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- 1.....Repair Cafe, WNH
- !..... Farmers Market, Woodend
- 2..... Jazz at the RSL
- 7..... Hanging Rock Koala count
- 11.....Xmas with stories at the Library
- 12..... Author Ika Tampke, Library
- 14 - 15..... Mt Players Youth Theatre
- 14..... WNH Community Lunch @ RSL
- 15..... Walkabout @ Library
- 15..... Battle of the Bands
- 16..... Lions Sunday Market
- 16..... Xmas Roast Lunch RSL
- 16..... Rock n Roll at RSL
- 16..... Microbats at Hanging Rock
- 20..... Kynenton Ewe Sale
- 25 ..Free Xmas Lunch Kyneton Town Hall

— January —

- 1.....Neighbourhood house re-opens.
- 5..... Farmers Market
- 7. Young Voice Choir introductory session
- 20..... Lions Sunday Market
- 24..... MRSPAG 2019 Planning Meeting

— February —

- 2..... Farmers Market Woodend
- 7.....Young Voice Choir intro session

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October slightly above average with 69mm falling on 12 days

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 3.9 | 19.2 | 61.4 | 35.3 | 27.8 | 80.0 | 28,7 |
| February | 97.4 | 11.2 | 41.6 | 14.3 | 26.5 | 3.8 | 17.5 |
| March | 53.0 | 49.0 | 26.0 | 47.0 | 23.7 | 31.7 | 35.5 |
| April | 20.5 | 84.1 | 39.4 | 36.2 | 165.0 | 31.0 | 71.1 |
| May | 47.2 | 46.0 | 68.7 | 101.2 | 38.6 | 115.6 | 74.0 |
| June | 147.8 | 122.3 | 39.5 | 98.8 | 10.6 | 78.2 | 69.9 |
| July | 101.8 | 79.3 | 95.3 | 186.6 | 60.0 | 73.3 | 98.9 |
| August | 116.4 | 32.7 | 50.7 | 107.0 | 119.6 | 91.3 | 80.3 |
| September | 85.0 | 55.9 | 44.0 | 163.6 | 55.2 | 26.2 | 69.0 |
| October | 75.6 | 49.6 | 12.9 | 91.8 | 45.8 | 69.0 | 53.8 |
| November | 67.2 | 53.0 | 41.3 | 63.2 | 77.4 | 65.2 | 65.2 |
| December | 35.2 | 36.6 | 41.7 | 92.8 | 77.2 | 60.5 | 60.5 |
| Total mm | 851.0 | 627.7 | 479.5 | 1037.8 | 727.4 | 600.1 | 694.5 |

SUBMITTED BY PETER AND ANNE YATES



To the Woodend Community

Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the Armistice Day 1918 re-enactment, and also to the Dusk Service conducted on the evening before. These events respectfully paid tribute to the sacrifice and service of Woodend’s men and women in World War 1. We also captured the spirit of ‘rejoicing and thanksgiving’ that pervaded the township when the war was over.

We still have a few copies of the 1918 Woodend Star souvenir newspaper available – it’s a great read at \$2.

Thanks also to all members of the community who supported the Poppy Appeal, which locally raised in excess of \$5000 this year. All of the funds are applied to the welfare of veterans and their dependents.

We can also announce that we have received a grant from the Government of Victoria for further improvements to the RSL hall to make it even more suitable for members of both the RSL and the community. We will be erecting a low child-safe fence to enable the “little ones” to play safely while their parents relax, and we will be installing air-conditioning.

Poppies Bistro is open for dinner on Friday nights (Schnitzel Night) and on Sundays for a carvery roast luncheon. It is located at 32 Anslow St Woodend, and is fully licensed and child-friendly. All welcome. See www.poppies-bistro.org Bookings 5427 4447. We’d love to see you at our Christmas Roast luncheon Sunday 16th December – bookings essential.

SUBMITTED BY PETER WHITELAW, PRESIDENT, WOODEND RSL



Photo by Amy Humes, Midland Express.



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Armistice Day Centenary

Thank you to Peter Whitelaw from the Woodend RSL for coordinating the events over the weekend. Working with a number of organisations, and supported by Stephen Mahon, the Library staff appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the Centenary events.

The Library displays of poppies in many Woodend businesses, at the Wall of Remembrance and the clock tower were created from the 3000 poppies. These poppies were created by the Woodend community during the ANZAC Centenary. 1st Woodend Cub Scouts and Guides set up the display at the Wall of Remembrance, Woodend Rotary worked with the RSL and the Library to create the High Street displays.

The Woodend and District Heritage Society display at the Library has been viewed by many visitors and the Library worked to support the Dawn Service Committee. Joining in the march with the Red Cross was a Centenary highlight!

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New Mayor, Deputy Mayor elected

West Ward Councillor Janet Pearce was elected Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council at a Special Council Meeting in Gisborne last night.

South Ward Councillor Mandi Mees was appointed Deputy Mayor. Cr Pearce, who was appointed to Council in 2016, succeeds Cr Jennifer Anderson as Mayor.

Cr Anderson was Mayor for the first two years of the current Council's four-year term, in 2016-17 and 2017-18, and was also Mayor in 2014-15 during the previous Council's term.

Cr Pearce said she was honoured to be elected



and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

"Our Council is committed to working together as a team and delivering for our residents," Cr Pearce said.

"I've really enjoyed my first two years on Council, getting to know the community and meeting with residents.

"It's been a time of learning and listening. We've developed a Council Plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community, and implemented budgets

which deliver those essential projects and services.

"I thank Cr Anderson for all her hard work in the past two years, and look forward to building on this and working with Cr Mees and my fellow Councillors to continue to deliver on our Council Plan priorities."

Also at last night's meeting, Councillors reaffirmed their commitment to the Councillor Code of Conduct and appointed Councillor delegates to a range of internal and external committees.

For more information about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/Councillors Minutes for the meeting and a recording of the livestream will be available to download from mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE MANTON

MRSPAG 'New Year, New Actions'



Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group MRSPAG is opening its 2019 planning meeting to the community of the Macedon Ranges Shire. The planning meeting will take place at the Kyneton Town Hall, at 5pm on the 24th of January.

If you are passionate about the prevention of suicide in your local community and would like an opportunity to voice your opinion on what actions or changes you believe would make a difference, then we would love to have your input.

Contact info@mrspag.com.au or head to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MRSPAG/> for further updates closer to the date.

SUBMITTED BY EBONY TREWIN



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so very much for your ongoing patronage and support over the last few years.

As a result, there will be some very exciting upgrades occurring early in 2019!

Watch this space...

It is hard to believe another year has passed us by so quickly.

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Message from our councillor

By the time you read this article, hopefully the old Woodend squash courts are no more.



Congratulations to all those community members who asked Council to fund removing archives from the site and demolishing the building. What an eyesore it has been for such a long time.

The future of the site and the Community centre has been allocated \$50,000 through Council's budget master planning process, so look out for future consultation or funding opportunities to match council's contribution.

