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From *The Woodend Star*, August 1923

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SUBMITTED BY DR ELAINE SAUNDERS



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Youth Take Over interns launch memorial garden design for Edgar's Mission

A team of eight young interns launched their design for a new memorial garden for Edgar's Mission sanctuary in Lancefield, at an event in July.

The interns, all aged 16-22 and part of the Youth Take Over initiative, met weekly for eight weeks to work on the design, led by landscape architects from Pollen Studio. Youth Take Over offers group-based work experience for young people in the Loddon Campaspe region, and aim to help young people become work-ready and find employment opportunities with a new project to showcase their skills. "Since we started Youth Take Over in 2021, we've had over 80 young people come through the program, with nearly a quarter of those going on to find employment in the region," says Ryan Hale, Project Director at Youth Take Over.

"We always try to tailor our work experience projects to both industry need and the interests of young people in our region," Ryan continues. "We'd heard from a lot of young people that they wanted to work with animals, so we set about designing a work experience that met that particular interest."

Edgar's Mission became involved when it was invited to nominate a project that would suit the Youth Take Over program. A long-held dream of the Edgar's Mission team was the creation of a memorial garden, that had kept being put on the backburner with so much work to do around the sanctuary. Guided by landscape architects from Pollen Studio, the Youth Take Over interns learned about all aspects of landscape architecture – from plant selection and costing to considerations around light, drainage and maintenance – and applied them to their design. They also learned crucial work-readiness skills, such as communication, time management, project management and collaboration.

"One of the things the Pollen team wanted to try and achieve through this Take Over is really successful group work, where everybody feels like their ideas have been taken on and understood and there's a shared sense of ownership," explains Pollen Studio director, Flynn Hart.

The resulting plan was given 10 out of 10 by Edgar's Mission.

"We are so grateful for all the hard work and the great level of detail that has gone into the memorial garden design," said Bianca Romero, sanctuary experience officer at Edgar's Mission. "It is very exciting to see this project in motion and it is all thanks to [the Pollen team along with the incredible interns."

Speaking at the launch event, the interns also reflected on the strong team bond

that developed between them, and their Youth Take Over experience. "It was a very collaborative process...all of us were bouncing off each other a lot," said intern Bella Dredge.

"I didn't expect to gain as much as I have during this Take Over," said another intern, Thaiesha Foti. "I don't think there are many other opportunities like this."

Woodend Rotary also supported the project with volunteer mentoring at each session. Careers coach Jon Hazelton ran two career sessions, where interns explored possible career paths, identified their strengths and learnt how to talk about them in a job application.

While the Take Over has come to an end, the interns plan to reunite in October to help with the first stage of the garden construction, assisted by the Pollen team and Edgar's Mission volunteers.

"I can't wait to see the interns' design come to life, and watch it grow and evolve over the years," says Ryan. "It's a real legacy."

Every young person benefits from work experience. Head to youthtakeover.org.au to learn more.

Youth Take Over is an initiative of North Central LLEN in partnership with the Loddon Campaspe LLENs and sponsored by the Agnico Eagle Community Partnership Program.

SUBMITTED BY RYAN HALE



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Realistic reserves would make property hunting more bearable

Time to restore trust

To improve the transparency and integrity of auctions real estate agents should be required to publish vendor's reserve prices before auctions, writes JOHN KEATING



AUSTRALIA'S auction system for selling real estate has served very well for many years.

However, during the past 15 years the insidious ploy by many agents of overquoting to vendors and underquoting to purchasers has brought the trustworthiness of agents and the auction system into disrepute.

Underquoting, also known as bait advertising, has become a systemic and entrenched industry practice and Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Real Estate Institute of Victoria have not adequately controlled the practice under current laws and professional codes of practice.

Auctions have always been a balance between integrity and street theatre, but the balance has got out of control and people are being duped every week by the subterfuge and creative vocabulary used by many agents to smokescreen the prices they know their vendors want.

Many agents are spooked by the idea of increased transparency. They think it will destroy auctions. Many of these are the same agents who said six years ago banning dummy bids would destroy the auction system. It didn't.

If we can make the auction process totally transparent, many more buyers will be encouraged to attend and buy at auctions, which can only be a positive outcome for vendors.

The best way to fix quoting problems would be for the Government to legislate that vendors and their agents publish either a reserve price, or an

estimated selling price range where the lower figure must be the reserve.

If reserve prices were required to be published then purchasers would not waste their time at inspections or their money on building and pest reports if the reserve was out of their price range.

Vendors' price expectations would be self-regulated because they wouldn't want to waste their money on expensive advertising campaigns if their own reserves were unrealistic.

The role of agents should be to use their skills and reputations in marketing, product knowledge and customer service, to attract the maximum number of qualified prospective purchasers to auctions, to compete in a fair and transparent process to achieve the best result for their vendor clients.

Auctions promoted with an advertised realistic reserve price do work.

The best auction system is one that has maximum public trust and transparency and where prices are set by the market — that is, by purchasers, without artificial price manipulation by agents, auctioneers or vendors.

Professional agents must act in the best interests of their vendor clients and respond to what their purchasers want. What purchasers want most of all is accurate pricing and transparency, not rubbery estimates or no advertised prices.

A transparent auction with published reserves would ensure a sustainable future for a trusted, fair and efficient auction selling system.

While agents have a primary obligation to their client vendors, they also have a responsibility for the integrity of the selling process because everyone must be satisfied for the system to work in the long term.

Publishing reserve prices is a reform that would be widely welcomed by nearly everybody from first-home buyers to the Reserve Bank and would enable the market place to be accurately informed on market activity and sale prices.

If we accept and embrace a new system that has maximum integrity, there is no doubt that the auction system will thrive and many more properties will be sold by auction.

Most agents who oppose the idea of further reform of auction rules have never conducted an auction with a declared reserve price.

To succeed in an environment with published reserves, many would need to develop new skill sets.

This would mean agents need to understand the meaning of misleading and deceptive conduct and learning how to speak the truth to vendors and purchasers.

For the right property, a properly organised, marketed and ethically conducted auction that has maximum transparency is undeniably the best, fairest and most efficient way for purchasers to buy, and vendors to sell real estate.

• John Keating was chairman of the REIV Ethics Committee from 2000 to 2008



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Can you help the Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life ?

Thanks to all the supporters of the Relay for the contribution they made to the 2023 Relay For Life, held at Lancefield Park in March. The 2023 event raised over \$54,000; a great result given the difficulty in reestablishing the event after the COVID induced interruption.

“Since the Relay started at Lancefield 21 years ago, it has raised over \$1.7m for Cancer Council Victoria; that is a colossal achievement of which all those who have supported the event should be immensely proud. There is still much to be done.

The 2024 event in Lancefield Park is the only Relay held in the Macedon Ranges, and is set for Saturday 2 March 2024

The Lancefield Relay has a strong team of on the day volunteers who help set up the event, entertain us during the day and assist in the pack up. We are confident that those marvelous people will continue to support the Relay.

Kathy Lakey, Sandra Clark and Angelique Mott have all indicated they are standing down from the Committee. Their many years of service to the Relay are much appreciated. To successfully continue the event, however, the Committee needs some further assistance in three areas:

The first is for someone with appropriate skills to handle PR and social media. The second is for someone to handle OHS and similar issues. The third is for enthusiastic people with good local connections who can encourage and support new teams to join the Relay. We had someone from each of the main towns in the Macedon Ranges that would help us greatly.

Those interested in filling any of these roles should email wilthome_adsl@hotmail.net.au

Assistance to the committee aside, members of the community can also show their support by entering a team in the Relay or by becoming a member of a registered team. For further information, see relayforlife.org.au

SUBMITTED BY KEN WILTSHIRE

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RedR Australia is calling out for local Macedon Ranges residents to volunteer on humanitarian training courses at the Victorian Emergency Management Institute in Mount Macedon. This is a valuable opportunity to have fun, learn about the humanitarian sector, and help train professionals who are responding to disasters in Australia and around the world.

David is a mechanical engineer and a regular volunteer at RedR Australia training courses. David says, “I thoroughly enjoy the whole experience of volunteering with RedR Australia. Every few months, I have the opportunity to connect with

and learn from professional staff who share a common, single belief – the value of human life. I would have no hesitation in encouraging anyone to volunteer with RedR – I feel valued and am very proud to play a part in the professional development of the next group of humanitarian aid workers. To volunteer with this group of passionate and experienced personnel in the field of humanitarian work is indeed a privilege.”

