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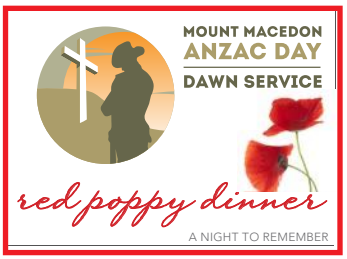

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red poppy dinner

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

MOUNT MACEDON
ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE

A fundraising dinner supporting Mount Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Friday 22nd April 2016 | Braemar College

The Mt Macedon Commemorative Services Committee which organises the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Mt Macedon Cross Reserve each year is hosting a fundraising dinner.

The event will assist funding this years' service with many local businesses contributing to the night and Braemar's wonderful hospitality students and staff cooking and serving the canapés and three course meal with a Vietnamese theme.

Braemar's art students will be using projection to enhance the jungle theme in Jackson Hall while Braemar's College's cadets also have a role on the night. The music students together with local talent, Athol Guy will be orchestrating music of the Vietnam War era that troops in Vietnam would have heard.

Speaking on the night is Decorated Platoon Commander David Sabben, Dave was a first intake Nasho, graduating as a Platoon Commander from Scheyville Officer Training Unit. He served with 6RAR first tour (1966-67) and was a platoon commander in the Battle of Long Tan for which he was awarded a Medal for Gallantry (MG - Australia's equivalent of the Imperial Military Cross)".

The fundraising dinner's theme of the 50th anniversary of Long Tan, Dave Sabben brings 'first hand' authenticity to the telling of the Long Tan story.

Calling all contributors!

Our story is your story! If you like what we're all about, why don't you write for The New Woodend Star? Is there an event you'd like to tell others about? Are you passionate about our community and seek to share its high points and features? We'd love to hear from you!

Dave Sabben is a most highly credible authority on the battle of Long Tan itself – both from our point of view (co-author, Long Tan: As Told By the Commanders to Bob Grandin) and the enemy's point of view (author, Through Enemy Eyes).

Dave commanded 12 Platoon, Dcoy, 6RAR throughout that 4 hour ordeal when the company found itself under intense fire from a combined North Vietnamese and Vietcong force with an estimated strength of 2,500.

Dave has been a popular speaker over the years and has led several 'battlefield' tours to Vietnam, including the annual Long Tan Trek Tour to the Long Tan battlefield itself, and expects to make this year's 50th anniversary trek his last.

Red Poppy Dinner | A night to remember

7pm Canapes and drinks, 7.30pm Dinner in Jackson Hall, live music from the era. Tickets: $100 pp includes three course dinner and drinks. Braemar College, 1499 Mount Macedon Road, Woodend. To book your tickets go to ww.trybooking.com/185630.

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All money raised supports the Mount Macedon Anzac Day Dawn Service.

Submitted by H. Relph

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January	54.0	227.5	31.0	3.9	19.2	61.4	35.3	30.6
February	71.5	115.0	133.0	97.4	11.2	41.6	14.3	59.5
March	121.0	35.0	84.0	53.0	49.0	26		49.4
April	45.0	63.5	35.5	20.5	84.1	39.4		48.6
May	39.0	73.5	54.4	47.2	46.0	68.7		58
June	98.5	69.0	126.8	147.8	122.3	39.5		101.2
July	87.5	82.5	102.0	101.8	79.3	95.3		92.2
August	148.5	56.0	113.7	116.4	32.7	50.7		73.9
September	97.0	98.5	54.6	85.0	55.9	44		67.6
October	154.5	86.0	39.0	75.6	49.6	12.9		52.6
November	193.0	82.0	31.4	67.2	53.0	41.3		55
December	93.0	120.0	21.4	35.2	36.6	41.7		51
Year total:	1202.5	1108.5	826.8	851.0	638.9	532.8	49.6	791.6

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ANZAC DAY Commemorative March

ANZAC Day 2016 commemorates the Centenary of the Somme, when almost 300,000 Australians served on the Western Front. More than 46,000 lost their lives, of which some 18,000 have no known grave. ANZAC Day 2016 also marks 50 years since the Battle of Long Tan, which saw the action of 108 ANZACs against an enemy force estimated between 1,500 and 2,500. The Battle was one of the heaviest conflicts in the Vietnam War, as well as one of the few battles in the recorded history of the world, to be won against such odds.

The Woodend ANZAC Day Commemorative March will commence at 1130am in High Street service road, near Brooke Street and proceed, pausing to lay wreaths at the Vietnam Wall and the Woodend Clock Tower respectively. The march will then cross High Street and proceed along Anslow Street to the Woodend RSL Sub Branch where a Commemorative Service will be held at 11.45am. Following the Service and wreath laying, refreshments will be served in the Sub Branch.