Thanks also to The New Woodend Star team who produced a special Woodend Star publication to recreate an edition from 100 years ago to commemorate Armistice Day. The RSL did a great job, and the community responded by dressing up in fashions of the day to mark the occasion, with bunting throughout the town, and a service held at the Wall of Remembrance the night before, followed by a second service at the RSL on the day.

A reminder of the koala count starting at 10am and the night walk at Hanging Rock on Friday 7th December and that Council, in conjunction with Cobaw Community Health are holding our 11th annual free Christmas Day lunch in Kyneton from 11:30 to 2pm.

Season's greetings and walk, cycle and drive safely,

SUBMITTED BY CR JENNIFER ANDERSON

Rising Racing Star



Woodend rising star, 13 year old Josh Noden has completed his first year in motorcycle road racing - and he looks like he's one to watch! Since taking on the sport early

in 2018 with Motorcycling Australia Junior Development Program, he has moved quickly through the ranks to successfully to obtain his race license, has earned endorsements, and is now riding in the 300cc class with senior riders.

This year, Josh has raced in Hartwell Road Racing Victorian Championship, earning 2nd place; Preston Victorian Road Race Championship, earning 3rd place; Mac Park South Australian Championship, with wins in his class; and has found time to race with ASBK GP juniors, putting him in a position to complete in the Supersport 300 Support Class to MotoGP at Phillip Island World Australian MotoGP. In this race he rode with a high level of consistency lap after lap, within 0.6 of a second at speeds over 200 kph. This standard is no easy feat.

Next year he plans to ride in both the Victorian State and the National Australian Super Bike championships with up to seven rounds in each. Looks like a very full year coming up! He has his mind set on the Asia Talent Cup try outs in Malaysia next October, and with a lot of hard work will have the opportunity to have a spot in the Asia Talent Cup 2020; with this he'll be one more step closer to his MotoGP dream.

Josh would like to thank his Mum and Dad, JBJ Builders, Braemar College, ADD Plumbing Woodend, Hi Tensile Engineering Sunbury, Sign Obsession Woodend, Holgate Brewhouse Woodend, California Superbike School, Mac Park race track and all the trainers and other riders that have helped guide him to live his dream.

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Macedon Ranges sees 12.9% rise in house prices

House prices in the Macedon Ranges climbed 12.9% in the 12 months to August 2018, the latest sales figures show. The median price for all dwellings in the region stands at \$627,000, with homes taking 31 days on average to sell. For units, the median price over the 12 months was \$413,500 (up 7.0%).

Peter Machell, from Mortgage Choice Bendigo & Macedon Ranges, said: "There has been strong, consistent growth over the past 5 years with median growth of over 40% across the Macedon Ranges region."

Macedon Ranges sales data

| | Median (houses) last 12 months | Days on market | Median (units) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Gisborne</u> | \$745,000 | <u>39</u> | \$502,500 |
| <u>Kyneton</u> | 507,500 | <u>34</u> | \$399,500 |
| <u>Lancefield</u> | \$450,000 | <u>29</u> | N/A |
| <u>Macedon</u> | \$815,000 | <u>32</u> | N/A |
| <u>Malmsbury</u> | \$455,000 | <u>67</u> | N/A |
| <u>New Gisborne</u> | \$638,750 | <u>34</u> | N/A |
| <u>Riddells Creek</u> | \$617,000 | <u>29</u> | N/A |

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Don't miss Battle of the Bands competition

Young musicians from regional Victoria will step onto the stage at Kyneton Town Hall in December to perform in the Push Start Battle of the Bands competition.

The Northern Country Battle of the Bands Regional Finals will be held on Saturday 15 December from 6pm, and will see bands, duos and solo artists from areas including Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine and the Macedon Ranges play music from a range of genres.

The night will feature performances from the following acts: Stop That Mammoth (Mt Alexander Shire); Crane (Macedon Ranges Shire); Tyler Ball (Sunraysia); The Wilsons (Hepburn Shire); Isabella Fortuna (City of Greater Bendigo); Meraki Minds (Ballarat City Council)

Triple j Unearthed High winner KIAN, from Castlemaine, is also set to play at the event. The event is a fully supervised, all-ages, drug, alcohol and tobacco-free event.

For more information visit Macedon Ranges Youth's Facebook page, or call 5422 0242.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

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Coles creates 68 local jobs at new Woodend Supermarket

An additional 89 team members relocated from the former Woodend store, which closed its doors on Tuesday, 27th November.

Store Manager Ben Ebell said he was overwhelmed by the positive feedback from the community since the store opened.

"We were thrilled to bring a brand new market-style supermarket to regional Victoria, which created so many new jobs in Woodend and has fantastic new store concepts like our open-style instore bakery with fresh flatbread made daily and a variety of delicious artisan style loaves by Laurent," he said.

"We're passionate about the community, and we will continue to support local causes with fundraising initiatives. With the warmer months around the corner, we will be donating food and drinks to the local CFA firefighters on total fire ban days throughout summer.

"We're also sponsoring the Woodend Heskett Football Netball Club, Rotary Club and Bowling Club."

Store features include an in-store bakery and butcher with a slice on request service, a large fresh produce area, and a continental deli with a self-serve olive bar and a large selection of local and international cheeses.

The store will introduce a Click&Collect service early next year allowing customers to shop online and pick up their groceries at the store where a Coles team member will deliver their groceries to their car boot.

Coles Woodend is located on 61 High Street and will open from 7am to 10pm.

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT WILSON

Share a feast this Christmas Day at Kyneton Town Hall

Council is inviting shire residents who might otherwise be alone over the festive period to share Christmas Day with others, enjoying a delicious, free lunch at Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 25 December.

Now in its eleventh year, this free event brings together community members to share an afternoon of food, company and entertainment.

The lunch will take place on Tuesday 25 December from 11.30am to 2pm, at Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street in Kyneton. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 1300 888 802 or via email on khtickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/events or call 1300 888 802.