Participants love RedR’s courses thanks to their simulation training, which puts participants in realistic emergency situations that better prepare them for a real-life response. Volunteers are needed for these roleplaying scenarios. Opportunities run for one full day on the weekend and are held at the Victorian Emergency Management Institute in Mount Macedon.

Benefits of volunteering:

- Learn about the humanitarian sector
- Help train humanitarians responding

to disasters and crises in Australia and around the world

- Make new connections with your community

Morning tea and lunch are provided, with the option to stay for dinner.

Carol is an Associate Trainer for RedR Australia, and she says the volunteering experience is valuable in many ways. “Not only are you volunteering to support future humanitarians going into the field, but you are also doing some personal development and learning about humanitarianism. You are roleplaying and developing your acting skills, meeting a great bunch of people, and doing something worthwhile in your community.”

For anyone interested in volunteering, please contact training@redr.org.au

SUBMITTED BY SALLY CUNNINGHAM





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Thank you Woodend

Approximately 18 months ago, we set our sights on attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and decided to raise as much money as we could to get there without draining our parents' bank accounts.

Our fundraising efforts ended in June, and to our surprise, we raised \$13,000 – enough to cover both our Jamboree trips and Kasey's additional post Jamboree tour. We will be joining five other Scouts from across the Macedon Ranges and we all fly out on July 28 with 900 other Australian Scouts, Venturers and Leaders for this incredible experience.

We received enormous support and encouragement from many people along the way, and we would particularly like to acknowledge:

Woodend Rotary Club for your generous \$1000 donation. Your contribution saw us reach the halfway mark of our fundraising and encouraged us to keep on going. Rotary members were very generous in sharing their experience and advice for running regular BBQs at Coles Woodend, which helped us enormously when we first began. Particular thanks to Adriaan, Anne and Ed for taking an interest in us. We are so appreciative of your support, especially

when there are so many other worthy community groups and individuals you also support.

Woodend Coles Supermarket for your community BBQ fundraising service. Being able to hold regular BBQs definitely helped our fundraising. All the staff were always super helpful and friendly and we must give a special shout out to Coles' trolley queen, Julie, who always bought a sausage and a lemon cake, no matter the weather. We loved meeting and chatting with so many locals, serving staff on their breaks and spotting the occasional celebrity. We estimate we cooked and served around 2000 Coles sausages during our stalls.

And last, but not least, we are very thankful for the kindness of the Woodend community for supporting two Venturers from nearby Riddells Creek. Thank you to everyone who bought a sausage or a homemade lemon cake, slice or chocolate chip cookie, a jar of jam or vegie stock, a pot plant, or kindly donated your spare change. Your generosity has been very humbling, and we are so appreciative and grateful for the support given in helping us get to World Scout Jamboree.

Our sincerest thanks,

Kasey and Kate, Venturers, 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group



Photos: Top Kate and Kasey selling home-made dog treats and Kate and Kasey sausage sizzling at the Woodend Coles Supermarket

What's on at Woodend Rotary

In July, Woodend Rotarians and guests heard Yorta Yorta man and Melbourne Rotarian Ian Hamm give an outstanding presentation about the Voice referendum. Ian has held leadership roles in State and Federal Government and chairs and is a member of a number of boards. He is also a member of the Stolen Generation, having been taken from his family when he was only three weeks old.

Ian set out the history of constitutional reform in Australia, focussing on what previous referendum questions were really about. The 1946 social security referendum gave the Commonwealth power to make payments, he said, but was really about whether the Government should support fellow Australians who are disadvantaged. The 1967 referendum to include Indigenous Australians in the census was really about whether Aboriginal people were part of the country and Australia's future.

Looking behind the question that will be on the ballot paper in October, Ian said, is what the current referendum is really about is the question, "Should Aboriginal people be able to speak, should we allow them to talk about things that are about them?"

Also in July, we were joined by Captain Steve Ritchie who spoke to us about his 30 years as a member of the Woodend CFA. All members of the unit are volunteers, and 35 – 40 operational members respond to small and major incidents and emergencies across the region. Woodend CFA is a member of the Mountain Group of CFA brigades that work together to support each other, especially in summer.

In the first week of August, David Mann of 3AW will be talking about some of the people he has met along the way.

The following week, on Tuesday 8 August, we will join with Rotary Clubs across the Macedon Ranges, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group and Housing All Australians for a special screening at the Kyneton Town Hall of "Under Cover", a film about women and homelessness followed by a panel discussion on homelessness, housing availability and affordability featuring our own Past President Josephine Falzarano. Book your place at <https://mrarts.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/109743>

SUBMITTED BY DEIDRE WILLMOTT, PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF WOODEND



Photo: Rotarian and Yorta Yorta man Ian Hamm



Photo: Captain Steve Ritchie CFA being interviewed by Rotarian Steve Simpson

The Indigenous Voice to Parliament – A Woodend community information session

On Saturday the 24th June at the St Ambrose Parish Hall, there was a full house there to learn why the Voice referendum is so important to Aboriginal people. Local MC Samantha Rixon invited the audience to join her in welcoming Rachel Perkins, Marcus Stewart and Professor Marcia Langton to speak with us together with Jon Faine as moderator.

We heard how the Voice will deliver constitutional recognition to our First Peoples by enabling a Voice on matters that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We heard about the history behind the proposed referendum. We heard how it will be established and the powers it will and will not have. We learned that "The Voice" and its details will be determined through the Parliament in the same way that all laws are made.

The audience was also provided with showbags that contained a pocket-sized copy of the Constitution, a copy of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, an explanation of how referendums work in Australia and a resources page.

Highlands FM streamed the talk, and anyone unable to attend

can listen to the broadcast by going to the station's website: <https://centralvictoriancommunityradio.com.au/news/the-indigenous-voice-to-parliament>

The event wrapped up with Samantha presenting the speakers and moderator each with a gift basket filled with local Macedon Ranges produce.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who attended and all who made donations. All costs were covered and since the hall had been made available free of charge, the remaining proceeds of \$425 was donated to the St Ambrose Care fund which assists those in need in the Parish.

SUBMITTED BY JUDITH-ANN ROBERTSON

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The Memory Place: Families in the home

Thursday, 17 August, 10am

Join us for memories, conversation and fun as we share our beautiful themed memory kit. Enjoy reflecting on, or learning about, the past and the stories that objects can tell.

We'll share some laughs as we remember growing up in years gone by with an assortment of items collected from those days. Refreshments included.

Judy Ryan: You Talk, We Die

Thursday, 31 August, 6 – 7pm

You Talk, We Die is an impassioned and unfiltered retelling of how Judy Ryan mobilised the community and people of influence – medical experts, politicians, journalists – to finally recognise drug use in Richmond as health issue and not a criminal one. Join us to hear Judy's frank and moving account of how the grassroots campaigning of compassionate residents led to a necessary intervention in a public health crisis.



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Woodend Senior Citizens

Woodend Senior Citizens enjoyed their July bus trip to Daylesford, for morning tea at the Hepburn Springs, time at the Mill with the large variety of collectables, before a Christmas in July lunch at the Daylesford Bowling Club.

Woodend Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1pm at the Woodend Community Centre.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday 5 September at 1pm.

New members are welcome. If you are interested in joining, please call Margaret (0458 272 767), Irene (0417 676843) or Alma (0400 134 478).

SUBMITTED BY EMMA KEENAN

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Photos Left and Right, The Hanging Rock Rovers at Mudbash



The Problem of Homelessness in the Macedon Ranges

Please join us for a free screening of the eye-opening Australian documentary 'Under Cover', narrated by Margot Robbie, and a discussion panel exploring the problem and solutions for homelessness in the Macedon Ranges.

Tuesday 8 August 2023
6:30pm - 9:00pm

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Eye-opening documentary and discussion to explore the hidden faces of homelessness

Hundreds of thousands of homeless people in Australia are hidden and go unrecognised as homeless. The majority of them are women. Women over 50 are among the fastest growing demographic of homeless in the developed world and are increasingly referred to as the hidden homeless. These women live in their cars, stay on a friend's couch or sofa bed, or live in short-term accommodation. They find themselves in this uncertain and terrifying position primarily due to the gender pay gap and the lifelong gendered expectation of unpaid labour; where women often find themselves left doing the caring roles in their homes, in their extended family and in their communities.

The Australian documentary, Under Cover, follows ten of these women from diverse walks of life in their different experiences. The panel which follows the screening of the Under Cover documentary comprises seven local experts from non-profit community, government and professional associations who will explore the extent and nature of homelessness in the Macedon Ranges. The goal of this event is to raise community awareness on this issue and to advocate government at all levels to address its causes.

