

2020 will be a celebration of Halloween at home.

By now, planning would have commenced for the 11th consecutive Community Halloween Party. This much-loved event is Woodend Rotary's way of saying thanks to the community for supporting its events and fundraising, and, with business and community support, results in lots of fun, music and activities for the children in a safe and festive environment.

Unfortunately, even though there has been a recent and pleasing relaxation of coronavirus restrictions in regional Victoria, it remains uncertain what will be in place in six weeks' time. Therefore, Rotary feels it is prudent and responsible to not run this large community gathering this year.

This free event is a way of Woodend Rotary saying thanks to the community for supporting our events and fundraising each year. The business and community support results in a great community gathering with lots of fun, music and activities for the children, in a safe and festive environment.

Just like the Woodend Rotarians shown in the photo, a lot of people dress up in costumes for the occasion, which adds to the wonderful atmosphere.

Join in the fun, and be part of this community event with a difference.

We know that you enjoy dressing up for the occasion, so we are running a family photo competition. This ensures we can all share, admire and applaud the wonderful costumes.

The aim is to get dressed up and post a family photo on the Woodend Rotary Facebook page by 7pm on Saturday 31st October 2020.

<https://www.facebook.com/rotarywoodend>

A judging panel of Woodend Rotarians will select three outstanding contributions and prizes will be announced online and awarded following the event.

Photos of family groups submitted on the Woodend Rotary Facebook page will constitute an agreement by parents and guardians that the photo of children can be shared on the Facebook page. Photos may also be used in a future issue of The New Woodend Star.

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- 4 Day light saving starts
- 8 Rotary Zoom Meeting
- 12-19 National Nutrition Week
- 15 Rotary Zoom Meeting
- 19-25 Get Online Week
- 19-25 Online Learning festival
- 22 Rotary Zoom Meeting
- 23 Postal votes due
- 29 Rotary Zoom Meeting

— November —

- 7 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 15 Paint Unwined Heskett Estate
- 16 Online Dementia Education
- 22 Paint Unwined Botanic Estate
- 24 World Polio Day
- 29 . Paint Unwined Mt Macedon Winery

— December —

- 5 Woodend Farmers' Market
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

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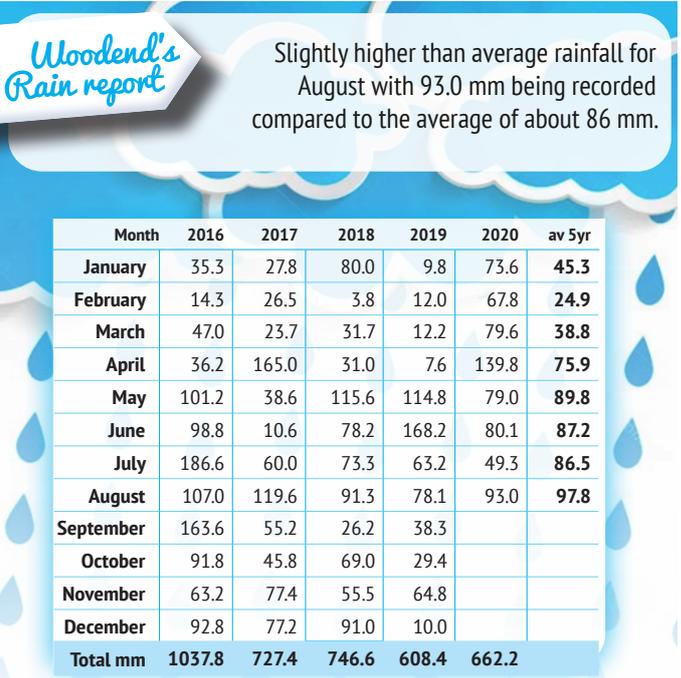
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To find out more about the new feature or to access information about the October 2020 local council elections, visit vec.vic.gov.au.

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The New Woodend Star hopes its readers are keeping well in these unusual times, and we will continue to publish during the pandemic as long as we are able. We hold the safety of our readers at the forefront of our minds. Consequently, we would like to impress on our readers, community members and advertisers how important it is to be aware of, and adhere to, any current restrictions that may be in force, when advertising, or attending activities.

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As many parents know, the energy needed to keep children engaged in learning for six hours is no mean feat. So there will be an adjustment phase needed. The teachers are more than aware of this. They have missed their students, they have missed teaching the way they were trained to teach! And they know that students have missed them too.

But there was a luxury in rolling out of bed and straight to a desk.

On the first day back at school, students are bubbling with enthusiasm. They can't wait to see their friends and teachers. There will be a moment, an hour or a day, when the reality sets in and they realise that school goes until 3:30pm for five days a week. No longer can they take their 25 minute recess break that ends up going for an hour and a half because the adults need some space to think and work. It will be a new challenge to transition back to school. The teachers know this. They have reached back into the depths of all their training and pulled out every engagement trick in the book. They have a slew of 'brain breaks' up their sleeves and a heart full of compassion and understanding. They are ready.



SUBMITTED BY JOANNA MARSH , WOODEND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Stamp duty savings for first home buyers in the Macedon Ranges

Thousands of first home buyers saved millions of dollars in stamp duty costs over the past financial year. That includes 149 people in the Macedon Ranges, who saved \$3.09 million in stamp duty concessions or waivers of a collective \$724 million in stamp duty in Victoria between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

“Since our stamp duty concessions were introduced, we’ve helped more than 100,000 Victorians get the keys to their first home – and for those 149 new families who’ve done just that in the Macedon Ranges, I say: welcome home,” said Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas MP. More than 9,400 Victorians paid no stamp duty at all and 381 received the concession when buying their first home in regional Victoria, saving \$120 million all up.

Under the Homes for Victorians scheme, applicants don’t pay any stamp duty at all on properties under \$600,000 and receive a stamp duty concession for property valued up to \$750,000.

All applicants who build or buy a new home are also eligible for a \$10,000 First Home Owner Grant, which is doubled to \$20,000 for new homes in regional areas.

“We know the global pandemic is having an impact on the property market and the economy, but the Government’s stamp duty concessions are making it easier for young Victorians get their foot in the door of the housing market,” Ms Thomas said.