SUBMITTED BY ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

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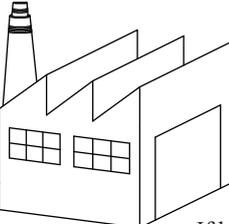
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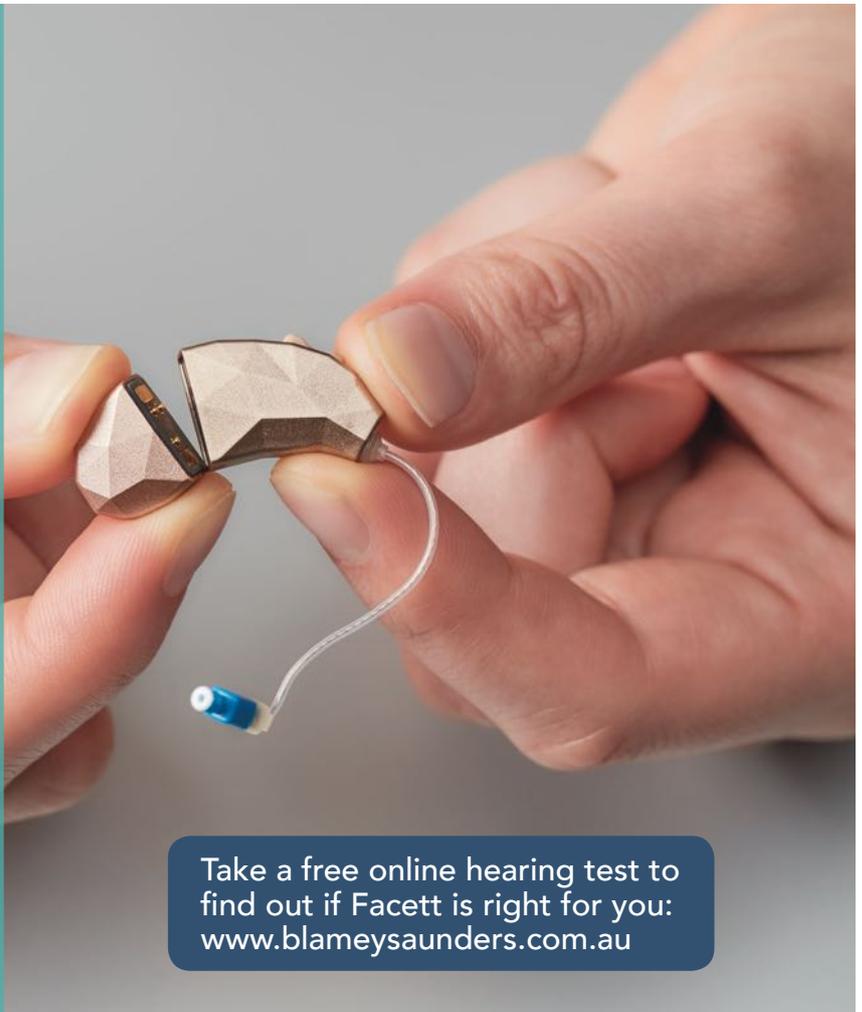


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'Three to five professional lessons within the first months of learning will establish good techniques and promote calm confidence,' says Robyn.

'As the learner clocks up more hours behind the wheel, it's important to revisit the professional instructor regularly - to ensure that the learner hasn't slipped into bad habits, and to master advanced skills, like parking or city driving.'

Robyn provides customised lessons for beginners to advanced learners of all ages, in a dual-control manual car.

'I'm passionate about teaching defensive driving, so we can all share the roads safely, efficiently and courteously,' she says.

'I prefer to include a supervising driver - usually a parent - in some lessons, so that they understand where improvements can be made and how to provide clear instructions and effective practice drills to support their learner.'

'With regular 'check-ups' from a professional instructor and plenty of practice with a well-informed supervisor, the learner should sail through their licence test.'

Robyn offers a Christmas discount - a great gift for a teen: \$270 for five 1-hour lessons, if paid for before 25 December.

More information: learntodrivewoodend.com

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN ZUMSTEIN



Environment events at Hanging Rock Reserve

Fascinated by wildlife? Love spending time outdoors? Macedon Ranges Shire Council has two free environment events on offer in December aimed to get you exploring our stunning natural reserve, Hanging Rock.

Be a citizen scientist during Hanging Rock koala count

They're considered icons of the Australian bush, yet the humble koala faces significant threats. Locally, koalas are under pressure from issues like the loss of habitat and predators such as dogs.

Come along to the Hanging Rock Koala Count at Hanging Rock on Friday 7 December at 10am and get involved in this unique citizen science survey aimed at finding out more about the reserve's koala population.

Go batty at Hanging Rock

Pack a picnic and come to Hanging Rock Reserve on Sunday 16 December from 7.30pm to get up close with microbats.

Referred to as 'insect terminators', microbats play a major role in controlling pests, and assisting with pollination. They can even help spread seeds.

Bring a picnic and be part of a discussion with bat specialist and naturalist John Harris, then join us to release bats captured in the program.

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SUBMITTED BY CHANTEL GILBERT BLUEGUM ELECTRICS

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Yes, it really is that close to Christmas! Our seasonal goodies stall was held on November 24. Our Trauma Teddies are a small part of the international effort to help those in need (certainly not the ted cuddler pictured), but they do a wonderful job of bringing comfort to the distressed and needy.

We meet at the Woodend Bowls Club on the first Thursday each month at 1.30pm (except January). Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to join us for a chat and a cuppa. Come and check us out!

As for our snuggly teds, we are always looking for knitters and wool or acrylic donations (8 ply non-fluffy). The need for them is, sadly, increasing, so we are very grateful for any assistance. Wool can be dropped at lovely Mort & Pestle in the shopping centre, and patterns are available from me (as below) with heartfelt appreciation. Trauma Teddies are quite simple to make, but they are so valued.



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Young Voices

Young Voices of Macedon is a small but growing community choir for children from the age of 6. It is led by founding director Dianne Gome, conductors Elizabeth Teed and Andrew Price, and accompanist Cathy Hutchinson, and is supported by a committee of parents. The choir, which rehearses on Thursday afternoons during term time at the Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend, has two groups. The Vivo group comprises children under nine years and receives expert tuition in basic skills, while enjoying games and attractive repertoire. The Cantabile group of older children takes on challenging repertoire with an emphasis on part singing and the classical tradition. There are also occasions when the two groups combine in a single choir.

Each year the choir performs at a choral festival at Montsalvat, at occasional church services (by invitation) and community events, and at its annual concert. It has collaborated on several occasions with the Bendigo Youth Choir and the Resonance String

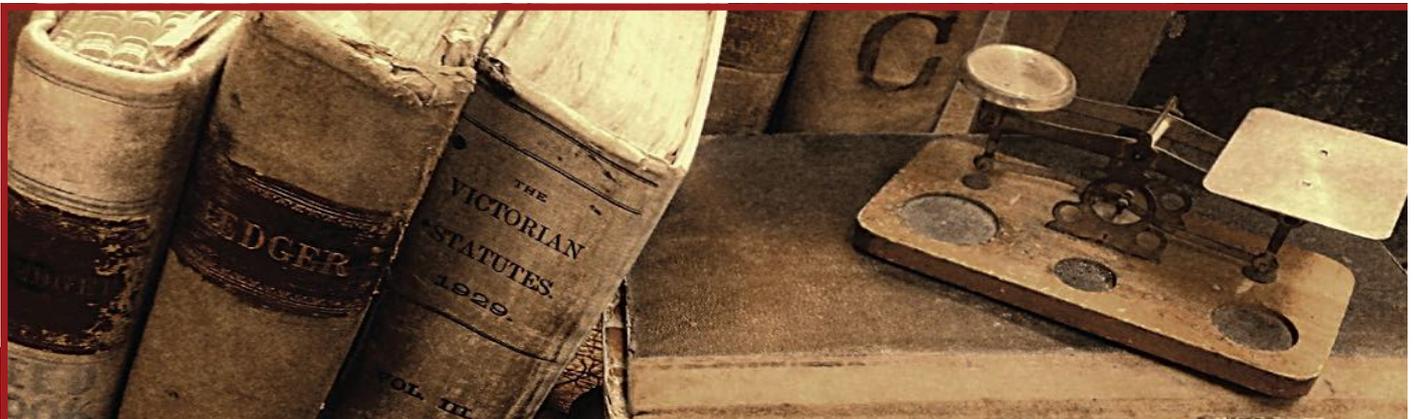
Orchestra. This year's concert, held recently at the Church of the Resurrection in Macedon, featured music from the theatre: opera, musicals and movies, a highlight being the cantata Jonah Man Jazz. Yet another thrill for the choir this year was an invitation to sing with Athol Guy and Friends in a concert of Seekers songs.