The event is a partnership between Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Rotary, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

SUBMITTED BY DAVID GORMLEY-O'BRIEN

Hanging Rock Rovers at Mudbash!

The Rover Scout calendar is chock-full of interesting events and good times.

Last month, Hanging Rock Rover Unit spent the weekend at Mudbash, a weekend camp all about racing cars that Rover units could find cheap and rebuild. Hosted at Mafeking Rover Park, just outside of Yea, Mudbash is held annually on the King's Birthday weekend.

The days consist of watching or participating in the track racing and Motorkhana events, with nights spent on the night track event, then vibing at the stage with live music, or just hanging out with mates back at the campsite.

The track racing is a time trial, with the Motorkhana taking place in the arena. Here, drivers get to cut loose and give it their all to impress spectators with the best cornering, drifts and circle work they can muster around a preset course.

Mudbash operates under the CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motor Sport) rules: safety first!

This year, the Mudbash Motorsports Committee allowed passengers in the Mudbash cars. This allowed some keen Hanging Rock members to be passengers in a zip around a course.

The rest of the event went very well, camping with our sister unit of Bundaleer Rover Unit (Gisborne). Our team placed a heavily disputed second in the X Games,

a weekend-long event where Rovers got to duke it out at archery, axe-throwing, a timed commando course and Iron Gut, a no-holds-barred eating competition.

Saturday night at the stage went off fantastically, with Funk and Disorderly playing an excellent set well into the night. With this being the final Mudbash for some of our members, the weekend was an amazing last hurrah for our veteran members and an excellent beginning for our newer faces.

If you are interested in joining Hanging Rock Rover Unit, contact Brittany Tiernan at 0421436461

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS EAGLE



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Environment events for August

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Mount Gisborne, Gisborne, 10am-12pm, Thursday 10 August

Ashbourne Reserve, Woodend, 10am-12pm, Thursday 17 August

Barringo Reserve, New Gisborne, 10am-12pm, Thursday 24 August

Join Council's Bushland Reserves Officer, Martin Roberts, for an educational walk and talk. We will be documenting large tree locations and looking for hollows to highlight the critical role they play for fauna such as possums, gliders and birds. Information gathered will help create a database of large habitat trees.

Bird walk for beginners

Jacksons Creek, Gisborne, 9-10am, Thursday 17 August

Bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer Tanya Loos, will take you along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Learn to identify the little birds, practice using Birddata to record your sightings.

Nature guide in focus: Birds of the Macedon Ranges

Webinar via Zoom, 7-8pm, Wednesday 30 August

Delve into the wonderful world of birds in the Macedon Ranges. We'll show how our bird guide can be used to springboard your birdwatching journey. Tips, tricks and tools of the trade such as binoculars and apps will be covered. A perfect way to lead into Bird Month and our Annual Bird Blitz!

To register for above events, visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Cool-ER Changes update

The shire's first Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP) is on the way. Keep your eye out for a draft version of the plan, which will be available for public consultation later this year. Workshop outcomes and notes are available to view on our website at mrrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-Changes

We would love to hear from local community groups that are keen to participate in local climate action. If you would like to get involved in implementing the CERP, please contact us at environment@mrrsc.vic.gov.au



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Healthy Landscapes course and events

After two sold out courses in 2021 and 2022, Healthy Landscapes is offering its successful six-day Holistic Grazing Management course starting in September 2023 and finishing in May 2024.

The course is designed to assist land managers to improve their skills and knowledge about grazing livestock, resulting in an increase in soil carbon and perennial pasture species, including native species.

Other Healthy Landscapes events in August include:

Grazing and Farming – Drummond

Field activity, 10-11.30am, Sunday 13 August

Led by Council's Private Land Conservation Officer, Jason McAinch, learn from one another about how to graze your animals in a sustainable way.

Webinar: Local farmers revisited – Where are they now?

Online, 7-8.30pm, Tuesday 15 August

After a hugely successful series in 2020, hear from local farmers as we find out where they are on their holistic farming journey. Revisit two of our 2020 farmers and a new panel member.

Webinar: What is the carbon tally on your farm?

Online, 7-8.30pm, Tuesday 29 August

Our panel will discuss how to calculate the carbon footprint on your farm, the options to improve your carbon position and the offsets market.

To register for these events and to express your interest in the program, or to sign up to our Healthy Landscapes eNews, visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes



Macedon Ranges residents embrace FOGO



Since the start of the four-bin system, the amount of waste the shire is sending to landfill has reduced significantly. The introduction of the food organics garden organics (FOGO) bin has seen nearly 30,000 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill. But if it's not going to landfill, where is it going?

FOGO materials collected from kerbside bins are taken to Biomix in Stanhope and are turned into Australian Standard compost. During this process, our loads are screened for quality and contaminants. The most common contaminants found are soft plastics (these belong in your red general waste bin), hard plastics (yellow recycling bin) and non-compostable bin liners (general waste bin).

For the month of June, our contamination level was only 0.276 per cent – one of the lowest contamination levels we have ever seen. The lower the contamination rate, the better the quality of compost.

Thanks to our residents' hard work, we have been able to maintain a contamination level of below one per cent for quite some time. We would like to thank and congratulate our community for their efforts.

Want to get your hands on some of this quality locally made compost? Compost and mulch are available to purchase. For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/compost.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC

Why do we use plant guards?



We are often asked what is the purpose of plant guards. People probably assume that their main function is to protect the new plants from the elements. To some extent that is true, but their main function is to mark where the tiny plants are so that they don't get lost in the long weedy grasses and to protect them from trampling and herbivores until they are big enough for the guards to be removed. The stakes supporting the guards can also be used to anchor jute mats which we sometimes use to suppress weeds around the new plants.

Identifying where our new seedlings are by their guards enable us to more easily locate them for watering or follow-up maintenance. They also advertise revegetation sites.

Different types of plant guards are used in different situations with varying purposes. Along Five Mile Creek we don't have to worry much about seedlings being eaten by rabbits and wallabies, which may be a major threat when revegetating elsewhere.

Where possible, Landcare is moving away from using plastic guards, particularly near the creek, as they can be washed downstream in floods. We are experimenting with various environmentally-friendly options such as biodegradable cardboard guards. Unfortunately, these cost a lot more than plastic guards, so in some cases we don't guard plants at all.

The upcoming spring plantings form part of the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network's Pollinator Corridor Project. John Walter (UCLN President) will be speaking about this project at our AGM at 2pm, Sunday 10 September, Woodend Neighbourhood House. Please join us to hear about this exciting project.

Next Working bee:

Sunday 26 August 9am-12 noon

Location: Quarry Road wildflower area, Parking in Washington Lane

SUBMITTED BY PETER YATES PRESIDENT WOODEND LANDCARE

Calling all kids! The National Water Week poster competition is back

Primary, kindergarten and early learning students across Victoria's west are in the running to win this year's National Water Week poster competition, with entries now open.

Students are invited to design a poster on this year's theme 'United by Water', which highlights the important role water plays in bringing individuals and communities together. Posters can use any art material, medium or technology – from crayons to computer generated imagery.

Greater Western Water will judge the winners of our region, which will battle it out at the State level, so it's time to do the West proud and get drawing. Last year, we received more than 1,000 entries from 21 schools.

Students can win a voucher of up to \$100 for themselves or \$500 for their school to spend on a sustainability project. There are categories for each age range, from Prep to Grade 6.

Entries close 1 September, so get drawing!

Learn more at www.gww.com.au/about/community/national-water-week

SUBMITTED BY STEFAN DELATOVIC



Photo caption: Last year's poster competition winners



Photo: Brett Vernon (left) Scott Vernon (right)
Photo credit: Monroe Marketing + Design

Experts in windows and

With winter settling in and energy costs on the rise, it's crucial to explore ways to improve the insulation of your home. When it comes to expertise in windows, glass, and double glazing, Brett Vernon and Scott Vernon of the Macedon Ranges are the local professionals you need to consult. With their extensive experience and commitment to quality, they offer invaluable insights into enhancing the efficiency of your home through double glazing.

Brett Vernon, owner of Macedon Ranges Glass, has been serving the glazing needs of the Macedon Ranges community for nearly three decades. His team has successfully retrofitted countless homes with double glazing, seamlessly integrating it into existing timber frames. This expertise ensures that you can enjoy the benefits of double glazing without compromising the architectural integrity of your home.