Those who wish to participate in the March are reminded to be in position no later than 11.15am.

Submitted by B Meldrum for Woodend RSL

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4:15AM	Gisborne Train Station	4:40AM
5:15AM	Gisborne Train Station	5:40AM

Woodend to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:30AM	Woodend Train Station	4:50AM
5:15AM	Woodend Train Station	5:35AM

Sunbury to Dawn Service

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
5:00AM	Sunbury Train Station	5:45AM

Riddells Creek to Dawn Service via Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15AM	Riddells Creek Primary	5:00AM
4:30AM	Romsey–Community Hub	5:00AM

Lancefield to Dawn Service via Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:45AM	Lancefield–Mechanics Hall	5:30AM
5:00AM	Romsey–Community Hub	5:30AM

Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve–Waterfalls Rd, Macedon

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Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2016

The region's largest ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Monday 25 April at Mt Macedon's iconic Memorial Cross.

Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Mr Bruce Mildenhall said that the Committee had worked hard to ensure that the content and quality of this year's Service would continue the strong tradition of Service's past, and would commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Fromelles.

"The focus of this year's Service will be on the centenary of the worst day in Australian military history, the Battle of Fromelles," Mr Mildenhall said. "19-20 July 1916 saw more than five thousand Australian casualties in a twenty-four-hour period at Fromelles. This year, we will also commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan which has come to symbolise Australia's service in the Vietnam War."

The 2016 ANZAC service will also hear 'Voices from the Front' – extracts from writings penned by Australian service personnel from the earliest to recent conflicts, and reflections on the aftermath of conflict.

Mr Mildenhall said that following the success of the free bus services over the past three years, which has meant more people could attend safely and on time for the 6am Service, buses will again be provided from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Sunbury.

To attend the service will need to catch one of the following bus services:

- Gisborne Train Station at 4:15am and 5:15am
- Woodend Train Station at 4:30am and 5:15am
- Romsey Community Hub at 4:30am and 5:00am
- Lancefield Mechanics Hall at 4:45am
- Riddells Creek Primary School at 4:15am
- Sunbury Train Station at 5am

Bookings are essential for these services and can be made by visiting: www.organscoaches.com.au.

A continual shuttle bus service will operate from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve- Waterfalls Road, Macedon with the first bus departing at 4:15am and the last bus departing at 5:20am. Bookings are not required for the shuttle service.

Mount Macedon Road will be closed to Dawn Service traffic from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue, and Mount Macedon Road and Straws Lane from 3:00am on ANZAC Day. All private cars will be directed to Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve.

For further information, visit the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Facebook page.

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Free breakfast for Tradies

Woodend Rotary in conjunction with Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) are pleased to host a 'Save your Bacon' breakfast for local Tradespeople.

The free breakfast will be held on Tuesday May 10 commencing at 7am at the rear of Mitre 10 Woodend (enter via Nicholson Street). Tradies will receive a free breakfast hot off the grill, as well as drinks and information to take away.

Talking about depression, anxiety, suicide and life's difficulties are not part of the tradie culture. Consequently, tradies suffer in silence and do not access the help that will improve their life.

HALT aims to build a bridge between existing support services for people at risk of suicide and our local community, by providing information and raising awareness, especially in the 'tradie' occupations.

- A free feed, talks from people with live experience in the trade and a HALT bag that contains information from both local community mental health organisations and national organisations like Beyondblue and Lifeline.
- HALT embraces a whole of community approach by engaging where possible, with local community health services, Rotary and business owners, local council, hospitals, private practitioners and the local community.

HALT was founded by Jeremy Forbes in 2013. A trade qualified painter and decorator in Castlemaine for almost 20 years, Jeremy has experienced the highs and lows associated with the building industry, financially, physically and mentally and would like Tradies to be more conscious of how depression, stress, tiredness and frustration can impact their lives and loved ones around them.

Brendan Maher, General Manager of 'R U OK?' states HALT's 'Save your Bacon' brekkies are an important initiative to bring the community together to talk about the tough stuff. Let's face it, no matter how strong we are – life happens. Someone close to us dies, we have relationship issues, we're lonely, our business goes through a rough patch, we struggle to get out of bed and don't know why. When things aren't quite right, it's good to know where to turn for help. It's great that HALT are showing people where they can turn to for help.'

More information is available by contacting Woodend Rotary via Community director Daniel Rigoni on 0430 371 001.