New members will be welcome on Thursday 7 February at an introductory session prior to the first rehearsal on 14 February. For further information see yvmacedon.org.au, our Facebook page at facebook.com/YVMacedon or email sdggome@patash.com.au.

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW PRICE



Photo caption: Young Voices Conductor Andrew Price leads the Cantabiles at our recent concert



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The committee was established in 2014 and provides strategic input and advice on a wide range of Council programs and services. The committee is made up of 12 community representatives and three Councillors, with eligible nominees required to live or work in the Macedon Ranges Shire, be actively involved in the community and have a good understanding of local and regional issues.

The committee meets quarterly, and the newly-appointed community members will serve for a three-year term.

Information session

Council is holding an information evening on Wednesday 12 December from 6pm to 7pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre. The session will provide an overview of the committee's role and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

To submit an expression of interest, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/health-wellbeing-committee or pick up an information sheet from a Council Service Centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey or Woodend and submit your application before 5pm on Wednesday 19 December. For information or assistance, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/health-wellbeing-committee or call 5422 0333.

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Looking ahead to 2019

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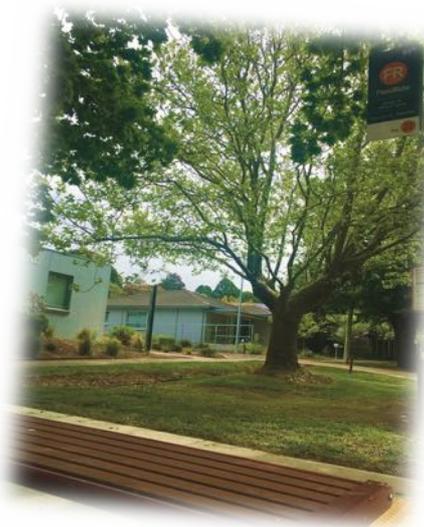


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Patrick Eckle's Wine review

As we lead into Christmas we are beginning to get an indication of what vintage 2019 is going to bring. The vines of the Macedon Ranges are a sea of green with little berries formed and the vagaries of summer heat and autumn rain to navigate before harvest in March - May. The two wines reviewed have a summer feel; the first is an aromatic Gewürztraminer from Midhill Vineyard, and the second the inaugural sparkling release from Botanica Estate.

2014 Midhill Vineyard Gewürztraminer

Gewurtztraminer is often drunk young, but this cool climate example shows what it is capable of with a little bit of age. The nose enjoys musk with some candied tropical fruits, namely lychee. There is fruit sweetness against a backdrop of bone dry, almost slate like acidity; citrus zest, bitter orange and cumquat give length and savoury texture. A wine that has definitely lost some of its primary fruits but developed into a very interesting drink with age.

Rating: 91 | Price: \$30 | When to Drink: 2018 - 2020

2014 Botanica Estate Tullis Premium Brut

Botanica Estate is a relatively new producer in the Macedon Ranges, but is already making an impact with its focus on the cool climate varieties of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The 2014 Tullis Premium Brut is made in a style more akin to Louis Roederer and sits on more of the oxidative than reductive side of the sparkling wine spectrum.

The wine itself is a light yellow with a fine bead and a nose of citrus zest that is interwoven by creamy stone fruits. There is a clotted cream backdrop to the palate that gives fullness and contrast to driving citrus fruits, before worked white peach characters give depth and class to finish.

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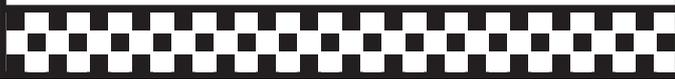
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The water supply for other Macedon Ranges towns remain unchanged. Romsey and Lancefield will continue to source their water from local supplies, which includes bore and reservoir water. Woodend's water is sourced from local reservoirs.

Western Water's General Manager, Customer, Community Relations and Operations, Graham Holt, said customers "may notice a slight change in the taste of their water.

"This is quite normal, as we are switching from one supply source to another. The drinking water we supply is high quality, safe and meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines," he said.

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SUBMITTED BY JODY TAKOS

How are you feeling about the Christmas Season nearly upon us?

For so many, Christmas is a time of celebration and catching up with family and friends, but for some of us, we can be approaching it with mixed emotions. When someone we love will not be here to celebrate Christmas, feeling the 'Christmas Spirit' may feel impossible and all of a sudden, those decorations, music and reminders are everywhere!

If you are facing Christmas without someone you love, sometimes it can help to acknowledge how you are feeling and to do something that honours and remembers them in a special way, rather than avoid it all together. We often feel we have to put on that 'brave face' so it looks like we're 'ok', yet often there are family and friends who are feeling that way too, and would appreciate the opportunity to share something special, in memory of someone much loved.

Perhaps you or your family could organise something to do or share together, maybe even start a new Christmas tradition.

There are many ways to do this and if you would like some suggestions please call in to T J Scott & Son Funeral Directors at 5 Piper Street Kyneton or 6/50 Aitken Street Gisborne for a little gift bookmark with 'Ways to Remember Those We Love at Christmas.'

SUBMITTED BY KELLY SCOTT



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To access Council's free green waste disposal service, you must be a ratepayer or tenant within Macedon Ranges Shire and must provide evidence of residence such as an original rates notice or driver's license.

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Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

There are plenty of changes presently taking place in the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group. Ms Claire Rowland, who has a background in international development, is responsible for the Vegetarian action group. This is a group that is open to anyone who wishes to explore fun, creative ways to reduce the amount of meat in their diet, including vegetarians, flexitarians, vegans, pescatarians, and omnivores.

Ms Lisa Richards, with a background in Events and Volunteer Management, leads the Waste action group with a slogan, "Refuse, Reduce, Re-educate, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, and Rot," to minimise the amount of waste that ends up in landfill. She is focusing on the monthly Woodend Farmers' Markets and the annual Sustainable Living Festival to become models of waste-free events. There are other campaigns and actions planned for 2019.