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Fruit and veg animal photo comp



For National Nutrition Week 12-19 October, Cobaw Community Health invites kids in the Macedon Ranges to create their very own animal made from healthy fruit and vegetables. Send us a photo of your child's creation along with their name and age and the top photos will be shared on our social media pages during National Nutrition Week.

A fruit and veg box from the Macedon Ranges Farmers Market Online will be awarded to the animal photo judged the most creative.

The recent Active Living Census found that only 25% of children under 12 and 14% of adults in the Macedon Ranges meet the national daily vegetable consumption guidelines. This is a fun and creative way for the whole family to increase their daily serves of fruit and veg.

Submit your entry to jenny.cowan@cobaw.org.au by 5pm on Thursday 8 October.

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN TYRRELL



Council support for expansion of outdoor dining

Council is helping local businesses to fast track applications to expand outdoor dining areas and welcome back customers now that COVID-19 restrictions are easing.

Patrons being able to dine outside will be key to economic recovery for the shire's hospitality businesses in the wake of the pandemic.

Under the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package, local businesses can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to help pay for items like umbrellas, outdoor furniture and screens that will help transition to bigger and safer outdoor dining spaces.

Grants are available for licensed and unlicensed cafes, restaurants, takeaway food businesses, pubs, taverns, bars and clubs.

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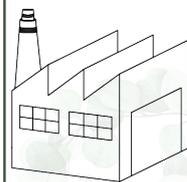
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Macedon Ranges students and community invited to Online Learning Festival

This year, Western Water will be marking National Water Week a little differently, by taking the annual celebration online.

The Online Learning Festival runs from 19-25 October and is designed to build awareness around the value of water. Featuring a new theme each day, the festival will bring together a variety of events, activities and videos.

Western Water's Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt said it is a great opportunity for the community to learn about water.

"All children, students and community members in our region are invited to take part in this fantastic free event," he said. "There's so much to do! It's a great tool for in the classroom, but also to participate in through remote learning".

A highlight of the festival each year is announcing the winners of the National Water Week poster competition.

"There's great prizes for students and their school up for grabs" Mr Holt said.

Another highlight this year will be a special performance, 'Tapstar Saves Water' by the Eaton Gorge Theatre Company.

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Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child until transmission stops and the world is polio-free.

That is why this October we are asking you to Walk With Us for those that can't. Donate Now or register and challenge yourself.

The total distance can be accumulated over the month of October 2020 so you can walk when, where and with whom you want in a COVID safe way. Each walk can be logged on the website as can fundraising totals. For more information or to register go to www.rotarywalkwithus.org

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Health service merger confirmed

Community health services in Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges are set to be strengthened with the announcement of the merger of Cobaw Community Health and Sunbury Community Health. The merged organisation, to be known as Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, will formally launch on 1 January 2021.

The merger has been endorsed by both organisations' Boards and backed by a vote of support by Cobaw's members last night.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health will cover an area of over 1700 km2 from Sunbury to beyond the borders of Macedon Ranges Shire and its 280 staff and 100 volunteers will be based across four sites at Sunbury, Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton.

"Despite the ongoing success of both our organisations, the environment continues to be challenging for smaller community health organisations," said Margaret McDonald, CEO of Cobaw. "As two entities, we often miss out on securing new funding contracts as they are given to larger organisations."

The amalgamation follows the success of other mergers in the health sector, including that of Kyneton District Health and Hepburn Health which last year became Central Highlands Rural Health.

"We are similar organisations with similar values and a genuine commitment to the individuality of our communities," said Mr Ripper. "We have collaborated on a number of projects and truly believe that together we will be in a stronger position to expand services and ensure that community health continues to be delivered close to home."

After a long and successful career, Ms McDonald is looking forward to retirement early next year once the transition to the new organisation has been successfully completed. Mr Ripper will lead the new organisation.

"For those accessing our services and programs very little will change," said Ms McDonald. "You will receive the same high level of care from the same location. There will be a new name and a new logo but you can be assured that behind it are the same local staff that you know and trust with their strong connection to the community."

SUBMITTED BY SARAH TURNER, COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH



DIANA ABRUZZI

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Diana is Founding Chairman of the International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry (**IWFCI**). Started with just an idea and 60 business cards, the Federation has gone on to establish national chapters, **business support services, policy advocacy, trade missions and networking summits around the world.**

Diana is married with three adult sons and **lives in Woodend**, where her grandson attends Braemar College. Originally from Toolern Vale her family owned Merrywood Merino Stud, where they **lived through many bushfires and droughts.**

Diana is renowned for her passion, compassion and courage in **fighting for people's freedoms**, justice, equal opportunity, reducing bureaucratic red tape and encouraging entrepreneurship.

Diana hosts trade missions to the Macedon Ranges to **foster economic development** and as a result has an acute insight to the issues and challenges facing our region, specifically in the **areas of small business, community services, cost of living** and the need for **intelligent forward planning.**

Concerned with the pace of change in society, Diana wants to bring all her history and determination to Council to help shepherd West Ward and the greater Shire to be **the most accountable, dynamic, safest and liveable** region in Victoria.

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Jennifer Anderson

Macedon Ranges Shire Council
West Ward



Hello, my name is Jennifer. I'm a Woodend resident, healthcare worker (G.P.) and independent candidate seeking re-election for the 2020 Macedon Ranges Shire Council elections.

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- Protecting our shire from excessive development;
- Ensuring an open and transparent Council;
- Protecting our natural environment;
- Acknowledging and protecting our heritage;
- Improving walking and cycling infrastructure; and
- Ensuring that the health and wellbeing of our community is always considered.

I hope that you will vote for me by post this October 2020 so that we can continue to work together to protect and enjoy living and working in our beautiful Macedon Ranges.

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with us, and they are sequenced in alphabetical order from left to right.

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Lenka Thompson



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Candidate for West Ward, Macedon Ranges

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Kinders across Macedon get tech savvy with new gear

The Victorian Government is giving 784 kindergartens almost \$1.1 million in technology grants to help give three and four-year-olds the skills they need.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, announced sixteen kindergartens in the region would receive funding through the Building Blocks IT grants program to purchase essential IT equipment to support and improve their learning environment.

The grants will be used to purchase various IT equipment, including iPads, desktop computers, monitors, headphones and other essential items.