Scott Vernon, a Woodend local and co-owner of Evolve Windows in Sunbury, brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. Evolve Windows specialises in manufacturing high-performance windows and doors for homes in the Macedon Ranges and Melbourne. With a deep understanding of our region's unique climate, Scott can guide you on the best window types for replacements or new constructions.

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Now, let's consider your double-glazing options:

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When it comes to double glazing in the Macedon Ranges, the Vernon family's expertise in windows and glass is unmatched. By consulting with Brett Vernon of Macedon Ranges Glass or Scott Vernon of Evolve Windows, you can ensure a more comfortable and energy-efficient home. Embrace the benefits of double glazing and experience the difference it makes in your daily life, both for your pocket and the environment.

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Your community diary

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To have your event listed on our calendar just send the details to:
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— AUGUST —

- 3..... Woodend Rotary Club Meeting - David Mann 3AW
- 4..... "Elton & Billy" concert at Kyneton Town Hall
- 4..... Pathways for Carers, Village Connect
- 4-5..... Downtown the Musical, Bluestone Theatre Kyneton
- 5..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 5..... Repair Café at Neighbourhood House
- 6-30..... Together we Read - biggest online bookclub
- 8..... Under Cover documentary, Kyneton Town Hall
- 14..... Identifying and avoiding scams - Library
- 16..... Knit, Chat and Cuppa, Norma Richardson Hall
- 16-30..... Together We Read, online book club
- 17..... The Memory Place - Library
- 19..... Tamil Temptation, MRRAR
- 24..... CommSafe Forum, Victoria Police
- 25-27..... Words in Winter (Daylesford/Hepburn)
- 26..... Toni Childs Retrospective at Kyneton Town Hall
- 31..... Judy Ryan, You Talk, We Die Library

— SEPTEMBER —

- 2..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 2..... Kyneton antique Fair
- 5..... Woodend Senior Citizens Annual General Meeting
- 10..... Annual Suicide Prevention Walk
- 10..... Black Sorrows in Concert at Kyneton Town Hall
- 17..... Woodend Lions Market
- 20..... Knit, Chat and Cuppa, Norma Richardson Hall
- 22-24..... 2023 National Insect Expo, Buffalo Sports Stadium
- 29..... Public Holiday for Grand Final AFL

— OCTOBER —

- 7..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 15..... Woodend Lions Market
- 18..... Knit, Chat and Cuppa, Norma Richardson Hall

— NOVEMBER —

- 4..... Woodend Farmers' Market
- 7..... Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 8..... Kyneton Cup
- 19..... Woodend Lions Market

 *Kyneton Town Hall Events*

Elton & Billy – Face to Face 25th Anniversary Tour

8pm, Friday 4 August

Australia's premier Elton John performer, Greg Andrew, and premier Billy Joel performer, Anthony Mara, come together to celebrate The Rocket Man and The Piano Man. This is one incredible show you don't want to miss, backed by a masterful band of musicians and packed with hit after hit including "Benny and The Jets", "Rocket Man", "Tell Her About It", "Piano Man" and many more.



Toni Childs – Retrospective

7.30pm, Saturday 26 August



Join the legendary Toni Childs for a special performance as she celebrates her life's musical works. Toni will be performing hits and fan favourites from Union, House of Hope, The Woman's Boat and Keep the Faith. Her live shows are life-changing experiences and aren't

to be missed, as her voice penetrates deep into your body and soul.

The Black Sorrows in Concert

4pm, Sunday 10 September

Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows are coming to town for one show only. Joe Camilleri has been at the forefront of the Australian music scene for decades as the leader of Jo Jo Zep & The Falcons and The Black Sorrows, and as writer of anthems "Hit & Run", "Shape I'm In", "Chained To The Wheel", "Harley & Rose" and "Never Let Me Go". Joe and The Sorrows' latest release features the incredible band Darlinghurst. "A Little Love" is uplifting, joyous and full of The Black Sorrows' good vibes.



To purchase tickets to Kyneton Town Hall events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call

1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).

Knit, chat and cuppa

Knit, Chat and Cuppa is held every third Wednesday of the month at the Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street Woodend from 11am. No charge.

Bring your own craft or knit squares for the St Mary's Guild's long running blanket drive (and other knitted items) which are donated to various charities. We have yarn or you can bring and donate your own.

The guild's current focus is on Aboriginal communities in central and remote Australia.

Come and join in with the friendly and casual atmosphere.

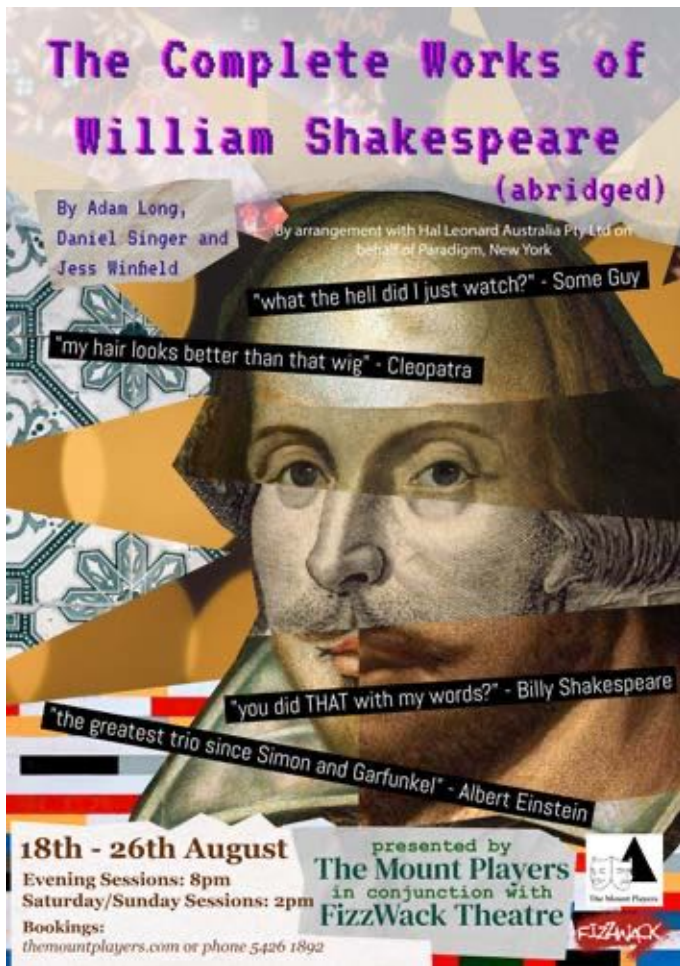
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Warning! Those with heart problems, bladder issues, inner-ear disorders, outer-ear disorders, Shakespearean scholarships, gout, and male pattern baldness enter at their own risk!

If you love Shakespeare, you will love this show!

If you hate Shakespeare, you will love this show!

Running from 18–26 August ... it's going to be a real hoot, so don't miss out!

For full details and to book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUNT

Village Connect events for over-55s

Are you 55 years or older, residing in the Macedon Ranges and looking to connect with others in the shire? Council's Village Connect program has a range of activities on offer for over-55s and carers.



August events include:

Pathways for Carers – Next two dates: Friday 4 August and 1 September. Meet at 9.45am at Barry Doyle Memorial Rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton.

Free monthly walking event for carers of older people, or people with a disability or mental illness. Come together and to learn about news, services and supports available.

August free coffee cup event – Tuesday 8 August, 12pm, Malmsbury Bakery.

Connect with like-minded individuals in the community over a free coffee and cake. Registrations essential. Spaces limited. Bookings essential.

Board games for over-55s: Chess Friday 25 August, 1.30pm, Gisborne Community Centre Meeting Room, 8a Hamilton Street. Gather and connect with like-minded individuals in your community over a casual game of chess.

Digital education session: Demystifying QR codes 11am–12pm, Monday 21 August, Kyneton Town Hall. Spaces limited. Bookings essential. To register for Village Connect events or find out more about the program, call 5422 0333 or visit mrcs.vic.gov.au/village-connect

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, COMMUNICATION UNIT, MRSC

DOWNTOWN! The Mod Musical is coming back July/Aug 2023!

In 2020, at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a group of five talented essential workers set out on a mission to bring a bit of fun to a gloomy time. After more than a year of rehearsing on Zoom, in parks and even in restaurant function rooms, they finally put on a performance of Downtown! The Mod Musical in April 2021.

Due to popular demand, Downtown! The Mod Musical is coming back to the stage, with a couple of changes to the cast and crew.

"Downtown!" follows five women who came of age during the '60s, a time of music, fashion, and social freedoms. The show includes chart-topping tunes of the era, including, "To Sir With Love", "Downtown", "Son of A Preacher Man", "Goldfinger" and more.