Mr Peter Lane is assuming Vice-Presidential duties and will also be focusing on developing partnerships and co-operative ventures between MRSNG and councils, government bodies, and local businesses. Peter will be applying his more than 20 years of career experience in government infrastructure and public/private partnerships to this new focus.

Incoming president, Dr David Gormley-O'Brien, is very excited about where MRSNG is heading, "We have around 400 members in twelve action groups ranging from bee-keeping to large-scale renewable energy projects. We are very diverse, with a wide range of ages, politics, social, and educational backgrounds, who all share two ideas in common: First, that something needs to be done now to address climate change and pollution; and second, that we can have fun in doing this and enjoy being part of a large friendly community in the beautiful Macedon Ranges."

For more information see mrsng.org.au



Photo (DSC_0107.JPG) taken at Woodend Permaculture Garden on 12th November 2018: New portfolio holders (L to R): Peter Lane (Vice-President), Claire Rowland (Leader-Vegetarian action group), Lisa Richards (Leader-Waste action group), and David Gormley-O'Brien (President)

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The photo features principal sponsor Gordon Cope-Williams, of the Cope-Williams Art Foundation, with member Leianne Ivankovic's homage to the ever-glorious grevillea.

This year's judge, John Walsh, awarded First Prize of \$400 to Richard Chamerski for his oil painting "Dusk - Williamstown"; Second Prize of \$150 to Amanda Aish for her oil and gold, "Leda and the Swan"; and Third Prize of \$150 to Leianne Ivankovic, for her acrylic "Cockatoo".



The fascinating display of works covered a number of broad pictorial skills, embracing impressionism, realism, abstraction, watercolour, printmaking, encaustic, drawing, sculpture and more.

The show was a wonderful artistic and financial success, much to the delight of its artists and audience alike.

Information on classes and workshops can be found on the website: www.woodendartgroup.org.au.

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL BERRY



Rotary marks another successful year.

The Rotary Club of Woodend has finished the year with a flurry of local activity. One of the highlights of the year is always the Halloween Party in the Children's Park. This year also marked the 10th Anniversary of the Park. There was a great community turnout with hundreds of children and adults in fancy dress. A good time was had by all, with some suitably 'spooky' music pumping out from the PA. Rotary members entered into the swing of the event, dressing up to serve hundreds of snags and soft drinks

Many thanks to the numerous sponsors who make it all happen, including Fairhurst Conveyancing, Black Forest Meats, Coles, Blackbird Cakes and to the local Scouts who helped with set up and supplied the tables and bbqs. While the Children's Party is a free community event, we would like to thank all those who made a donation to cover the event.



Photo by Hubert Weisrock - Halloween 2018

Following hard on the heels of the Party, we were pleased to lend a hand at the Armistice Day celebrations. An inspiring replica of the 1918 Woodend Star was produced to commemorate the occasion. Many thanks to RSL president Peter Whitelaw and Rotary member Kai Saldaneri for their research on the project, and a big thanks to Rotary member Josephine Falzarano for the design and production. Full of articles from the time, the edition gives a great snapshot of life in the Shire and highlights the impact the Great War had on all aspects of our community. If you didn't get a copy on the day, please contact the Woodend RSL

The Rotary Club's final meeting for the year is on the 6th December at 6:45pm, at the Vic Hotel in Woodend.



Photo by Hubert Weisrock - Celebrating Halloween and The Children's Park Anniversary with cakes created and donated by Sharon of Blackbird Cakes, Woodend.

We're coming to the end of another year but we're already preparing for the next! Our brochure for term 1, 2019 is hot off the press and is included in this edition of the New Woodend Star. Phone us, visit us or book in online. We're open 9am-3pm Mon-Fri until Friday 21 December. We'll reopen again on Monday 21 January after we all take a little break.

The Woodend Repair Café will be open again on Farmers' Market Day, Saturday 1 December, from 10am to 1pm. Bring in your broken wares and our volunteer repairers will have a go at fixing them - a full list of the skills and services on offer are listed each month at www.woodendnnh.org.au/repair-cafe. Also, if you would like to join the team, give us a call or fill out your details on the webpage.

The last Community Lunch for the year will be on Friday 14 December, 12pm at Woodend RSL in Anslow Street. Bookings are essential - call 5427 1845 to book a seat or two!

We're seeking a new Coordinator for 2019, please email reception@woodendnh.org.au for more information.

Finally, a very big thank you to everyone for helping to make 2018 a great year for Woodend Neighbourhood House, we're looking forward to seeing you again in 2019

Legal Training for Woodend Not for Profit Organisations

At the recent Macedon Ranges Community Funding Scheme presentation night, Woodend Neighbourhood House was awarded \$3000 toward the cost of staging legal training for the six Neighbourhood Houses in the Macedon Ranges, and for Not for Profit Organisations in Woodend. We are pleased to announce that Justice Connect, who specialise in legal training for NFP Organisations, will conduct 2 x 3 hour sessions at the House on Saturday, February 16th, 2019. The program has been particularly designed for Committee of Governance Members and is also suitable for senior employees where applicable.

Training will focus on two key areas:

- Volunteers & the Law
- Governing a Community Organisation

Training will be conducted by a lawyer from Justice Connect with significant experience in delivering training to community organisations in these two areas.

Participants can attend one or both sessions. Lunch will be provided for those wishing to attend for the full day. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.

Detailed information about course content is available from the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

Registration fee will apply

Places are limited so if you are interested in attending register your organisation's name and contact details with reception@woodendnh.org.au You will be contacted in the new year to confirm attendance.

SUBMITTED BY GLENDA FISHER, SECRETARY

Woodend Library

Thank you to all our Volunteers:

Throughout the year at Woodend Library we are very lucky to have so many people in the community volunteer their time to help us. Putting books away, selecting reservations, maintaining displays and many other tasks are performed by our volunteers and all of their help is greatly appreciated. We would not be able to run the service we do without their help. It is wonderful to work with such enthusiastic members of the community who really care about contributing to the library service. Thank you all!

Programs for December and January

Children's Xmas Storytime: The last Children's Story-times will be held during the week of Tuesday 11th of December. Come along dressed in your most festive gear on Tuesday 11th December at 10 am to celebrate Christmas with stories, songs and dance with the Christmas Elf. Candy the little Christmas Elf is very special, she juggles and loves music. Today she has been given special leave by Santa to come out from the workshop... the Christmas Carols have gone missing!!! Help Candy track them

down and become part of the newest Christmas band in town.

Author Talk Ilka Tampke Songwoman:

Join Woodend-based author Ilka Tampke as she discusses the inspiration behind her latest novel. Songwoman is a gripping and immersive exploration of the Roman invasion of indigenous Britain, with thematic resonances in our history of colonisation.

Book sales and signings. Wednesday 12 December 6:30- 7:30pm

Summer program:

Our summer program is available. Summer Reading Club theme is CURIOUS CREATURES. From real creatures to the imagined, actual to mythological, microscopic to megafauna, and Australia's marvellous marsupials to all the classification of Animalia in between, this summer children and young people will be encouraged to explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures.

