | Drink: 2017 - 2028 | Price: \$60 | cobawridge.com.au/

2016 Lane's End Cottage Chardonnay

A vibrant, fruit driven expression of Chardonnay that has less winemaker derived characters than the Estate Chardonnay, but doesn't miss out in terms of both flavour and textural appeal.

Nectarine, fig, pear and touches of citrus define the nose, the palate has generous richness on entry that is all about the fruit with green apple against fuller nectarine fruit, there is a lovely interplay between acid and fruit that helps frame the lingering finish that is brimming with citrus, fig and stone fruits.

A wine to enjoy whilst awaiting the Estate release

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Kyneton Air Show

A fantastic day was had by all who attended the 2017 Kyneton Airshow on Sunday April 23.

The weather cleared nicely in the morning to the delight of the Rotary and Kyneton Aero Club organisers and the action started.

There were many vintage and modern aircraft on display and the display by the RAAF Roulettes flyby kept everyone entertained. Demonstrations of water bombing and formation and solo aerobatic displays, with antique aircraft, took to the skies to entertain the crowd. All the aircraft were brilliantly displayed and the WWII Aircraft Carrier Based Warbird- Grumman Avenger was a favourite of the crowd.

Thirteen-time Australian aerobatics champion hris Sperou and Paul Bennet in his famous Wolf Pitts Pro aerobatic biplane performed multiple displays throughout the day to the applause of the approximately 4000 strong crowd.

Another crowd favourite were the model planes in a flying display and displayed for public viewing. The model planes were demonstrated by the Central Highlands Area Model Plane Society Inc. (CHAMPS).

The theme of the airshow 'Spread your Wings' with the onsite expo including a range of providers from universities and aviation trade centres providing highlighting careers in aviation. Children and their parents visited the Aviation Careers Expo to discuss the opportunities that exist in this exciting vocation.

Also on display were vintage cars and a jumping castle and train for the kids. A wide range of food vendors were on site to ensure everyone was happy.

Congratulations must go to all the volunteers from Rotary Woodend and Kyneton and the Kyneton Aero Club who provided excellent support on the day in a variety of roles from parking, bus transit, information and management of the event. Thanks must also go to the event sponsors QBE and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their support, as well as business and private supporters of the event.

A tremendous amount of work occurred behind the scenes to make this event possible and recognition must be given to the members of the organising committee who planned the event for over 12 months to ensure the success of the airshow.

Finally, thanks to everyone who attended from the local community and from further abroad to enjoy the brilliant 2017 Kyneton Airshow.

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Trifecta for local Venturer

On 7 April 2017, 1st Woodend Scout Group and Macedon Ranges Venturer Unit helped Tess Williamson to celebrate the achievement of her Queen's Scout Award.

This award completes the trifecta of scouting achievements for Tess as she has now earned the top award in Cubs (Grey Wolf), Scouts (Australian Scout Medallion) and Venturers (Queen's Scout Award).



Tess joined 1st Woodend when she turned 8 years-old, and has never looked back. As well as taking part in weekly meetings, camps and activities such as abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing and rock climbing, she has attended a Cuboree, a Jamboree and was part of the first Australian contingent to attend Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

Less than 100 Venturers (aged 14-17) across Victoria meet the requirements of the Queen's Scout Award each year. The large amount of Queen's Scout work had to be completed before Tess turns 18 later this year. Therefore, Tess had to prioritise, plan and organise her time to fit her Queen's Scout work around her VCE (and other) commitments.

In September Tess will attend a formal ceremony at Government House to be presented with her Queen's Scout parchment by the Honourable Linda Dessau AM (Governor of Victoria).

Tess would like to thank her Venturer Leaders and community members for their support and guidance during her Queen's Scout journey, and the many people who helped her celebrate her achievement.

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You may have seen the recent announcement from the Victorian government to not introduce a minimum safe passing distance, even as a trial.

Victoria is now the only state or territory in Australia that doesn't have at least a trial in place. The decision was made despite the recommendation of a parliamentary inquiry, at which we were fortunate to be invited to offer evidence in support of such a law. It makes you wonder why the government went through the expense of an inquiry, not to mention everyone's unpaid time?

Where we are disappointed is the message

that this send. It segregates road users and offers no advice or help that can allow all users of our roads to interact more safely. Unfortunately, it encourages the culture that some road users believe that they have a higher status than others despite the most vulnerable - walkers, cyclists, horse riders - the ones that are likely to come off worse in any incident.

by Jem Richards, Bike Safe
Macedon Ranges



Woodend Juniors Take Centre Stage This Autumn

This March, Woodend Tennis Club held its inaugural Junior Club Championship. After a fantastic Senior Club Competition in November last year, the club thought it was time for our up and coming players to have a chance to shine on the courts and showcase the future of Woodend Tennis.