The musical is on at the Bluestone Theatre, Kyneton, and show dates are 30 July and 4/5 August 2023, and tickets are on sale at www.trybooking.com/CIGJQ.

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Kyneton Antique Fair 2023

Celebrating 25 years, the Kyneton Antique Fair will be held on the first weekend of September, for the second year in the Quambi Stadium at Sacred Heart College. Entry to venue via Begg Street.

Saturday September 2, 9.00–4.00 and Sunday September 3, 10.00–4.00.

This is a major fundraising event for Macedon Ranges Friends of Turiscai, who celebrate 15 years of friendship with the community of Turiscai in Timor Leste.

Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor was launched at St Ambrose Hall, Woodend in October 2008, and has actively worked across the Macedon Ranges Shire to fundraise for community projects in Turiscai since then.

ALL funds raised at the event will support projects that will enrich the lives of our friends in Turiscai, in the remote mountains of Timor-Leste.

Celebrate SILVER during the first weekend of September, with antiques, collectables and vintage, silver, fine china, jewellery, linen, glassware, lithographs, furniture and much more.

There will be more than 25 dealers from far and wide, with all stalls in the same space. There is parking adjacent to the venue.

Refreshments and coffee with a Timorese flavour will be available on site. It is also the first weekend of the annual Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival so you can visit gardens and galleries and art shows too.

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Tamil temptations returning to raise more funds for refugees

Chef Niro from Tuka Tuka Kothu Roti Ma is again cooking up some Tamil temptations for a second time after the very successful Tamil feast hosted by Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees (MRRAR) in May.

On a cold Woodend night, 60 people enjoyed authentic Sri Lankan dishes at a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Not only were their tummies filled, but their minds also opened by Pauline Brown from MRRAR who gave a short update about the ongoing and current issues facing refugees within our community.

Niro, a Sri Lankan Tamil who had himself sought asylum in Australia to escape violence and persecution in his home country, now runs a successful catering business and is very happy to help MRRAR host another meal of delicious Tamil food to raise money for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. The evening will be at Gisborne Church of Christ in New Gisborne on Saturday 19 August.

Doors open at 5.30pm, with the meal served at 6pm.

BYO alcohol (and an empty stomach). Tickets are available via trybooking from 4 August:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJZDH>

The last event sold out in a week, so be quick!

SUBMITTED BY COLETTE ATKINS, MACEDON RANGES RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES



Storm recovery event: Cumulative Trauma with Dr Rob Gordon

6pm, Thursday 24 August, Woodend Community Centre

As part of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's ongoing support to communities following the October 2022 flooding events across the Macedon Ranges, Council will be hosting a free post-flood recovery session with clinical psychologist Dr Rob Gordon to support the wellbeing of affected residents.

Dr Gordon will talk about the cumulative effects of multiple traumas in the community, having previously spoken at an event at Darraweit Guim in December 2022.

Dr Gordon is an expert in mental health, first aid and supporting people affected by disasters, working for many years with the Victorian Government and Victorian communities impacted by emergencies to provide psychological support.

Registrations are essential. Visit, mrsc.vic.gov.au/rob-gordon

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

2023 National Insect Expo expected to attract thousands of visitors

Organisers of the 2023 National Entomology Insect Expo expect the event to draw thousands of visitors to Woodend and Macedon Ranges Shire in September, judging by early ticket sales. Based on the demand for tickets, says the organiser, this year's event could double the number of visitors over last year's, and has already expanded to over 60 exhibits, including one from Wellington, New Zealand. Last year's expo, also held at the Woodend Buffalo Sports Stadium, featured 32 exhibitors from across Australia and attracted 6000 visitors. Expo director Bert Candusio said in July that the excitement for this year's event was very high and that participating exhibitors were already starting to prepare their displays and products for transportation to Woodend for the event.

Mr Candusio said that the exhibition will include many unique insect and arachnid displays never before seen by the public, and special activities and giveaways will help younger visitors appreciate the vital importance of insects and the role they play in maintaining healthy environments.

Insect breeders, spider and scorpion keepers, and scientists highlighting their research work are among the exhibitors who will showcase the science of entomology to visitors.

The 2023 National Entomology Insect Expo will be held at the Woodend Buffalo Sports Stadium on 22-24 September. Tickets are available at cvric.com.au/expo-2023

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It has been a pleasure to serve our customers; we have met so many wonderful people.

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Thank you to Caroline, who was with us from the beginning until the end; we couldn't have managed without you.

Thank you to Sylvia from Franzen Designs, who has done our amazing advertisements.

Endangered made its beginnings to show people that, yes, we do still manufacture in Australia, yes, there are still makers here in our own country, both large and small. There are so many amazing, passionate artists, designers, innovators and makers out there that we need to support.

Is it about quantity or quality? Do we want to support our own country first and foremost?

We ask that those of you who have either supported us from the beginning or have learnt to support Australian-made over the years, please continue to do so. If every person decided to buy Australian-made and owned, our country would skyrocket beyond the stratosphere.

We are taking a couple of months' break and will be back to bring you more Australian-made and owned.

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Bright Blessings to all, Karen at Endangered

SUBMITTED BY KAREN JANSSEN



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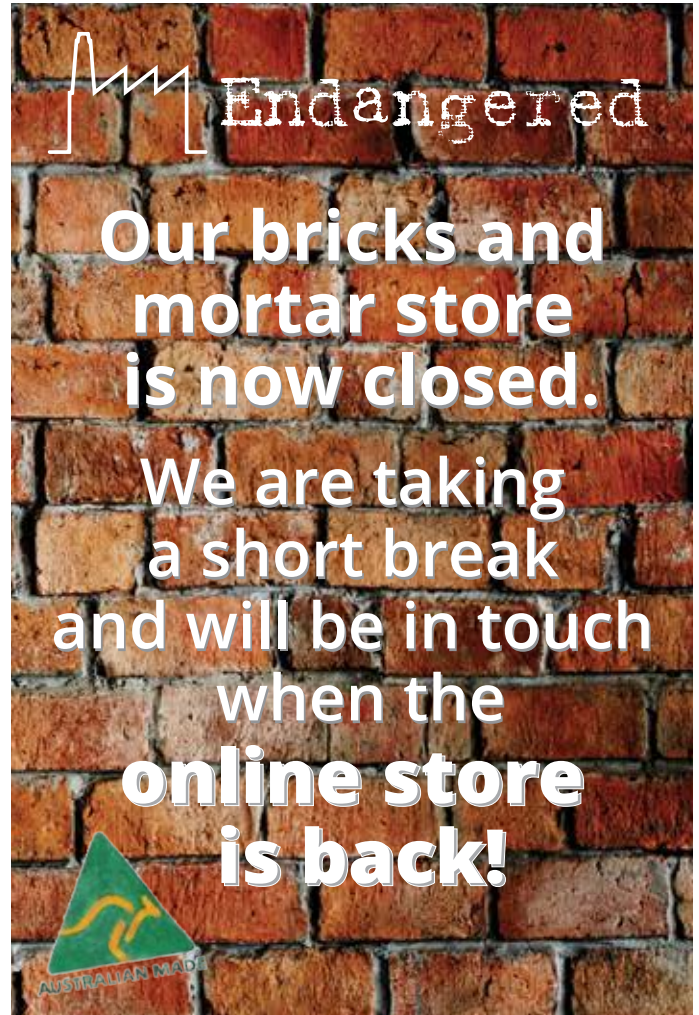
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Join the annual community walk for suicide prevention



The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) will hold its annual community walk in Woodend on Sunday 10 September at Woodend Children's Park.

Every single suicide statistic speaks of immeasurable loss: somebody's life lost; hopes and dreams lost; love and connection lost. And those who are left to grieve live with a loss as personal as the story of the one whose life has ended.

MRSPAG believes we can all play a role in supporting people experiencing a crisis, and those who are bereaved.

This year's focus will be on the World Suicide Prevention Day theme: "Creating Hope Through Action – We all have a role to play in preventing suicide".

It aims to inspire confidence and light in all of us; that our actions, no matter how big or small, may provide hope to those who are struggling.

The annual walk is also a day to reflect on those we have lost.

Registration for the walk is from 8.30am. Inspirational speeches and music will commence at 9am, with the walk itself starting at 10am, and more music and refreshments to follow the walk. For information, visit www.mrspag.com.au.