Bookin for School holiday program events including Wildlife Gone Walkabout. Meet creatures both cute and curious in a close up encounter with Australian wildlife from Wildlife Gone Walkabout! Touch, hold and learn all about the wonders of our scaly, furry and slimy

backyard friends. Ages 4-12 years. Tuesday 15 January 11-12pm.

Bookings for all programs via the website www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Being eSmart tip for December:

Fortnite - what is it? Fortnite is the new hugely popular online game being played by young people and adults. For those of us who are not sure how it works, whether it is safe for kids, and what the benefits of online game playing might be, here are some links to articles:

<https://www.common-sensedia.org>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>



The Libraries Change Lives initiative was launched on Thursday 8 November at Castlemaine Library to highlight the economic and social benefits public libraries bring to the state, and to our region. Drop in, share your own story and help us continue the conversation about the important role public libraries play in our communities.

Elibrary for kids

Animalia is an interactive digital program which takes the magic of Graeme Base's



book into new and exciting areas of learning. The program includes engaging digital read-throughs and levelled activities, games and puzzles focusing on literacy and language for children aged 5-12.

Christmas and New Year hours:

Woodend library will close 5pm Friday 21st and reopen Wednesday 2nd January. Gisborne and Kyneton libraries will be open between Christmas and New Year with reduced hours. See our website for details. www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/libraries



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Woodend Library! We look forward to another busy year in 2019.

SUBMITTED BY LULU COCKRAN AND MANDY MCFARLANE

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Volunteers wanted for 2019

Woodend Neighbourhood House is a very successful vibrant, caring community organisation that uses volunteers to support the Committee and Staff in the implementation of its many and varied programs. It is looking to expand its proactive group of volunteers in 2019. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Woodend Neighbourhood House in 2019 please contact Patrick in Reception on 5427 1845 or email reception@woodendnh.org.au during normal business hours Monday to Friday and leave your details. We will contact you in the New Year.

The Woodend outdoor pool 2018/19 summer:

Monday-Friday (during school terms)

- 26 degrees and above: 3.30pm-6pm (possible extension of hours past 6pm dependent upon patronage and weather conditions)

- Under 26 degrees: closed

Monday-Friday (during school holidays) and weekends

- 26 degrees and above: 12noon-6pm (possible extension of hours past 6pm dependent upon patronage and weather conditions)

- Under 26 degrees: closed

Pool opening hours are determined according to Bureau of Meteorology temperature forecasts for Kyneton at 4.30pm the day prior.

Council's outdoor pools and indoor aquatic centres will be closed on Christmas Day.

For more information about our review, pool opening hours and fees, family passes and season tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/outdoor-pools or call 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

Kyneton's ewe sale set for December

Thousands of sheep are set to go under the hammer at Kyneton Saleyards next month during the Annual First Cross Ewe Sale.

The highly anticipated event, being held at Kyneton Saleyards on Thursday 20 December at 12pm, brings together sellers from the Macedon Ranges and neighbouring shires. Up to five thousand head of sheep will be sold - in line with last year's annual sale held in January, which equated to more than \$1 million dollars in sales.

Council is reminding motorists that there will be a significant increase in traffic around the saleyards.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/saleyards or call 5422 0333.

SUBMITTED ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

Display stands available

from Macedon Ranges Art TrailBookings can be made through Woodend Neighbourhood House on 5427 1845, or by contacting Nadine 0439 399 838.

St Mary's Anglican Church



December is a busy time at St Mary's as we lead up to and celebrate Christmas.

You are welcome to come along to any or all of our services:

December 16th at 11am – Come along and meet our Bishop Matt as he visits with us for the morning.

December 21st at 6.30pm – Community Carols in the Garden. Bring your picnic rug and your best singing voice and come along to this popular event.

December 22nd at 6.30pm – Blue Christmas Service. If you have lost someone special this year (or in years past) and you're finding it hard to celebrate, come along to our Blue Service where we can share some quiet time together and give thanks for our loved ones who are not with us.

December 24th at 6.00pm – Crib Service. Bring the kids along and help to set up the nativity scene in the church, sing some carols, and share some prayers nice and early so everyone can get home in time for 'you-know-who'.

December 24th at 10.00pm – 'Not Quite Midnight Mass'. Our traditional way to bring in Christmas Day and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Prayer, singing, and communion.

December 25th at 11am – Christmas Morning! Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

December 26th.... Reverend Mel sleeps in

If you have any queries about these or any of our other services throughout the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch. 0411 722 718



Everyone is Welcome at St Mary's.

SUBMITTED BY REVEREND MELISSA CLARKE

Woodend warblers

The local choir meets every Wednesday 7.30 pm at St Andrew's Church in Forest Street, Woodend. \$10 per session.



If you have questions about the Choir contact the Creative Director Andrew on 0419 604 444 or just come.

Volunteers needed by the Heritage Society

If you can spare time to help us please feel free to come in to the Old Woodend Courthouse in Forest Street. We are

Knit & Natter

Knit & Natter meets 11 am on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Norma Richardson Hall.

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BYO lunch. Enquiries to Carol Barker ph. 5427 2669



A Busy December for the Players

A busy month coming up for The Mount Players with 2 separate shows and of course the members' Christmas break up.

Hard to believe another year has passed us by!

First up, we welcome a visiting theatre group from Castlemaine, Moonlight Theatre Company, who will present an armchair theatre production of a hilarious comedy, *The Wrong Box*, a play for radio directed and adapted by John Rowland. Set in Victorian London, this dark farce involves two brothers, each of whom stands to inherit a fortune, so long as the other dies first. Living right next door to each other, they have not spoken for forty years but now aging, frail and close to death, the race is on. Enter the families. Two scheming brothers, two star crossed lovers. There is also a corpse, a corrupt doctor, a box, a statue, a bag of money, and a butler who actually didn't do it. But then it starts to get complicated. Join the ride, even if it is on a hearse, and laugh all the way to the cemetery. *The Wrong Box*...It's a comedy to die for!

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 December at 7:30 PM and Sat Matinee at 2.00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from Maine Shoes, 174 Barker St, Castlemaine, or via Trybooking.com/YTNI.

Then on 14, 15 and 16 December, The Mount Players Youth Theatre presents a retelling of Mark Twain's *The Pauper Princess* by Holly Beardsley. Youth Theatre members aged from 10 - 18 years old will be involved. The Youth production is always a wonderful way to see our future stars strutting their talent, and a memorable way for a family to come along and be thoroughly entertained.

Tickets are via our website or call 5426 1892 with enquiries.

Once again, we would like to thank our valued sponsors throughout 2018, The Bendigo Bank in Gisborne, David & Leanne Cashmore at Office Choice in Gisborne, Snapshot Photos Gisborne, Gisborne Flower Shoppe and Bradleys Curtains in Woodend. A huge thank you & season's greetings go out to our members, subscribers and patrons who make up our theatrical family.