Submitted by Grant Hocking

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Festival program launched with an appeal to the local crowd

The Woodend Winter Arts Festival launched its 2016 program last month – and at the same time opened up a crowd funding campaign urging everyone in the Macedon Ranges to donate to support the opening night fireworks.

The fireworks have been a free gift to the community every year of the Festival and were introduced to ensure that everyone, young and old, can feel a part of events programmed for the long weekend in June.

The crowd funding campaign will offer a range of 'gifts' in exchange for donations depending on the level donated. The biggest gift will be naming rights for the donor prepared to commit $1000 – but any level of donation is welcome. In fact, the more people who donate, the more Festival organisers know the community is right behind the fireworks.

The program launch (held on 19 March at the Norma Richardson Room) revealed another stellar list of international and local performers, authors and art shows, plus a few 'secret surprise' events that may pop up around the town to delight residents young and old over the Festival long weekend.

This year's program will include world class accordion musician Petro Roffi from Italy, Santa Taranta (Melbourne-based band who play the music of southern Italy), Beethoven performed by Anna Goldsworthy and Niki Vasilakis, Slava Grigoryan in concert with cellist Sharon Draper, Clarence Lee from Singapore on the Steinway, the Orava String Quartet and the debut of the Melbourne Ensemble – formed by players from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Other key events will feature celebrity chef Stefano de Pieri cooking for diners at an Accademia Arcadia performance, a mini Buster Keaton film festival and literary events including Laurie Oakes, Sally Warhaft, Mark Butler, Melanie Joosten, Johannes Klabbers, Kate Grenville and Helen Elliott, Kate Larsen, John Brumby with Joel Deane and Michael Bachelard, David Lawrence and local storytelling legend, Peter Fernon.

The full program for the Festival, 10 – 13 June this year, and tickets (events range from free to an average of $20 - $40 full rate with concessions and children's' tickets available) are available from the Festival website.

oClick through from the website to donate to the crowd funding campaign and support the fireworks www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au and watch our facebook page and twitter account to find our who's getting involved as Festival organisers thank each donor.

Submitted by A Patterson for WWAF

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Concerts, Gardens and Conversations at Duneira

April gardens at Duneira are in full autumnal colour, while the homestead will host a number of fascinating events this month!

The Sutherland Trio will delight with their performance "A Tale of Two Prodigies" on 16 April. They'll perform favourites for the piano trio ranging from Mozart, Mendelssohn and Piazzollo.

For those who love strings, see the Monash Sinfonia in concert at St Ambrose Church on Sunday 17 April, where they'll perform some great string works by Corelli, Vivaldi, Joe Chindamo and Josef Suk. An inspirational event for the young string performer in your family!

The theme of ideas continues at Duneira this month with a Book Discussion on *Shylock is My Name* by Howard Jacobsen on Sunday 17 April. See New Leaves in Woodend for copies of this great retelling of one of Shakespeare's most famous plays.

And join Julian Burnside QC AO in a conversation about language over some wine and cheese on Saturday 16 April. Argue if you dare!

In addition, there are Open Gardens, Garden Tours and House Tours scheduled. www.duneira.com.au for all information and tickets.

Submitted by Irene O'Duffy, Duneira

Open Garden

St Ambrose Farm, the old school house in Wood Street Woodend is about to open it's Enchanted Gardens for the first time in 10 years.

The historic property circa 1888 started life as the coach house for the then governor of Melbourne, before being taken over in 1911 by the Sisters of Mercy and commissioned as St Ambrose parish primary school.

In 1997 the dilapidated property was purchased by world renowned garden designer Paul Bangay, who set about transforming the almost 3 acres of barren land into the breathtaking formal European style garden it is today.

Open in conjunction with Mr Bangay's current property Stonefields, this is an opportunity to view Paul's two biggest masterpieces.

Botanical artist Craig Lingerwood will be displaying his latest artworks over the 2 days.

Open April 16 and 17 from 9am till 4pm, admission is $20, payable at the gate. Children under 12 free.

Unfortunately not wheel chair friendly. Refreshments available. Part proceeds will be donated to local charities including the CFA.

So save the date in your calender! A garden of distinction and uniqueness, an event not to be missed!

St Ambrose Farm, 7 Wood Street, Woodend.

Submitted by John Flens

THE BROOKE STREET MEDICAL CENTRE

April 2016

New flu vaccine

This year the Government is providing the new quadrivalent influenza vaccine **free** of charge for patients who are considered "**high risk**". This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, those with chronic disease, pregnant women, moderate to severe asthmatics and people over the age of 65 years. Your doctor will determine eligibility. For all other patients, the vaccine costs $21.

Quadrivalent means "four strains" (of flu). World Health Organisation influenza experts determine which strains are best to cover in flu vaccines each year.