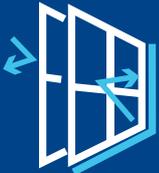
"It is crucial that early childhood education providers have the technology they need to deliver the best possible education outcomes," said Ms Thomas. The Victorian government will fund 784 kindergartens in 2020/21 for the latest technology from laptops, iPads to smart TVs to deliver early childhood education curriculum and service administration.

The Building Blocks program supports early childhood providers streamlining grants for infrastructure projects to increase capacity, modernising early learning facilities, creating inclusive kindergarten settings and delivering IT devices to eligible services – all to assist in the roll-out of funded universal Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

Grants have been given to projects designed to improve existing early learning facilities and continue to support early childhood education improve the condition, suitability and IT capability of kindergarten services.

The technology grants are part of the Victorian Government's further \$27.7 million investment in Building Blocks to continue the support provided to meet Four-Year-Old Kindergarten demand, upgrade the condition of existing early learning facilities and ensure kindergartens are equipped with the latest technology devices.

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The Mount Players reminisce with Richard Whiteley ... part 2

Following on from last month, we continue our reminiscences with Richard Whiteley, who, at the time following the tragic Ash Wednesday fires was appointed to oversee planning of construction of a new theatre ... with just \$50,000 from insurance money! Richard takes up the story.

"The Committee was absolutely determined to proceed with building a new theatre, but without borrowing any money, and this is where I would like to highlight this Committee because they made a very courageous decision – to find a builder who would literally build on an hourly rate and stop when we ran out of money. Everybody could then see a partly completed theatre in the course of erection and respond to our regular fundraising.

And we found that builder in the name of Philip Honeyman, who in fact ultimately saw the theatre through to its final stage of construction four years later."

The Committee at this time were:

- President - Alan Cameron
- Secretary - Margaret Woods
- Treasurer - Margaret Cameron

Committee Members -- Jan Mill, Roger Jones – OAM, Fred Blake, Richard Whiteley.

"Special mention must be made to Bruce Nunan, who donated the seats for the new theatre. Also, our fundraising attracted some considerable interest, as we wrote to every theatre group in the country. Of note were the locals, with Castlemaine Theatre Group sending us the proceeds of their current production, as did Adelphi Theatre Group in Melbourne, and Williamstown Theatre Group, with whom we had close connections. We were also helped by donations from Kyneton Theatre Group and Boilerhouse in Sunbury."

Last but by no means least, he says, they received "massive help" from the Shire of Gisborne in the form of multiple donations per Terry Larkins and management of the final construction towards the end of 1989.

"So, when I go to the Mountview Theatre now, I always have great pride as I walk through the door and think to myself, we did it!, then I think, 'this nearly didn't get built at all! Congratulations to all those many people who helped with fundraising and contributed in any way to the effort of getting the job done!'"

SUBMITTED BY BY RICHARD WHITELEY & KAREN HUNT



The Rotary Club of Woodend welcomes new members.



Deidre Willmott and Michael Lishman first lived in Woodend in 2005. They went back to their home state of Western Australia in 2006, before returning to Woodend in 2018. Michael is a partner of US law firm Jones Day in Melbourne and a member of the Australian Takeovers Panel. Deidre is a director of Australia Post; of Perth USAsia Centre, an independent think tank for the strengthening of relationships between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States; and of the Kimberley Foundation Australia, a not for profit organisation dedicated to researching and protecting Aboriginal rock art. In their younger days they were Rotary exchange students, with Deidre going to Germany and Michael to the United States. They are delighted to be joining Woodend Rotary to be part of a group providing service to others in our community and abroad.



Robert Rushford was previously a Rotary member with Shepparton South. He now lives in Cobaw married to Kathie with a daughter Pip who loves horse riding. He is CEO at BioIQ, a manufacturer of organic fertiliser for agriculture and soil and garden products “powered by live bacteria.” He is also CFO at Australian Organic Fruit, Partner at Release My Super and continues to volunteer in mental health and drug and alcohol rehab through Broken Ladder, partnering with private drug and alcohol treatment facilities in Australia and South-East Asia. Robert is happy to be an active Rotarian again. He knows first hand what is possible when a group of like-minded individuals get together to make a difference.

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Flexible and remote working is likely to continue, and many Melbournians are looking to the regions for the space, fresh air, scenery, and lifestyle that we all enjoy.

Domain released an interesting article recently that found that property buyers are prioritising additional bedrooms, a dedicated office, larger living rooms and more outdoor space as work-life patterns change. This makes full sense.

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Staying across the trends and making changes to finance arrangements can be daunting, so consider engaging an experienced finance professional to make the process as simple and as easy as possible. Draw on their experience in the many optimisation strategies available.

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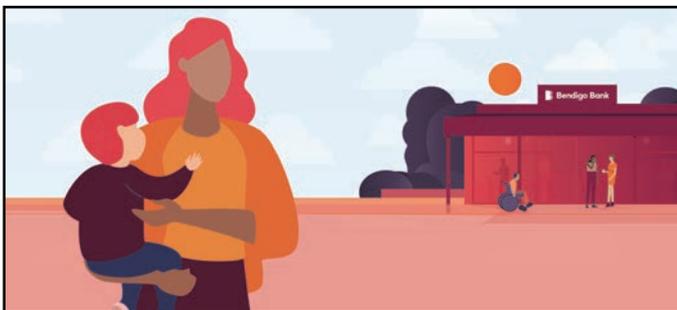
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Woodend Landcare

Working bees, AGM and membership

Like for everyone, 2020 has proven to be a very quiet year for Woodend Landcare. Our working bees and Thursday Crew activities remain on hold while COVID-19

restrictions are in place. We are hoping to resume our activities in October and hold an AGM by the end of the year. In the meantime, please consider joining or renewing your Woodend Landcare membership. Active memberships are really important to us – it shows support for the group (which helps us with funding applications) and ensures you are properly insured when volunteering. Please keep an eye on our website, and sign up for our newsletter for more details: www.woodendlandcare.org

Woodend Grassland Reserve

It has been brought to Woodend Landcare's attention that some holes, jumps and tracks are being dug in the Woodend Grassland Reserve near Buffalo Stadium. The Reserve is a 9-hectare intact grassland that supports a vegetation community considered very rare for this region. The reserve is dominated by Kangaroo Grass with a rich diversity of grassland herbs, lilies and orchids. Ecologist Paul Foreman declared that Woodend Grassland Reserve is one of the best examples of a grassland in the region. We think it is a very special place, which we are lucky to have. Please enjoy it, but look after it. It is not an appropriate place for bikes or other damaging activities.