If you would like to become a member and be part of something special, we invite you to go to our website and follow the prompts...we would love to have you! For full details of both of the above shows and much, much more go to www.themountplayers.com

**From everyone at The Mount Players -
'Break A Leg' & 'Chookas' for the Christmas Season.
See you at the theatre!**

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

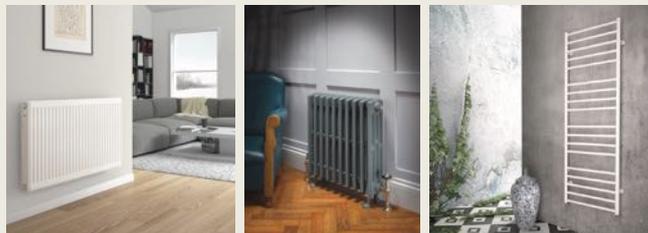


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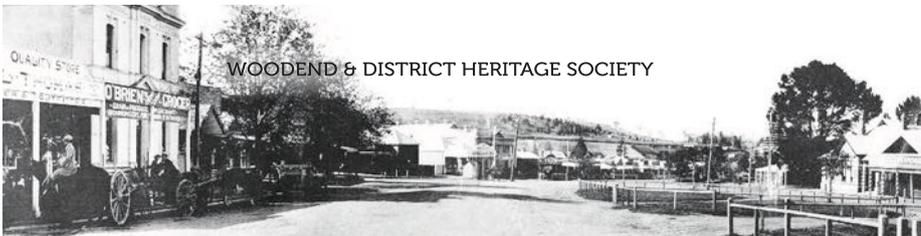
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WOODEND & DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY

Municipal Statistics

The Woodend & District Heritage Society holds many papers, documents and photos and it is interesting to note the statistics for this district for the end of September 1946.

Remember this was a time when service men and women were slowly returning to their homes and families to pick up the pieces of their interrupted lives. Women who had taken up jobs and positions normally filled by men were being forced back to being housewives. Many now found themselves being eased out or demoted to give positions back to men who had gone to war for their country and now needed to earn a living and support themselves and their families.

Of course, a woman who married lost her job in the majority of employments and was expected to be satisfied with her supporting role in the family dynamic. Women who had realised their mental and physical abilities in the absence of the majority of men aged 18 to 45 years old, now felt undervalued after six years of being an important part of the workforce, and thus the seeds of feminism were sown.

Children were suddenly faced with a father who had been absent for a large part of their early life, or in the case of older children, a person barely remembered apart from a photograph.

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STATE OF VICTORIA
Form for Municipal Statistics as required under the Statistics Act 1928
(Approved by the Governor in Council)

This form should be completed and returned to the Government Statist, Queen Street, Melbourne, not later than the 1st February, 1947.

Name of Municipal District *Shire of Heathcote & Woodend*

Particulars for year ended 30th September, 1946

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amount of Rate levied in the £— | Valuation of Rateable Property— |
| Differential General (specify subdivisions) | Net Annual Value* |
| General <i>Mildredings 2/-</i> | Capital Improved Value |
| Extra (specify subdivisions) | Unimproved Capital Value |
| Separate | *Including net Annual Value of Special Rateable Property, £ |
| Country Roads Act | (Applicable to a municipality rating on Unimproved Values). |
| Water (made under Local Government Act or under Section 168 of Water Act) | |
| Sanitary | |
| Sanitary Charge per annum | |

Particulars for year ended 30th September, 1946

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Area (in acres) | 58,240 |
| Number of Properties Rated | 1018 |
| Number of Distinct Ratepayers | 669 |
| Number of Councillors | 12 |
| Estimated Population of municipality at 30th September, 1946 | 2,100 |
| Number of Habitable Dwellings* in municipality at 30th September, 1946— | 581 |
| Occupied | |
| Unoccupied | |
| Being Built | |
| Number of New Dwellings* erected during the year ended 30th September, 1946 | 2 |
| Number of Dwellings* | |
| *Dismantled or otherwise destroyed during the year ended 30th September, 1946. | |
| *Each flat or portion of a building let for residential purposes should be counted as a separate dwelling. | |

Length of Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways) at 30th September, 1946

| Classification | Total Length, including Roads and streets commencing, terminating, or crossing boundaries between Municipalities | Total Length of Boundary Roads and Streets |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | miles | miles |
| Wood or Stone | | |
| Portland Cement Concrete | | |
| Asphaltic Concrete and Sheet Asphalt | | |
| Tar or Bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements | 5 | |
| Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements | 80 | 20 |
| Formed but not otherwise paved | 30 | |
| Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic | 25 | |
| Total | 140 | 20 |

N.B.—A copy of the Statement of Accounts should be forwarded immediately after publication.

Signed *[Signature]* Town Clerk Shire Secretary, Date *21/5/47*

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Many of those returning soldiers suffered from undiagnosed post-traumatic stress, quite apart from injuries and illness. A long period of adjustment followed for all concerned, with some unable to cope with depression, and suicide and family violence were largely hidden and unspoken.

Back in 1946, the document shows there was an estimated population of 2,100 in the district, with 669 ratepayers living in 581 habitable properties. There were 5 (8km) miles of sealed road, 80 miles (129 km) of other surfaced roads and 30 miles (48 km) of formed but not otherwise paved roads.

SUBMITTED BY JANNYSE WILLIAMS

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The fire danger period is now in force!

As an indication to the fire season ahead of us, the Fire Danger Period is being enforced in the Macedon Ranges much earlier than in recent years. Residents

are urged to be fire ready as restrictions in the Macedon Ranges started on Monday 12 November.

In recent years, restrictions have started in mid or late December, so the earlier start this year serves as a reminder of what awaits all Victorians this summer.

People ask me if it is going to be a bad fire season this year. My answer is that in the Macedon Ranges it will always be a bad fire season, it just depends how bad! Grassland curing mapping has shown that the Macedon Ranges will be much drier much earlier this year. Also, our inspections of nearby forests show that the undergrowth is extremely dry.

The Fire Danger Period is an ongoing restriction that bans people burning off at all times, unless they have a permit. This year, the period started on Monday November 12 and is planned to run until the end of April, unless cancelled earlier.

Under fire restrictions, a permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth or weeds. This permit is issued by the shire Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. However, you are still allowed to operate machinery and undertake some other activities.

Total Fire Bans are individual days of extreme weather conditions, where all burning is illegal, and serious restrictions are placed on the operating of machinery. The CFA has an excellent publication called CAN I, CAN'T I? which clearly spells out the distinctions between the two. You can get one from your local CFA fire station or download a copy from the CFA website.

The CFA and Victoria Police have a Zero Tolerance policy for both the Fire Danger period and Total Fire Ban days. Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can result in a court appearance and a heavy fine or even up to 12 months imprisonment.

All planned burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511.