The competition took place over two weekends, with 27 participants competing for a place in the Grand Final on March 26 2017.

The weather was perfect and the quality of tennis was outstanding, with tough matches played across all levels. Thanks to the amazing support from Rhys Nuttall of RT Edgar Macedon Ranges the club was able to offer the competition as a free event and to provide trophies to the winning competitors, as well as a BBQ for spectators. Generous support was also provided by Woodend Fruit Market, Aces Tennis and Macedon Ranges Signs.



Competition results were as follows:

- Emerging Junior Boys Champion: Tyrone Hargreaves, Runner Up - Jack Dawes
- Emerging Junior Girls Champion: Bella Marchant
- Open Junior Boys Champion: Brendan Crozier, Runner Up - William Gladwell
- Open Junior Girls Champion: Chelsea Evans, Runner Up - Ella Davies

Our youngest players also got their first chance to compete on court with our D2 Exhibition doubles matches. For many, this was the first time they had formally competed and they did the club and themselves proud. The club would also like to thank Sue Dundas of Tennis Victoria for attending the Grand Final and providing some fun entertainment for our Hot Shots kids.

Woodend Tennis Club also has exciting news this Winter season, with the launch of a new Development Squad for our elite players, run in partnership with our Club Coach, Marcus Wills. This will run in conjunction with a new Junior Fitness Development program to assist players with nutrition and fitness. As a club, we want to support our future tennis stars and provide great opportunities for all our Juniors to reach their full potential.

For more information about these new initiatives, or if you have a child that is interested in joining our Junior Squad please contact our Junior Competition Coordinator Rob McGregor on juniorcomp@woodendtennis.org.au.

Woodend Tennis Club also offers Junior coaching at all levels through our Club Coach Marcus Wills. For more information please visit our website www.woodendtennisclub.org.au.

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By C Green, Woodend Tennis Club

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The award recognises the achievements and contribution made by volunteer Administrators to the sport and active recreation sector.

Visit www.sportsfocus.com.au or phone 5442 3101 for more details or to nominate. The recipient of the 2017 'Administrator of the Year' award will be announced at the 2017 Sports Focus Annual General Meeting in Bendigo later in the year.

For further information contact Zita Waldron-Brown at Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or via email admin@sportsfocus.com.au

That's a wrap!

Little Aths' mark off another successful year

The recent presentation night for Woodend Little Athletics concluded another successful season for the centre. Thanks to the financial support of the Woodend Lions Club, each member received a medallion and Barry McDonald (Lions Club President) presented a trophy to each athlete with most PB's in each age group as follows:

U6 Girls, Caitlyn Whiteman; U6 Boys, Finn Stevens; U7 Girls, Lucy Kohne; U7 Boys, Tate Stevens; U8 Girls, Keely McColley, U8 Boys, Ty Lodge-Jones, 9-U12 Girls and Boys, Kate Koster

Little Athletics is an affordable option for families, encouraging kids of all abilities to get active.

The season runs from October through to March (with a break during summer holidays) on Friday evenings between 5pm and 6.15pm. We are looking to add new members to the Committee with the AGM due to be held in the next 4 weeks. Anyone interested in joining the Club or the Committee can email woodend@lavic.com.au.

See picture on back page.

Submitted by Scott Kennedy

Woodend Bowling Club

Triples Tournament A Great Success

The Woodend Bowling Club hosted a Triples Tournament recently, and everyone had a bowl and ball!

Teams from Keilor, Kyneton, Macedon, Romsey, Trentham, Wallan and Woodend contested the event.

The winning team was Clarrie Brett, Irene Boldistone and Frank Thompson, ahead of the team of John and Henny Brama with Lois Scott. Best Last Game went to the team of John Fisher with Mike and Anne Dornau.

We thank Brooke Street Medical Centre for sponsoring the tournament, and Woodend Dental Group, Woodend Pharmacy and Woodend Fruit Market for their support.

More Club Championship Results.

Norm Bickerdyke and Arlene Johnstone are the Club's Mixed Pairs Champions after a great battle with Clarrie Brett and Irene Boldiston. They won 16-13 after a fighting comeback by the latter pair. Congrats to the winners, with Arlene adding this to her Ladies Singles victory!

The Ladies Pairs Final was contested by the teams of Bev Muir & Irene Boldiston and Henny Brama & Anne Dornau. Bev & Irene shot out of the blocks with a 15-0 lead, before Henny & Anne fought back but could not bridge the gap. Congrats Bev & Irene.