Weed to watch Bluebell Creeper

We have noticed an explosion of bluebell creeper growing in bush areas around town. Bluebell creeper is a vigorous,

evergreen West Australian plant that grows to a height of 4 m. It may be a dense shrub or a climbing plant and has drooping clusters of blue or white flowers in spring and summer. This species produces copious amounts of seeds which are eaten by birds and foxes and spread in their droppings. It can smother native groundcovers and shrubs and can easily invade adjoining bushland. They are very easy to pull out while they are small and the ground is moist. Please make every effort to remove bluebell creeper from your property if you see it growing.



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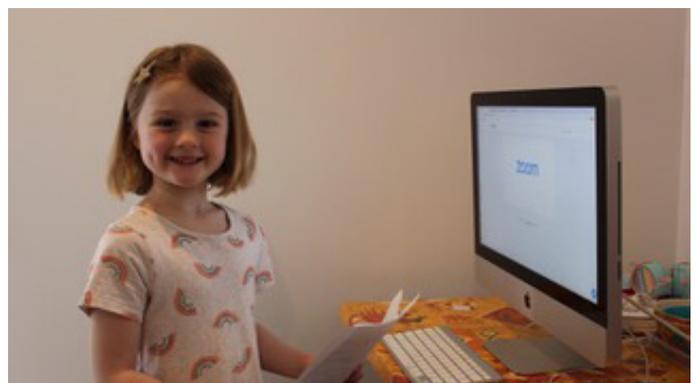
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Young Voices still singing after two Zoom terms

After two terms of being an 'iso' choir working on the Zoom platform, Young Voices of Macedon may have to continue this way into Term 4, especially given that a number of our members, including one teacher, live in Greater Melbourne.

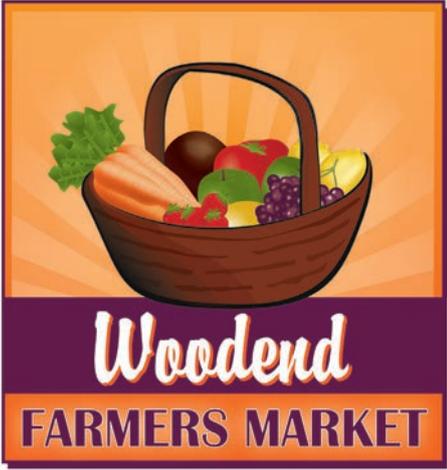
At the last rehearsal of Term 3, we are planning a great Zoom party, and excitement is running high in all sections of the choir. In keeping with our focus on songs of the sea, including the jazz cantata Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo, the party will have a nautical theme. Included will be a competition for the best pirate hat made by Vivos and the best octopus headpiece made by Cantabiles. Another is for the best sea-themed cupcake. Along with silly songs led by teachers, jokes, games and magic tricks performed by chorister/magician Orson Pillay, everyone can expect a fun and memorable time.



Our newest chorister is Valda Death (pictured) of Riddells Creek. Valda says, "I like being in the choir because it is fun. I get to sing, and it is something I really like to do. My teacher is nice, and I like doing the warm ups with the other kids. It has been an exciting new activity that I can do from home."

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SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DEMARE



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Get Online Week - Get started with Zoom 19/10/2020 Mon 2pm

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Sustainability festival online this year.

The MRSG Sustainable Living Festival is online. Would you like assistance navigating the internet to see what the Festival has on offer? Join our BeConnected online workshop. We will show you how to use a web browser, search websites and take you through a tour of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group website. Wednesday 7th Oct 2pm. Ring us for help to book in for our online session. 54272074.

SUBMITTED BY LULU COCKRAM

Making A Difference (MAD)

(continued from back page: Sacred Heart College Year 8 Inquiry Projects)

The Palm Oil Problem by Eva Raco

I would like to praise the Australian companies that have adopted the use of sustainable palm oil. Sustainable palm oil is palm oil farmed in a way that does not destroy natural rainforests, therefore not harming the animals and ecosystems. However unsustainable palm oil is the opposite, it is damaging natural rainforests and harming the animals too. This is affecting animals such as orangutans, elephants, rhinos and monkeys. They are being pushed closer together with less food, shelter and space for these endangered species. Although so many businesses are changing their ways and using sustainable palm oil, there are still huge amounts of the rainforests in Indonesia and Malaysia that are being lost every year because of unsustainable palm oil production. By 2025 approximately 26 million hectares of Indonesian rainforest will be destroyed; that is about 26.5% of the Indonesian rainforest all for the production of palm oil. We need to do more to stop companies from using unsustainable palm oil. Source: <<https://www.rainforest-rescue.org/topics/palm-oil/questions-and-answers#start>> [Accessed 18 September 2020].

Clean source of power by Jye Camilleri-Seeber

I am a Year 8 student currently enrolled at Sacred Heart College, located in Kyneton, and I am doing an article for a project detailing how Australia should improve fuel quality and invest in new and clean sources of power to supply to the population of our country.

I have found that Australia is the only G20 country to have nuclear power banned, which has resulted in large losses of possible development for our country, and has increased our reliance on dangerous fossil fuels like petrol.

To combat this issue, we could invest in new and tested forms of power that are cleaner and safer, for this I elect nuclear power, as it is clean, efficient and is relatively safe if the right precautions are taken.

Australia is one of the world's largest exporters of uranium and oil, coal and other rare materials and fuels, and yet we have the lowest emissions standards and low quality fuel. So this would be a step in the right direction.

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As a response to the challenges of COVID-19, things will be done differently for safety of all involved. The group is introducing a Gift Card program involving local businesses in the Macedon Ranges, local families in need, and the local economy. The group seeks financial donations to make this possible.

Families will receive Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Gift Cards with a set amount for each child. Gift Cards can be redeemed at participating local business partners.

The amount of gift cards and assistance that can be provided per child will depend solely on the amount of financial donations raised. For 2020 the group has a target of \$15,000!

Donations can be made by direct deposit, Cash, Cheque on Online. If you are a local Macedon Ranges business interested in partnering in the Gift Card system for your store, or want to know more, see Facebook for more details, or contact

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Online education sessions for living with dementia

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Grief, Loss and Dementia – Monday 16th November

This session provides an overview of dementia and caring for someone who has dementia. It focuses on practical tools to manage the emotions associated with change, including loss and grief.