Anyone experiencing distress can seek immediate advice and support through Lifeline (13 11 14), Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800), or the Government's digital mental health gateway, Head to Health.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, COMMUNICATION UNIT, MRSC

Macedon Ranges Victoria Police 2023 CommSafe forum

The Victoria Police CommSafe forum invites local services and members of the community to attend the Macedon Ranges CommSafe Forum on Thursday 24 August 2023 to talk with police about what is important in your community.

These forums are an opportunity to strengthen local partnerships by sharing information to inform decision-making. As a key partner in our community, we would value your attendance and contribution at the CommSafe:

Date: Thursday, 24 August 2023

Time: Arrive at 9.00am for a 9.30am start, concluding at 1pm

Location: Kyneton Bowling Club, 61-79 Mollison St, Kyneton

This forum will include a panel of senior police leading discussions on community safety concerns. We aim to identify shared areas for action. The forum will explore a range of topics including:

Current crime trends and crime prevention:

Young people; Family violence; Road policing; Drugs and drug related crime; Emergency Management

The forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel. Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must. To register your interest, please send your details to: MACEDONRANGES-DI-OIC@police.vic.gov.au.

Refreshments and food will be offered. If there are any dietary requirements, please include them in your registration, and please let us know if you have any accessibility needs.

SUBMITTED BY INSPECTOR NICOLE COOK, MACEDON RANGES LOCAL AREA COMMANDER

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You just need three cups and something yummy they can eat. Place a treat under one cup and let them sniff it out. Once they have mastered that, you can start to shuffle the cups around.

Create an indoor obstacle course - Pillows, a hula hoop, chairs and a blanket or sheet are all you need. Be creative and let your imagination take you away.

Play with bubbles - Most dogs love to play with bubbles. Just make sure they are child friendly and non-toxic.

Give your doggo a massage - We know how good a massage can be, so treat your furry friend to one. It's easy to learn and you can find tutorials online.

Play hide and seek - There are two ways you can do this: by hiding your dog's favourite snack, or by hiding their favourite toy, and it's as easy as using a pile of blankets or hiding spots in one room or around the house.

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Busy times ahead for Young Voices

After a chilly but very exciting end of Term 2, when our choir performed outdoors at the opening of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, we are now focussed on preparation for our annual concert on 10 September at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon. Titled *The Music Makers*, after the poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy, the program will feature one of the many settings of this beautiful text. Our two groups – Vivos (5-8 yrs) and Cantabiles (9+) will perform separately and together, and some of our children will have the opportunity to perform solo items. A very special contributor to the concert will be our guest artist Elspeth Bawden, a young Kyneton soprano who sings with the Australian Chamber Choir and who recently excelled as soloist in a performance in Macedon of the Mozart Requiem. Elspeth's voice may be heard on the soundtracks of numerous anime films and video games, and she is very keen to support the work of our choir.

In other exciting news, our Cantabile group has been invited to take part in a performance of *Deep Sea Dreaming*, a substantial work for children's choir that was composed by Elena Kats-Chernin for the opening ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Our choristers will join with the Bendigo Youth Ensemble and choirs from Girton College, along with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra for two performances at Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo, late in November. This promises to be a wonderful and memorable experience for our singers.

(Photo) Young Voices choir at the opening night of the Woodend Winter Arts Festival

New members are very welcome.

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SUBMITTED BY DIANNE GOME



Beware of dangers during winter



CFA statistics show that one-third of all house fires started in the kitchen, 20% were caused by heat from fuel fires and fuel-powered objects such as stoves and heaters, and another 20% from faulty or overloaded equipment

Some simple things you can do to help reduce the risk of fires:

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Keep tea-towels and pot-holders away from the stove
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free from grease and residue
- Make sure heaters are off before going to bed or going out
- Keep clothing, curtains or toys one metre away from heaters
- Never overload powerboards
- Don't wait to replace faulty appliances – do it immediately
- Clean chimneys and flues every year
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire
- Keep candles, incense, and oil burners away from anything flammable
- Don't leave electric blankets on for more than 30 minutes
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load

Never deadlock yourself in your home. Deadlocks should have keys in them when you are home. Develop and practice your escape plan – have two ways to escape from your home. And above all else, make sure your smoke alarms are working.

You could save your house by shutting a few doors

In recent years we have attended several fires that could have been a lot worse if people had not closed doors inside their properties.

In the first incident, a fire started in the garage. Fortunately, the residents had closed the door into the house, which contained the fire, significantly reduced smoke damage to other parts of the house and stopped it from spreading into the roof space.

The resident told Woodend Captain at the time that she had seen a recent post on the Woodend CFA Facebook page, advising people to close doors to contain a fire to a room ... and this is exactly what they did.

So, what is the lesson to be learnt? When you are not at home and do not need doors open for heating, close the doors to as many rooms as possible. It could save your house!

For further information, contact the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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What Happens If Your Home's Power Isn't Enough?"

What if you're already pushing the limits of your power capacity? I have a few tricks up my sleeve.

#1. Make sure you get a dynamic charger. This is a charger that can adjust its power usage according to what's available, so you won't trip your power, but it might slow down your charging speed.

#2. You can upgrade to three-phase power. This not only boosts your power capacity, but will give you faster EV charging and can also support additional changes like switching from gas to an induction cooktop or installing ducted air-conditioning.


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Join our direct debit swim, gym, or gym/swim memberships from 21 August to 4 September and don't pay anything until 29 September. Terms and conditions apply.

This fantastic offer is available at three locations: Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre (KTSAC), Gisborne Fitness Centre (GFC), and Gisborne Aquatic Centre (GAC).

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Relive your team sports days with the Back in the Game crew at RRC. Join us on Thursdays at 9.30am for a modified indoor sports program featuring badminton, soccer, basketball and more.

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Warm up on chilly winter days with invigorating Group Fitness Classes at GFC and KTSAC. Choose from spin, power bar, yoga-fusion, strength and cardio circuits, and Boxfit. Alternatively, enjoy Les Mills classes like Body Pump, Body Combat, and more at the KTSAC Virtual Fitness Studio.

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A message from your West Ward Councillors



Hello everyone. At the time of writing, our Council Meeting on June 28th was a big one that featured many significant decisions, including approval of the Council budget for 2023/24 and Year 3 of our Council Plan.

Budget features include responding to community submissions, through providing \$120,000 for the Macedon Tennis Club to upgrade fencing and \$50,000 for paths at the Kyneton Tennis club, - highlighting again the importance of community input into the budget process. Council is also planning to spend \$10.3 million on roadworks, \$1.9 million in building renewals and \$1.4 million for bridge renewals and upgrades.

Overall, councillors are very satisfied with the budget development process, which began in October 2022 and engaged councillors at every step of the way through regular briefings, workshops and comprehensive updates and documentation. Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed ideas and suggestions. Obviously not everything can get up in a given year, but we do keep a list of projects that have missed out and encourage anyone who may have not had a successful submission this year to put in again next year. Councillors continue to rely heavily on submissions from community to lend weight to our arguments to fund individual projects.

Good news also for the Woodend Community, with Council approving a proposal to keep Council's Woodend Customer Service Centre open two days a week from 12pm to 5pm. This was after an earlier proposal to close the Centre due to declining patronage was put out to the community for feedback. Community response clearly indicated a preference to keep the centre open in some form and councillors were able to work with officers to find a solution.



Council also passed our 'Affordable Housing Policy' and the 'Shire-wide Footpath Plan' at the June meeting. The Affordable Housing Policy is something that councillors (and, in particular, your West Ward councillors) are very passionate about given the increasing lack of availability of social and affordable housing across our Shire. We also passed a motion recommending the council's draft Disability Action Plan for community consultation – watch out for this one as we are very keen to see your feedback on it.

For anyone interested in organising an event within our shire, Council will be running drop-in sessions for event organisers to connect with council officers every 4th Friday of every month from 12.30pm to 1.30pm from 28th July.

Also, a reminder with our winter chills and fevers upon us – COVID is still with us, and Council is still providing free RATs (Rapid Antigen Tests) as part of the government's Council Rapid Antigen Test Program, which has been extended to December 2023.

You may also have noticed our annual street tree planting that has been underway since July. Council is currently planting over 250 trees across the shire. It is important to note that street trees are chosen and planted according to strict guidelines that we have developed.

Once again – thank you to everyone who has contributed to the many community consultations across the broad range of topics and projects that have been conducted over the last few months. It is a defining feature of our shire that we can count on residents coming forward to have their say with ideas and opinions across the broad range of council activities and priorities. Council staff and Councillors rely heavily on your input to draft proposals and shape our decision making. Please keep it coming.