Braemar in a class of their own

Early in March we hosted a session for Year 9 students at Braemar College to introduce them to our wonderful sport. Twenty students enjoyed more than an hour of light-hearted competition, where they learnt the game was not as easy as they initially thought. One girl commented that "this is a cool sport ... so relaxing!" They returned in late April when we intend to make things a little more competitive. Thanks to Dave, Anne and Mike for their coaching.

Submitted by Mike Dornau, President Woodend Bowling Club Inc.

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- 6-7 OPEN STUDIOS
- 12 COMMUNITY LUNCH, WNH
- 12 BURT BACHARACH, KTH
- 8-14 NEI.B'HOOD & HOUSE + VOLUNTEERS
- WEEK
- 13 ST MARY'S STREET STALL
- 13 SUSTAINABLE GARDEN DESIGN, ROMSEY

- 13 COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW, KTH
- 13-14 OPEN STUDIOS
- 14 MOTHER'S DAY
- 14 LANDCARE TREES FOR MUM
- 14 DUNEIRA'S MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT
- 21 DUNEIRA'S MUSIC FOR A PRUSSIAN KING
- 26-10 JUNE MT PLAYERS, TRUE WEST
- 27 + 3 JUNE MRSC, MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
- 30 CORANDERRK, KTH

JUNE

- 10 ST MARY'S STREET STALL
- 10-12 WOODEND ART GROUP WINTER ART
- 12-15 WOODEND WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL
- 16 COMMUNITY LUNCH, WNH
- JULY
- AUGUST
- 1,8,15+22 MRSC, MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
- OCTOBER

Another great Good Friday collection

Once again, the Woodend, Newham and Heskett-Kerrie CFA Brigades conducted the annual Good Friday Collection for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal throughout the roads, streets and tracks of the area.

A very big thank you to all the CFA volunteers, family members and friends from the three brigades, around 70 in total, who volunteered to door knock.

A special thanks to everyone living in and visiting the Woodend, Newham, Heskett and Kerrie areas who donated so

generously, raising a near-record total of just over \$13,380 - including more than \$10,250 for Woodend, just over \$960 for Heskett-Kerrie and more than \$2,160 for Newham.

A special mention to the increasing numbers of families who were involved. The McKinnon clan which had ten members collecting in Woodend, and between them they raised over \$3,500. Other families included the Selby's \$750, Patterson-Lades: \$740, Callaghan's \$700, Prices' \$630, Wilson-Annan's \$475 and Bowen's \$450.

And a huge thank you to the Ladies of the Woodend CFA who ensured that all were well fed and

watered, and those who helped with sorting and counting on the day. And, special thanks to the team at the Commonwealth Bank in Woodend for the final money count.

Unfortunately, we were not able to cover every home, and many people were away for the Easter break and start of the School Holidays, so it you wish to still donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, donations are being accepted up to the end of April - please drop into the Woodend, Newham and Heskett-Kerrie CFA stations any Sunday morning.

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We were recently at a community meeting and were talking about

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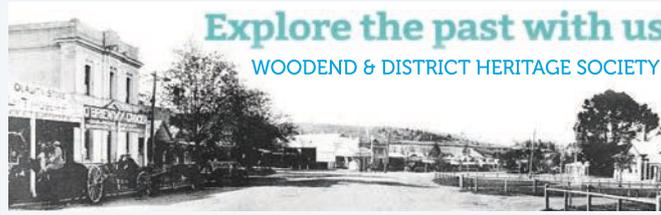
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by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau,
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Sylvia Boxshall, author of "Men at War", "They Went to War" and "Name, Rank and Number", has now provided us with an excellent and well-researched book on the early settlement of Woodend and the surrounding district.

Titled "Beyond the Black Forest" it covers the years 1824 to 1900, from the first Australians' encounters with explorers to the beginning of the 20th Century.

The book includes index, maps and photos and will retail at \$27.50. It will be available at the end of April at the Woodend & District Heritage Society on Wednesdays and at the Woodend Newsagency and the Visitor Information Centre.

We still have copies of Sylvia's previous works on those from the Woodend District who served in the Boer War, World War I and World War II so if you have family members who served in these conflicts you will find details of their service, a physical description and in many cases a photograph within these books.

We would remind you that our previous publications are now available at half price due to lack of storage and the need to make room for our newest books.

by Jannyse Williams

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L) Mary Galle looking bonny in her bonnet
R) Nash looking festive at the Easter Hat Parade



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