The session is presented by Dementia Australia's facilitators, who have specialist dementia knowledge, skills and experience. This session is delivered interactively, and you will be encouraged to share your experiences alongside other participants, giving you an opportunity to develop new support networks.

The session will run for 2.5 hours, between 10.30am – 1pm, online via Zoom, a popular video conferencing platform. Once you have booked into the session, you will be sent an email with details on how to log on to the session via Zoom.

To make a booking for either session, or for more information, please call Lisa on 9815 7822. Lisa can provide training prior to the session if you are not familiar with Zoom. There is no cost associated with attending these sessions.

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Loving Local

This month we thought we'd share the love being shown to local businesses during covid times by profiling Melbourne-based Ink & Spindle (I&S), a fabric supplier that hand-prints all of their designs onto ethically sourced textiles.

We love everything about I&S. Their unique nature-inspired designs can be restful or radical with brilliant red waratahs, subtle pink pebbles and a range of native flora and birds, including correa, hakea and bottlebrush, wrens and kookaburras. If it's simple shape you're after, you can go for sticks, mountain ridges or the curves of a river bend. There are also a couple of urban designs – Rooftops and Merri Creek, though the latter is filled with indigenous nuts, buds and flowers.



Owners and designers Caitlin Klooger and Lara Cameron hand-print *everything*, which requires both hands on deck using a 17-metre-long table. Once restrictions lift, visitors can book in to observe the printing process at their studio at Abbotsford Convent in Collingwood.

We admire their commitment to ensuring low impact on the environment.

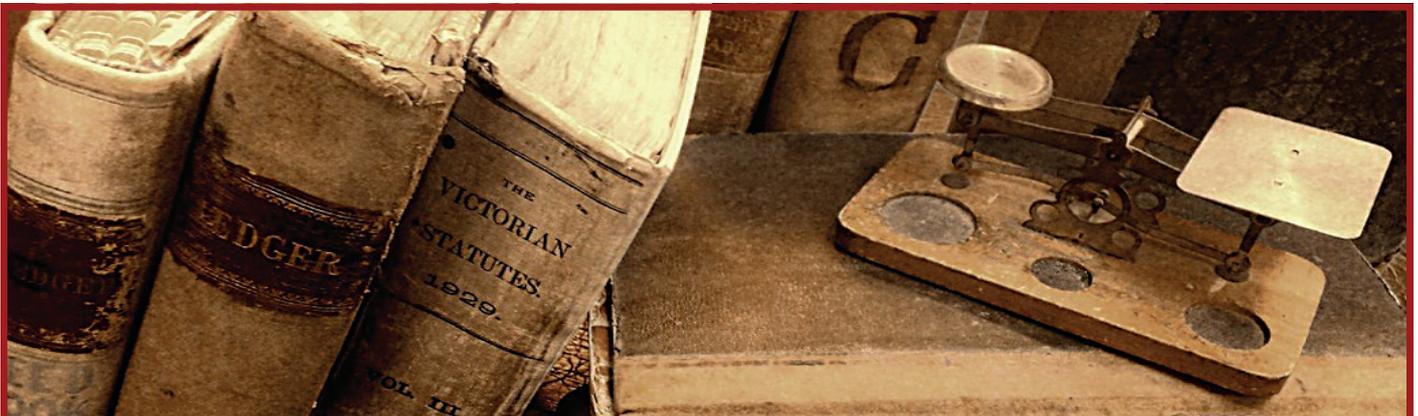
Each paint colour is hand mixed in the studio using only water-based, organic certified inks. Their basecloths include blends of GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) certified organic cotton, hemp, yak and, because tests have shown no chemical residues in their fabrics, their certified eco-linen also boasts OEKO-TEX certification.

Designed to last, I&S products don't follow trends, preferring timeless themes and colour palettes. They're aiming to see more homes filled with well made, sustainable furnishings rather than toxic, trend-driven, disposable purchases.

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Woodend residents get crafty for a cause.

Members of the GemLife Woodend craft group have hand-sewn hundreds of COVID-safe face masks for the Woodend community.

The craft group started out hand-sewing face masks for other residents, before extending their services to local Woodend businesses in need, as well as vulnerable members of the community.

GemLife Woodend resident Marion Borlase, a recently retired theatre nurse, said a call from her son asking her to make a mask for him, was what inspired the group's mask-making project. "We thought that making face masks was a great idea. The whole craft group was very keen," said Mrs Borlase. They have hand-sewn hundreds of masks, which were sold for five dollars, with all proceeds being used for the purchase of more craft materials and tools. Group member Anne Elsbury said when the masks were first offered for sale, they sold out within a day. "It's been great to be able to do something like this for the community," said Mrs Elsbury.

The generous band of residents creates masks in different sizes and adapts their designs to suit those who wear glasses or hearing aids, among other considerations. With coronavirus restrictions preventing the craft group from gathering in person, members now rely on phone calls, video-conferencing and email to coordinate their efforts.

Prior to making masks for the community, the craft group was hand-sewing scrub caps for medical staff at Melbourne hospitals, as part of the Rotary Club of Sunbury's Helping our Hospital Heroes initiative. Their efforts were recognised by the club with a certificate of appreciation.

"Medical staff are the most at risk of being exposed to COVID-19. They're the heroes working every day for the rest of us, and we wanted to contribute in any way we could," said Mrs Elsbury.

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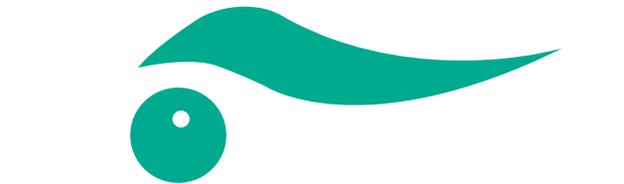
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Are you in a 'Good Space'?

Local charity PS My Family Matters, who offer emotional and practical support to families caring for loved ones with mental illness now offers a complimentary support program – 'Good Space'. The aim of the program is to provide practical and emotional support to local families. "As we all learn to adapt to the 'Covid normal', we have put something into place for carers in our region," said Tamara Wilson, president of PS My Family Matters.