Best Wishes,

YOUR WEST WARD COUNCILLORS: MARK, JANET AND JENNIFER.

Push-Up Challenge

In June, Gisborne Fitness Centre and Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre patrons united to support mental health through the 23-day Push-Up Challenge. This challenge aimed to raise awareness about mental health in our community.

The Challenge target for each participant was 3,144 push-ups per person. The collective efforts of our participants resulted in an impressive total of 27,855 push-ups. Some members also diversified their routines by incorporating squats, lunges, and sit-ups.

Notably, the initiative also raised \$414 for Lifeline, an organisation dedicated to helping individuals struggling with mental health.

We commend our fitness centre patrons for their commitment to this great cause. By promoting awareness and engaging in physical activities, they have made a significant contribution to mental wellbeing in our community. Let's continue to support one another on this journey toward better mental health.

SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE CHAPMAN, MRSC

Woodend Customer Service Centre to remain open with changed hours

Following a review of the Woodend Customer Service Centre, including community consultation, a recommendation was made at the June Council Meeting to keep the service centre open but with reduced operating hours.

From Tuesday 1 August, the new operating hours for the Woodend Customer Service Centre will be 12pm to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday. For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/contact-us

A message from our local federal member, Rob Mitchell MP

It has been a pleasure to visit local community organisations in Woodend of late and congratulate them on successful grant applications.

Part of the Australian Government's commitment to assist volunteers and encourage volunteering, Volunteer Grants aid the work of local community organisations by enabling the inclusion of vulnerable people and providing supports to increase participation in volunteering.

Woodend Men's Shed was a recipient in the latest round for this program, and it was my pleasure to pay them a visit and see how the purchase of power tools will provide members with a greater chance to get involved.

The Stronger Communities Program (SCP) provides grants to community organisations and local governments for small capital projects that deliver social benefits for communities.

The Woodend Bowling club were successful in their SCP grant to fund new clubhouse tables and chairs and be able to provide the community with a social venue.

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities and strengthening local communities has a ripple impact for all.

Congratulations to the community groups who were successful in their applications, and we encourage others to head to <https://help.grants.gov.au/> to keep up with available grant programs.

Also keep an eye on my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RobMitchellIMP> for grant updates.

Regards, Rob Mitchell MP Federal Member for McEwen



Photo: Woodend Bowling Club – (from left) Vice President Geoff Symons, Rob, President Mike Dornau and Secretary Rob Smithies



Photo: Woodend Men's Shed – Rob with Woodend Men's Shed President Kevin Davis and other members during his visit.

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Better bushfire preparation for schools

Students in the area will have safer school environments to learn and succeed in, with the funding of key bushfire preparedness projects at schools across the state.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas announced in June that schools in the district, including Woodend, Heskett and Newham Primary Schools are among more than 350 Victorian schools to embark on a maintenance blitz in coming weeks – with \$13.5 million allocated through the Planned Maintenance and Bushfire Preparedness programs, ensuring more schools have the support they need to deliver essential works and repairs every school requires.

Bushfire Preparedness Program recipients in the district:

Woodend Primary School \$ 43,724.85


Heskett Primary School \$ 20,626.75

Newham Primary School \$ 22,311.52

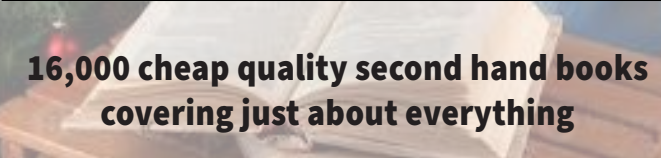
Works include vegetation clearing and activities that reduce the risk of harm from a bushfire, providing a safer environment for students and communities across the state.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said, “We’re making sure local schools in Macedon are safe and comfortable – giving our students the best possible settings to learn and thrive in.”

SUBMITTED BY KATE LEE, OFFICE OF MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP



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Bupa Aged Care Woodend opens doors to the community

Bupa Woodend, care provider for over 10 years for hundreds of residents has opened its doors to the public again after several years of the pandemic, hosting a community day in March.

“As a team, we have been focused on reconnecting with the Woodend community and welcoming them back into our home,” said general manager Emily Thomson. “Our community day in March was the first time in three years that we were able to have such a large group of people come through our home, spend time with our residents and enjoy some local entertainment,” she said.

Emily emphasised the importance that residents retain strong connections with the local community. This can include anything from intergenerational playgroups with a local early learning centre, and events run by the Country Women’s Association to local dance groups.

“The doors at Bupa Woodend are always open. The community of Woodend are welcome to come in for a coffee and a chat, to volunteer with our lifestyle team or come and see if it is the right place for them to call home.”

SUBMITTED BY EMILY THOMSON



Photo: Bupa ANZ Chairman and board members with Woodend staff during their visit to the home in June 2023

Help for Families

Support is available locally for families needing parenting advice, practical assistance or guidance to help them get through a difficult time.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's family services team provides help for Macedon Ranges families with children from birth to 17 years of age to empower them to help their children develop to their full potential.

Support may include identifying your parenting goals and connecting you to parenting groups, counselling, family violence support or child development services. They can also advise where you can get financial or legal assistance.

The service is free and referrals are made through The Orange Door. Contact 1800 512 359 or you can visit Sunbury and Cobaw at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Kyneton or go to their website: www.sunburycobaw.org.au/a-z-services/families/family-services



SUBMITTED BY SARAH TURNER

Food Bank at the Woodend Neighbourhood House



Did you know we have a food bank, right here in Woodend?

The Woodend Community Food Bank is open on Mondays and Thursdays between 12.30pm–2.30pm in the Undercroft of the Woodend Neighbourhood House. Access to the Undercroft is via the gates by the Skate Park, off Margery Crescent.

On Thursdays, the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group's Veg Action team offer free bowls of hot soup with delicious bread, donated by Backhaus Bakery. Everyone is welcome to stop by for some soup, and to access food and personal hygiene items.

Donations are also very welcome via the collection bins in Coles and IGA in Woodend, and cash donations can be made in person or via bank transfer. Contact the Woodend Neighbourhood House between 9am–3pm Monday to Friday to donate.

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Super school holiday trout fishing

Lakes in the area will be stocked with rainbow trout.

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- Glenlyon Dam
- Hanging Rock Lake in Woodend
- Jubilee Lake in Daylesford
- Walter J Smith Reserve in Riddells Creek

Thousands of rainbow trout will be stocked in more than 80 lakes across Victoria. Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said fish stocked into local lakes would encourage families to make lasting memories in the great outdoors and get kids hooked on a new hobby.

Rainbow trout are ideal for budding fishers as they take a variety of widely available baits like worms or PowerBait. Most family fishing lakes feature pontoons or jetties, good access paths and parking for fishers of all abilities, as well as other nearby facilities like barbecues and toilets.

The state-wide stocking program released almost 10 million fish in 2022, with the majority produced at Snobs Creek and the VFA's native hatchery at Arcadia, near Shepparton. From the Mallee's Rainbow Lake to Guthridge Lake in Sale, Lake Pertobe in Warrnambool and 15 waters across metropolitan Melbourne – family fishing lakes across Victoria will offer families adventures in the great outdoors.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said of the program, "There's family fishing lakes throughout our region featuring easy access, regular stockings of catchable-size fish and many are in or not far from town, so the kids can jump on their bikes to try their luck."

The program is supported by the reinvestment of recreational fishing licence fees and the \$96 million investment to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

For the full list of waterways stocked for these holidays, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout.

In Family Fishing Lakes, a daily bag limit of five trout applies, of which only two trout can exceed 35 centimetres. More information about bag and size limits, permitted equipment and licensing can be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide, available free from most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or via the free 'Vic Fishing' app on your smartphone.

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Walking Football at Woodend's Buffalo Stadium



U3A Kyneton has been trialling Walking Football (Soccer) on a small court at the Kyneton's Mechanic's Institute for the last few months.

The sessions are now moving to a larger court at the Buffalo Stadium in Woodend, thanks to a grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council who are subsidising the rental of the venue whilst numbers increase.

Walking Football (Soccer) is a small-sided, low-impact, modified version of the game, suitable for all levels of ability and fitness, from people who are returning to sport after a break or those who have never played before. Walking Football aims to provide participants' physical and mental health, social contentedness, and promotes the benefits of ongoing physical activity.

Football Victoria's Walking Football programs, run in partnership with Active Ageing Australia, offer a social, small-sided version of football, specifically modified to allow all participants to enjoy the game. It caters for individuals of all ages, with a focus on men and women aged over 55 years, and provides a safe, fun, and social environment to play the game.