See you at the Woodend Farmer's Market

The Woodend CFA will be organising a special display at the Woodend Farmer's Market on Saturday, January 5 and February 2. Members of the Brigade will be there if you need information or have any questions, and we'll also have lots of free brochures and reference material ... as well as free give-aways for the kids. Please drop by and say hi, or you can drop into the Woodend CFA any Sunday morning.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. or visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

The Woodend CFA is 100% volunteer emergency service. If you are interested in joining the other great CFA volunteers in the Woodend community, please get in touch.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



NEW HEAVY TANKER FOR WOODEND FIRE BRIGADE

A new heavy tanker will respond to fires and other emergencies in Woodend and surrounding areas, providing a major boost to firefighting services to the region.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, officially handed over the new tanker to Woodend Fire Brigade members.

The appliance cost \$420,000 and has been funded through the CFA's Planned Vehicle Replacement Program.

These vehicles have a number of benefits, including:

- pump controls in the cabin, deck and rear of the pumper
- capacity to transport five crew members
- a bullbar-mounted electric monitor
- key safety features, including an internal roll cage and 750 litres of water for crew protection.

The Woodend Fire Brigade has received 94 callouts this year, with attention now turning to the approaching fire season.

SUBMITTED BY LIAM COVENTRY-POOLE

Pick up your copy of ShireLife and be prepared this summer

Get the latest on how you can prepare for emergencies in our summer emergency pull-out in the November issue of ShireLife.

The November issue of our free resident newsletter was delivered to households in late-November, and includes a handy pull-out guide to the following:

- Bushfire survival plans
- Neighbourhood Safer Places-Places of Last Resort
- Emergency relief centres
- Packing an emergency kit
- Channels for emergency information
- Emergency recovery centres.

For more information on preparing for emergencies, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-ready or cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

You can also read November's ShireLife online, at mrsc.vic.gov.au/newsletters

SUBMITTED ANNE-MARIE MIDDLEMAST

Woodend Bowls Battle means business!

On a cool and clear Woodend evening, local businesses and organisations gathered at the Woodend Bowling Club for a Bowls Battle under lights. Teams from the Brooke Street Medical Centre, Chinka Steel Solicitors, Dads Group, New Aged Care, Woodend Dental Clinic, Woodend Landcare and the Woodend Warblers started at dusk and began a four-game rotation to see which two teams would then contest the Grand Final.

All were fed with a sausage sizzle on the night, and enjoyed a refreshing beverage at Crackerjack bowling club prices. Thanks to bowling club members for setting up the rinks, cooking the BBQ, running the bar, assisting with coaching and then packing up.

The lights went on for the final few games, which added a real atmosphere to the contest. There were three teams who had won three of their four games, with Brooke Street just missing out. The Grand Final was then contested over two ends by the teams from Chinka Steel and Woodend Dental 1, with the latter team of Nick Matricardi, Lucinda Watson, Mariam Demian and Mike Abdelmalek came out the victors, in front of a proud Dental Clinic owner Dr Tynan Corbett.



On behalf of the Woodend Bowling Club, we thank all teams for competing and those who made the final. It was a great community event that is sure to be repeated next year!

Book now for barefoot bowls or your Christmas function

Last year we had a very successful summer season of Barefoot Bowls. Several local clubs and businesses also incorporated this into their Christmas Parties. Social/Barefoot Bowls is available all year round at the Woodend Bowling Club, but is obviously more fun and enjoyable in the warmer months.

You can book it for a night of fun, a great party, work Christmas party, fund-raising and so much more. We can provide all the bowls you will need, and can also organise catering, or you can use our kitchen. We have a well-stocked fully licensed bar which can be opened with people to serve you, and you pay our very reasonable Crackerjack bowls club prices.

For more information, please visit our website at www.woodendbowlsclub.weebly.com. You can also follow us on Facebook.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, PRESIDENT WOODEND BOWLING CLUB INC.

PÉTANQUE at THE ROCK



Join us for a game of Social Boules. Thursday evenings 5:00 till 8:00 pm, October till April at Hanging Rock.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PÉTANQUE CLUB

All welcome! Easy to play! Boules supplied and BBQ Helen Cottew. secretary@petanqueattherock.com.au

Pétanque club - Double Achievement “

State and National Recognition for David Shaw, a member of Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club.

David recently passed the exam to become a National Umpire in Pétanque. He is one of only 10 National Umpires currently officiating in Australia, having progressed through examinations and experience reaching the levels of Club, State and now National Umpire.

David was also recently appointed the State Director of Umpiring for Victoria by the Pétanque Federation of Australia, taking over from Danny Green of Mt Macedon Pétanque Club, who held this position for six years.

An active member of Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club for nine years, David is a Past President, and currently holds the position of Club Secretary.

On behalf of the Club: congratulations David on these two major achievements - good luck and good Umpiring!”



SUBMITTED BY HELEN COTTEW, PRESIDENT, WOODEND HANGING ROCK PÉTANQUE CLUB.

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Applied Learning – what, why and how?

The concept of applied learning has been utilised in education for many years. In general, the term refers to 'hands on' or practical learning activities, but broader principles underpinning the applied learning approach relate to connecting the skills learnt in the classroom to 'real world' workplace experiences. Applied learning also reflects the students' personal strengths, interests and goals, taking into account preferred learning styles and individual differences.

Applied learning gains further value when it involves partnerships and connections with the local community – providing the necessary out-of-school experience for students to understand and associate the relevance of what they have learnt in the classroom. Students at Sacred Heart College Kyneton have a number of opportunities to participate in applied learning. A recent experience



was the major project of Year 9 students involved in the LINC'S Program (Learning, Initiating, Networking and Connecting for Success). These students were asked to find a solution to the challenge of keeping children occupied when families visit Kyneton's Social Foundry (a not-for-profit, social enterprise coffee shop). The result was a children's tee pee including a playground and a vertical garden for the cafe. The students coordinated this hands-on project from conception and design to final delivery. As well as developing their design and construction skills, students were involved in creating and managing the budget, project management, filming the process throughout the year and planning the official launch.

To aid in facilitating these experiences the College has recently opened an Applied Learning Hub. This Hub, opened by Cr Jennifer Anderson, Mayor of the Macedon Ranges Shire, provides a dedicated, multifunctional and flexible learning space for students, who benefit from this approach to learning. "Employers are looking for creativity, problem solving and communication skills, and the Applied Learning Hub provides a space where Sacred Heart College students can develop and enhance these skills," explained Deputy Principal, Learning & Teaching, Ms Debra McNaughton.

An applied learning approach is invaluable in ensuring that all students are supported and remain engaged as they prepare for life beyond the secondary years.

Submitted Jennifer Baldwin



Sacred Heart College Kyneton



Sacred Heart College wishes all in the Woodend community and surrounds a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

We congratulate our wonderful Year 12 students, the 'Class of 2018', on their achievements.

We are confident their VCE results and selected pathways will lead the way to rewarding futures.



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