The Good Space program has been made possible due to the generous support of the Bendigo Bank, Tobin Brothers and the Victorian state government.

The program has been designed to offer support to all those caring for loved ones, including younger carers, who often take up significant caring responsibilities for both siblings and parents.

The program features a range of emotional and practical support elements, including complimentary respite items to support carers and make their lives a little easier at this time. "We wanted to ensure that families in the Ranges who are impacted by mental illness know that we're there for them," said Tamara. "We're grateful to the Bendigo Bank, Tobin Brothers and the state government, whose funding enables us to make this happen."

If you'd like to know more about the Good Space program and how it might help your family, please call 0475269965 or email psmfm@outlook.com.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER

Woodend Police

There have been many developments since my last article. Last time around, I was talking about safety in School Zones, and now kids are back home schooling. Rest assured when they are back, so will we be. I don't want to talk about Covid-19, I can say without a doubt no one enjoys wearing masks or having to socially isolate, but these are the rules at the time of writing this, so we will be enforcing this until restrictions are relaxed. Please don't congregate in the street and have impromptu social gatherings without masks on, especially around the coffee shops. It draws attention to the businesses and has caused calls to Crime Stoppers/Police Assistance Line.

I thought I'd talk a little bit about crime. We live in a fantastic area, and I can assure you that we have relatively low levels of crime in comparison to other areas that aren't too far away (Melbourne Metro) many of which now covet our way of life. While there are instances of crime, family violence and financial scams - I could write whole articles on these, but I won't do that, other than to say that family violence does not know boundaries, and doesn't care about demographics, age or incomes. As for scams; banks won't contact you and ask you for your passwords, PINs or account numbers. Only scammers will do and say everything to make themselves appear legitimate.

What we do tend to have are thefts. We have two types of thefts; the first I would describe as commercial thefts, including break-ins and thefts from tradies utes and businesses. These generally have an element of force/damage done to effect the removal of the high valued item. There's generally a degree of planning, preparation and surveillance. The prevention of this type of theft is via the use of CCTV and good locks, barriers and other physical countermeasures. Force is the main element.

The second type of thefts generally affects the wider community; I call these "thefts of opportunity", and include the bike left on the front lawn or the carport left open overnight. The removal of the chainsaw from the unlocked garage or farm shed. The mobile phone, car keys or laptop from the unlocked house or car. There is generally a pattern with these - they usually involve no force, no planning or

surveillance. These are difficult to solve and to my mind easily preventable.

We live in a great community, but there will always be people who believe their own needs are far greater than yours, and there are others who come from elsewhere and who identify that our community is a little more carefree about locking and securing things. Whilst I see this as an easy fix, I know convincing the community to lock their doors/sheds/garages/cars will take more than an article in the local newspaper.

But if I can get one message out there is, please lock stuff away, it means far less work for our team. I can assure you that a "tea leaf" (thief)'s need is not greater than yours. Until next time, stay safe.

SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT DAVID ARNOLD STATION COMMANDER
WOODEND POLICE STATION.



Photo: Sgt Arnold at the Woodend Farmers Market

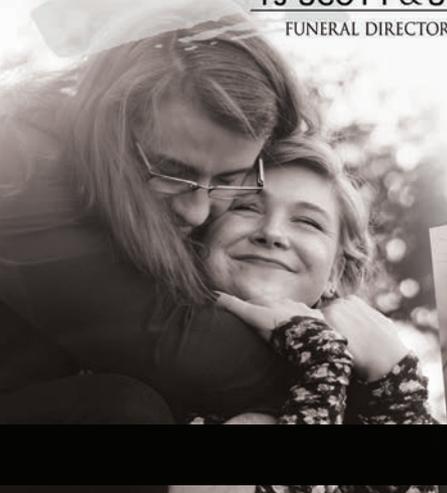
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Woodend RSL bistro reopening plans underway

Woodend RSL's popular Friday night bistro, the Poppies, is making plans for a late spring season.

"We normally have around 50 members and guests in on a Friday night for a bistro meal in a relaxed environment," committee member Matthew Sanderson said. "The friendly atmosphere, well stocked bar, and conscious effort to welcome both RSL members and their guests and local families with children has made Fridays at the RSL a highlight of the Woodend social scene since the Bistro opened in 2018."

The Bistro's much-loved head chef Siggy Thiner has moved on to other endeavours, and with the RSL Committee looking to open as soon as arrangements can be made for outdoor dining, including an extension of the liquor licence to the outdoor area, a search is underway to find a new catering partner.

"There has been interest from a variety of people with industry experience, but we are yet to find an exact match," Matthew explained. "It is a great opportunity to form a long term partnership; the kitchen is in good nick, patrons are ready to return, and the wine cellar is well stocked. All we need is the right caterer to make the picture complete."

Interested caterers are invited to contact the committee at admin@woodendrsl.org to set up a discussion.

SUBMITTED BY HOWARD BURVILL

Investing in school bushfire preparedness across the Macedon electorate

The Victorian Government will deliver safety works at schools in the region ahead of the next bushfire season.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, announced 24 schools that are part of 346 schools across the state that will share in more than \$9 million through the 2020-21 Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program.

"We are ensuring that schools across our community are prepared for the upcoming bushfire season, so that students can learn in the safest possible environment," said Ms Thomas.

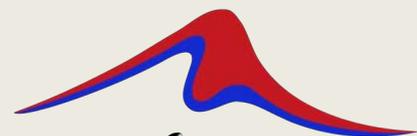
The bushfire preparedness funding will allow 21 schools in the Macedon regions to clear vegetation and undertake other essential maintenance ahead of the upcoming bushfire season.

Works with contractors will be carried out under COVID-19 advice guidelines to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.

If works can't start immediately, due to restrictions, offsite planning of these works and any that are essential for school safety will continue.

The government is investing \$7.2 billion in Victorian school infrastructure, which is delivering more than 1,460 school upgrades and 100 new schools by 2026.

SUBMITTED BY BELLA MANSON



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Young Trades Awards Program

A community initiative sponsored by Cool Country Community Enterprises and Trentham & Districts Community Bank to recognise the achievements of young people who have taken on the challenge to become a qualified trades person.

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Young Trades Awards Program

Coming soon. We are excited to announce a community initiative, sponsored by Cool Country Community Enterprises (CCCE) and Trentham & Districts Community Bank, to recognise the achievements of young people within our community.