U3A Kyneton manages the Walking Football sessions and provides coaching and umpiring. The program will highlight the health, well-being and social benefits of regular football and offer exercise activities for older people. Runners and comfortable clothing are all that is required to participate in this entertaining activity.

. Refer to the U3A Kyneton website for further information, including membership: <https://u3akyneton.org.au/>

SUBMITTED BY RONI TAUBMAN

Woodend and Hanging Rock Petanque Club

It's July 14, Bastille Day, and the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque club have been gearing up for another enjoyable day of Petanque and great food to celebrate.

Forty-one members gathered at the home ground at Hanging Rock to brave the elements and play a few games of the game that bring us all together in camaraderie and competitiveness.

Three games were planned for the day, and following game one was morning tea, with a homemade cake made by Robyn Aitken. Delicious as always!

After game two, there was hot soup, essential for a day in the midst of winter, made by committee members Ruth Giddings and Louise Potter.

After game three there was a delicious lunch, including a French casserole, salad and crusty bread, all made and served by committee members.

Of course, there were sweets to be had, being a delicious chocolate mousse made by Cassie Simmons, which was one of the highlights of the day.

If it all sounds interesting and fun, and you're looking to make new friends and have a bit of fun, then come and join us! We are at the old Racecourse in Forest Street, Woodend from Monday, 2 October at 2pm, and on Thursday, 5 October, when the new season starts at Hanging Rock from 4pm.

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Work starts on club's grass green replacement

The Woodend Bowling Club, was badly affected by the floods last October, when our synthetic green was destroyed and has been unplayable since. Our grass green was also damaged with flood waters washing away a lot of work that had been done and bringing in lots of unwanted seeds and weeds. We had to replace both!

Work started in earnest in mid-June with a sod cut of the old grass surface. It took just under four hours to complete the whole green. The sods were then all removed and taken for land fill.

The next stage of works was completed prior to another burst of rain. The under-soil was spread and levelled with the addition of a soil conditioner, fertiliser and a granular fumigant which controls a broad spectrum of weed and grass seed, tubers or rhizomes and diseases.

Immediate future works include installation of the new cement sheet plinths, further rotary hoeing and a laser level.

It will be a long process for completion, with the green planned to be ready-for-play next April.



Work to start soon on new synthetic green

The long-awaited and delayed work to replace the destroyed synthetic green surface was scheduled to start sometime in late July. Hopefully, we can give you a detailed report next month.

A huge thanks to our sponsors

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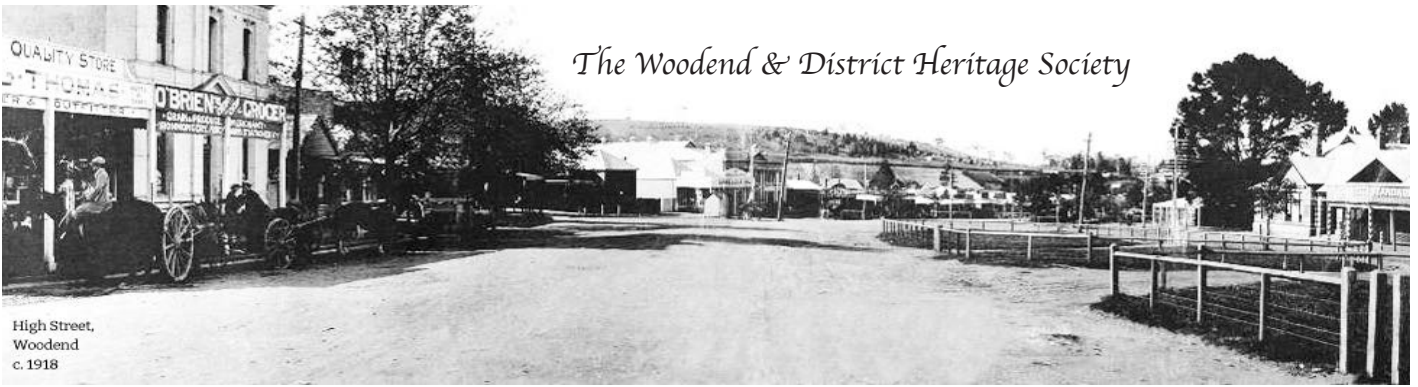
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Grocers Galore

From Woodend's early days, several grocers in High Street supplied a range of goods, collected orders, delivered them in horse and cart and advertised regularly in the Woodend Star. In 1888, the O'Brien Brothers publicised that they manufactured the best bread in the district, that smallgoods could be made to order and that special arrangements could be made for schools and picnics. They offered the highest market prices for farmers' dairy produce and also bought other farm produce. Groceries were of the very best quality at the lowest prices. The advertisement led with 'By Special Appointment to His Excellency Sir H.B. Loch'.

Michael O'Brien opened the store in 1865 where Keating's real estate is now, with stables out the back. His son, John Francis, took it over and in 1906, advertised that he had moved further south along the street as the original shop had burnt down. His sons, Joseph and Frank eventually continued the business. Frank remembered how goods like sugar came by train in sacks, which were tipped into bins in the shop and then parcelled into the required amounts. When orders were delivered, the drivers were sometimes welcomed with a cup of tea and a longing to catch up on the latest news. Too much chatting meant the drivers were not home before dark.

Robinson ran a store in Woodend for some years, and at the Woodend District Heritage Centre, we have one of his business journals dated 1867-1870, which details the weekly shopping orders of most of Woodend's then residents. In the 1880s and 1890s, Purvis Brothers advertised that they were ironmongers, grocers, seedsmen and furniture dealers offering an extensive list of grocery and hardware specials. Daniel & Keating opened towards the end of the nineteenth century and operated for many years.

By 1907, H.D. McKenzie and Sons were advertising that they sold the cheapest groceries in the district. In the 1930s and 1940s J.M. Gagiero, grocer and baker, was offering specials on goods such as salmon, tea and sheep tongues. In June 1935, The Argus reported the destruction by fire of J.F. Gilchrist's grocery and produce store, tea merchant, wine and spirit store, constructed in 1856, opposite Islay House. O'Brien's closed in 1972 and Parker's, the last grocery in High Street, which operated for 71 years, closed in 1996.



Photo 85. J F O'Brien's business, High St Woodend in 1902. Michael O'Brien built this grocery store in 1887. The Mechanic's Institute, seen on the right, was not built until 1893 to replace the previous timber Mechanic's Institute. Michael's son, J F O'Brien, took over after his father's death in 1890, adding to the range of goods and services provided, including the agency for The Argus newspaper. It is interesting to see the delivery carts lined up, with bread baskets and packages, and to see so many goods displayed outside under the verandah. L to R:?, Cugkeman, McDonald (boy), Jack O'Brien, J F O'Brien, Bill Hayes (who worked at the store from 1902-1947), and Mick Redmond. The store burnt down in 1907 and J F O'Brien built a new shop on the same site. Note the Glover & Onians Real Estate advertising board on the extreme left.



Photo 380: The staff of Daniel & Keatings Cash Grocer stand proudly outside their shop in High St. Woodend. The man on the extreme right is probably E F Daniel. Note also that H. Hurry & Son Solicitors had an office in Woodend and R. O'Neil Auctioneers possibly shared the same premises.

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Students in Year 10 participate in the Mock Interview Program, which focuses on the preparation of a tailored cover letter and resume in response to a job advertisement, which leads to involvement in a virtual mock interview with an industry professional. This invaluable program provides students with the opportunity to practice interview skills in supported surroundings.

Another part of the Year 10 careers journey is involvement in Morrisby Psychometric Assessment, a highly regarded program which identifies students’ potential strengths and attributes, interests, personality type, possible careers and course options. Individual profiles are unpacked during a session with our careers practitioners.

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All Year 11 students attend the annual Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo in Bendigo. This event is an education, training and careers expo that offers a wide range of informative and interactive stands to both engage and inspire.

A 60-minute guidance interview is provided for all Year 12 students, allowing them to reflect upon their skills, interests, and plan. National research shows the in-depth careers interview is the most effective way to support students in their career planning. Further interviews are available if required.

Sacred Heart College students are consistently well-placed to pursue a preferred post-secondary pathway, as shown in the table at left, whether this be tertiary study, employment, or apprenticeship, as the ideal culmination of the educational journey. Throughout their senior school journey, careers staff encourage students to get to know themselves and what they enjoy, to believe in themselves and to follow their hearts!

For further information of Sacred Heart College Careers Service, please visit the careers website: www.shckynetoncareers.com

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