This is the first time CCCE and Trentham & Districts Community Branch has run a Young Trades Award Program. We believe the program is just as important for our youth as it is for the businesses who employ them. These companies teach and develop young people by expanding their skill sets and knowledge, giving them the experience to go out in the world and build a career and life for themselves.

We invite you to get involved and nominate a young person who you believe shows exceptional skills, commitment and community engagement.

If you employ young workers learning their trade through training ie: traineeships, apprenticeships or if you have qualified tradespeople or contractors who work with you, please consider nominating them in the Young Trades Awards Program.

There are 3 Award Categories include.

1. Apprentice or Trainee – Employed & Learning
2. Qualified Tradespersons – Employed & Qualified
3. Entrepreneurs - Qualified Self-Employed Tradespersons

This event is not to be missed and is open to local residents aged 16 – 30 years of age.

All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of judges. Winners will be notified and the awards presented at a public event to celebrate their achievements. T&C's apply.

We look forward to you being part of this community initiative sponsored by CCCE and Trentham & Districts Community Bank, recognising the achievements of young people who have taken the challenge to become qualified tradespeople.

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Left: Tahlia Bickerdyke a qualified personal trainer. Right: Simon O'Loughlin and Stirling Keane - a business owner with his apprentice.

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So if you're not already involved, why not consider joining?

Membership this current 2020/2021 year will be \$20.00, which also covers insurance.

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For more information, contact the president, Di Clausen, on 0429008763 or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411150114.

Alternatively, go to the website www.life.org.au, and click on Trentham in the list of clubs.

SUBMITTED BY WENDY REDMAN.

MACEDON RANGES WINE BUYERS GUIDE
Patrick Eckle's
Wine review

The vines are well and truly alive in the Macedon Ranges with spring bringing on the start of what will be the 2021 vintage! Unfortunately, there will be no Budburst festival this year and at the time of writing, restrictions were starting to lift, so go out and support your local producers, who have had a really tough time over the last six months; but it hasn't stopped them making some incredibly good wine!

2019 Shadowfax Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir

The wine was sourced from a number of vineyards in the Macedon Ranges, with this release all about structure and texture, with density of fruit and cascading of tannins that provide an enjoyable wine now, but one that will grow in subtle influence in the years to come.

A medium red in colour, with a nose of black cherry and rhubarb that melds with earthen spice. The medium-bodied palate is all about contrast; piercing black cherry works against a taut line of acidity and savoury tannin, with enough oak influence to give just enough richness at this point in the wine's development. The finish has length and drive, afforded by the cool climate acidity the Macedon Ranges is known for.

Rating: 94 | Price: \$33 | When to Drink: 2020 - 2030

2019 Granite Hills Riesling

A nose of wet slate, jasmine and crushed lime; elegance personified. This is a classic release of one of Victoria's greatest producers of the variety. Lemon and lime fruits are precise and build around a chalky, mineral line of acidity that flows and gives subtle texture, as opposed to jarring impact, as can be the case from warmer sites. The finish is effortless, with citrus and cut white flowers lingering.

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SUBMITTED BY PATRICK ECKEL

Your local food suppliers, cafes and restaurants will be adjusting to the changing circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. For up-to-date information, visit their websites and/or Facebook pages.

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For the end of 2020, we have teamed up with Paint for Fun and three wonderful vineyards in our backyard – Mt Macedon Winery, Heskett Estate and Botanica Estate – to offer three unique painting and tasting experiences (with social-distancing regulations in place) on the following dates:
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We have been busy, even with all of the restrictions



It has been a tough year for everyone, and the CFA has also introduced some strict restrictions on training and attendance to the fire station. However, we have continued to turn out to events and emergencies in our community.

In fact, since late February, we have attended nearly 50 call outs – some false alarms, some minor and some major.

Here is a break-down of those jobs: 20 grass and scrub fires, 10 illegal burn offs or burn offs out-of-control, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 5 alarms activated, 2 children locked in cars, 1 gas leak, 1 sparking power line and 1 assisting Ambulance Vic.

Last year we attended a total of a near record 143 events, and this year the total is already over 70.

Rest assured, despite any ongoing restrictions, the Woodend CFA will be turning out when we are needed.

Daylight Saving – change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am (AEST) on Sunday the 4th of October.

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

Remember, it is normally smoke, not flame or heat, that kills the majority of fire victims. When we're asleep, our sense of smell is greatly diminished, and we're unlikely to smell smoke. The smoke may also put occupants into a deeper sleep, so a smoke alarm actually helps wake us. And, with all of the plastics, materials, electronics and chemicals around - house smoke can be extremely toxic.

Here are some interesting home fire facts:

- One in five Australians have experienced a fire in their homes
- Research has shown that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%
- While 45% of properties visited had smoke alarms installed, 31% of those were not functioning, with the batteries flat or even removed
- About 64% of house fires were unintentionally lit
- Around 56% of those started in the kitchen during cooking, and a further 15% were the result of electrical faults.
- To ensure you have a working smoke alarm:
- Test your smoke alarm weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.
- Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.
- Change the battery at least once a year.

Now is the time to start reducing the risk of fire!

The Fire Restriction period is not far away.

In recent years, we have experienced several consecutive extremely dangerous summers, and this year will be no exception. In fact, with reasonable winter rains and strong spring growth, this year promises to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons for many years. And, now is the time to start preparing to reduce the risks of fire danger to you, your family and your property.

The Macedon Ranges Shire has introduced specific laws as to which properties are able to burn off, and how large your fire can be. Please check the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website before you burn.

For further information, contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org

SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN MIKE DORNAU, WOODEND CFA

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Despite the severe restrictions we have been living under, the Woodend Bowling Club has been semi-open for a 'healthy roll'.

Whilst our club house was closed and large gatherings not possible, we were able to continue to bowl under strict rules on numbers, distancing and sanitising.

As restrictions are eased, we are hoping that our normal pennant season will be able to get under way.

The health benefits of bowling

Bowls is a low-impact, therapeutic exercise that can improve fitness, co-ordination and confidence.

There are currently in excess of 250,000 registered bowls members in Australia. However, the increase in popularity of social bowls has seen the number of participants increase to over 500,000 nationwide.

Bowls is played for the challenge and competition, personal enjoyment, activity, the pleasure of spending time outdoors and for social interaction.

Health professionals strongly recommend playing bowls as it provides a number of health benefits, including:

- Improved fitness
- Improved co-ordination and skill development
- Increased confidence and self-esteem
- Enhanced mental well-being
- Community connectedness and support

Getting started with bowls ... become a social member!

Because of its relaxed pace and comparatively light physical demands, bowls is a popular participant sport both competitively and socially.

However, you don't need to become a competition member to join our club. The Woodend Bowling Club has a special annual Social membership that allows you to become a member for a low fee. This enables you to come down and bowl at most times and at your own pace. We also provide all the bowls and other equipment you will need.

This is a great way for you, your family and friends to enjoy 'a relaxed roll' in a beautiful environment ... for very little cost.

Application forms are on the Woodend Bowls Club website, or contact the club for more information.

Come on down for a free trial.

Even with restrictions, at the time of writing, we can still have people on our bowling greens.

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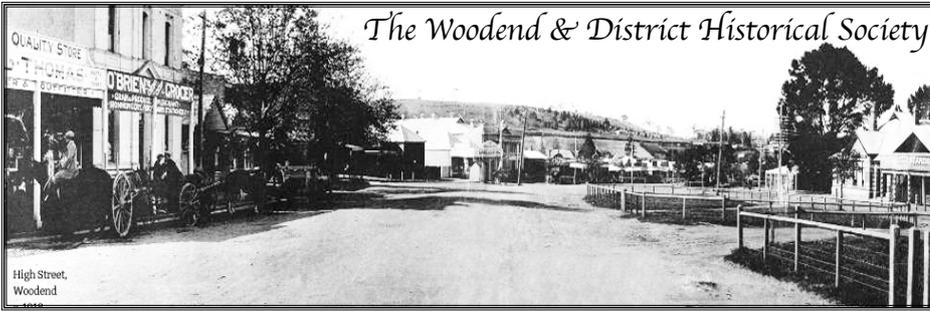
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The Craft of Coach-building



Double Abbott-style buggy, 1870s. National Museum of Australia

In the late 1880s and early 1900s, the High Street in Woodend was thriving, with many small businesses, one being that of coach-building. To meet the needs of everyone, coach builders built a range of horse-drawn vehicles. Farmers needed wagons or drays to move their hay or potatoes and other crops. The wagon had four wheels and was pulled by at least four horses, while the dray had two wheels and could be pulled by two horses. Gigs, jinkers or buggies were required for everyday outings, such as going to town or getting the mail. One horse could pull the gig or jinker, which had two wheels, and carried two or three people, while the buggy had four wheels, was pulled by a bigger horse and could carry up to six people.

One of the most successful carriage builders was F. W. Lee, who advertised regularly in the Woodend Star as a 'builder of all kinds of Waggons, Drays, Waggonettes, Gigs, Buggies and every description of vehicle'. In 1901, the Star praised Mr Lee's latest creations – two open waggonettes built to carry seven passengers and one covered waggonette, which could carry eight passengers.

The craft of the coach builder was sometimes greatly enhanced by the skill of a painter, who decorated the vehicles with intricate designs in a preservative paint.

For the smarter vehicles, top quality leather formed the hoods, trimmings and seats, and brass fittings completed a beautiful work.

Other coach builders in Woodend were William Lamb, Mr A. Carroll, and Hilfers and Budgen. As well as building vehicles, the men regularly

repaired them, and were vital in the maintenance of the large passenger coaches which were heading to the goldfields and back. Even in the 1930s, James C. Williams was advertising as a coach builder in Brooke Street. The uptake of the motor vehicle eventually contributed to the demise of coach-building.

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Mr Aubrey A Cornish in his Jinker. It was not uncommon for Mr Cornish (of the "Woodend Star") to travel to Melbourne in this outfit, and he regularly took the local Minister from Woodend to Trentham.

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Making A Difference (MAD) – Year 8 Inquiry Projects

What is MAD?

Each year, the Year 8's at Sacred Heart College participate in the Making a Difference (MAD) Inquiry Project. This project involves students choosing an issue of social or environmental injustice that they would like to investigate in order to promote positive change. To do so, they produce a range of project materials, which they will present to their class and RE teacher early in Term 4.

This year, the projects are looking a little different. Usually, students have the chance to present their issues at the College's Twilight Open Evening onsite at the College, where everyone is invited to see what they have achieved. This year, however, that cannot happen. Instead, they will be presented in the Religious Education classes and on the College's social media platforms. Topics consist of injustice we see every day or a problem that is sometimes avoided. Some examples are, but not limited to, mental health, homelessness, political corruption, rights for people with a disability, and plastic pollution. Brief excerpts from two MAD projects are provided below.

Introduction written by By Anna M, Year 8

Women in Australian Politics - By D'Arcy E, Year 8

I chose this topic because I have always been interested in politics and in particular women in politics. Women have had a long history in Australia's Parliament, for example, Australia was the first country to allow women to run for parliament. However, in 2020 only 32% of representatives in Australian Parliaments are women. As a young woman I would like to see that number grow to 50 per cent as soon as possible. In 1921, Edith Cowan, became the first woman elected to Australian parliament. In 100 years, our nation has had female Premiers, a female Governor-General, a female Prime Minister, and an elected Indigenous woman. As the end of my MAD project approaches, I look forward to exploring what actions we can take on behalf of women in Australia.

Torturous Animal Testing! NEEDS TO STOP!- By Kayla H, Year 8

Animal testing is a worldwide issue and not enough people know about it. Animal testing is full of torturous and painful procedures affecting over 100 million animals each year globally, at our expense.

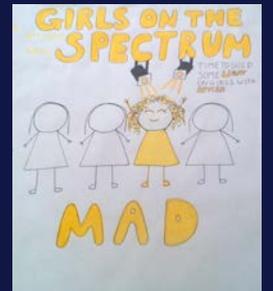
Animal testing is a bad science! According to DO SOMETHING.ORG only 8% of tests that were effective when performed on animals have been proven to be effective on people. This means that 92% of these tests are useless, and causing animals excruciating pain for no reason! This only makes human trials all the more dangerous!

Animal testing is not the only way! Scientists have come up with much more accurate ways including computer silico modeling, and vitro testing .

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