Brooke Street Medical Centre has decided to purchase the quadrivalent vaccine instead of the previously used trivalent vaccine for our private patients this year. The Quadrivalent has added the influenza B strain. Children in particular are more vulnerable to B strains of influenza which makes this vaccine a good option.

The best time to get vaccinated is autumn as the protective benefits of the vaccine take around two weeks to kick in. Immunity then lasts for around 12 months. A common misunderstanding about the influenza vaccine is that it can give you the flu. Rest assured that this is not the case as the vaccine contains an inactivated virus.

Our vaccine clinics will begin in April with all patients Bulk Billed for the consultation component (plus cost of vaccine in some cases, see above). Please phone reception or book into a flu clinic online www.bsmc.net.au.

Welcome back Elspeth

We warmly welcome back Dr Elspeth Harrison following maternity leave.

Elspeth will rejoin us on April 18th – she will consult on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Justine Garvey

Dr Justine Garvey has decided to focus her time and skills in our New Aged Care team and so, has reduced her hours at the clinic and will cease consulting in June.

Many BSMC patients will be disappointed (while our aged patients and their families are delighted). We understand this can be very difficult - please identify another doctor at the Practice for your ongoing services.

Our services for BUPA Woodend residents

Brooke Street Medical Centre's New Aged Care team is dedicated to providing ongoing, **direct** care to residents wishing to use our services.

Our GPs regularly visit patients at the Woodend BUPA and other aged care facilities.

Unfortunately, many residents and their families have been given false information about BSMC suggesting our doctors will not do this.

Our aged care services include:

- Doctor visits to residents in the facility - minimum twice weekly AND more as needed for urgent care.
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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

a message from **Cr. Jennifer Anderson**

Planning for our long term future

March has been a busy month for planning at Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

There have been Planning Panel hearings for Woodend Structure Plan (C98), and a directions hearing for the Rural Living Strategy (C110).

Kyneton and Riddells Creek planning scheme amendment processes have also commenced with panel preparations and hearings. (C99, C100, C103, C105)

Thank you to all submitters who respectfully presented their view of things to the independent panel.

Once the panel releases its findings, Council will decide if it accepts what they say, or wishes to make their own changes in response, before deciding whether to submit the amendment to the Minister for Planning for final approval or refusal. Future council meeting agendas will include this.

At a State level, the Macedon Ranges Protection Advisory Committee (MRPAC) briefing paper has been released, and is available for comment until April 15.

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/panels-and-committees/current-panels-and-committees/macedon-ranges-protection-advisory-committee.

This is a very important document asking what people see as worth protecting in the Macedon Ranges and the different ways this might be done.

Even a simple email to the committee outlining what you enjoy about the Macedon Ranges and would like to see protected into the future would be of assistance. The more they hear from us the more likely it is we will get a good outcome.

The State Government, in conjunction with council, is also undertaking an independent review of the Hanging Rock Advisory Committee membership, and the creation of a master plan for the Hanging Rock Reserve and East Paddock. Keep a look out for how you can be involved in the near future.

Jennifer Anderson

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Over the last few years, the MITCH Next Generation concerts have presented an entire program of the best, new, young musicians in the Central Highlands. The concerts have been a wonderful way for young people to see their contemporaries and for MITCH to create programs that are diverse and inspiring.

Following the very successful 2015 'Next Generation Concert', MITCH is proud to present the 2016 concert - once again in the glorious, nineteenth century main hall at Braemar College.

For the first time, the 2016 performers are drawn from all the Macedon Ranges secondary schools including Braemar College, Gisborne Secondary College, Sacred Heart College and Kyneton Secondary College, as well as the Resonance String Orchestra.

Already confirmed for the concert is the impressive 11 year old pianist Jing Zhang. She is preparing for Grade 7 piano under the tutelage of Bron Sozanski.

MITCH Music Director, Henry Vyhnal said of this year's program: "Sometimes in the past it has been a struggle to put together a program that is consistent in standard, representative of a range of styles and able to fill 70 minutes of performance time. This year, I have been inundated with requests from Macedon Ranges music teachers to present their very best students. I have had enough requests to present two concerts.

Those who miss out now will be considered for the remainder of the 2016 season.

The sheer number and quality of the young musicians being considered is proof of the fine efforts of our music teachers as well as the attraction that the MITCH concerts have for students who wish to enjoy a superlative, performing experience."

Bookings to be made via the contact and payment page on our website www.mitch.org.au.

The 2016 MITCH 'Next Generation Concert, Braemar College, Sunday April 17 at 2.30 pm, 1499 Mount Macedon Road, Woodend.

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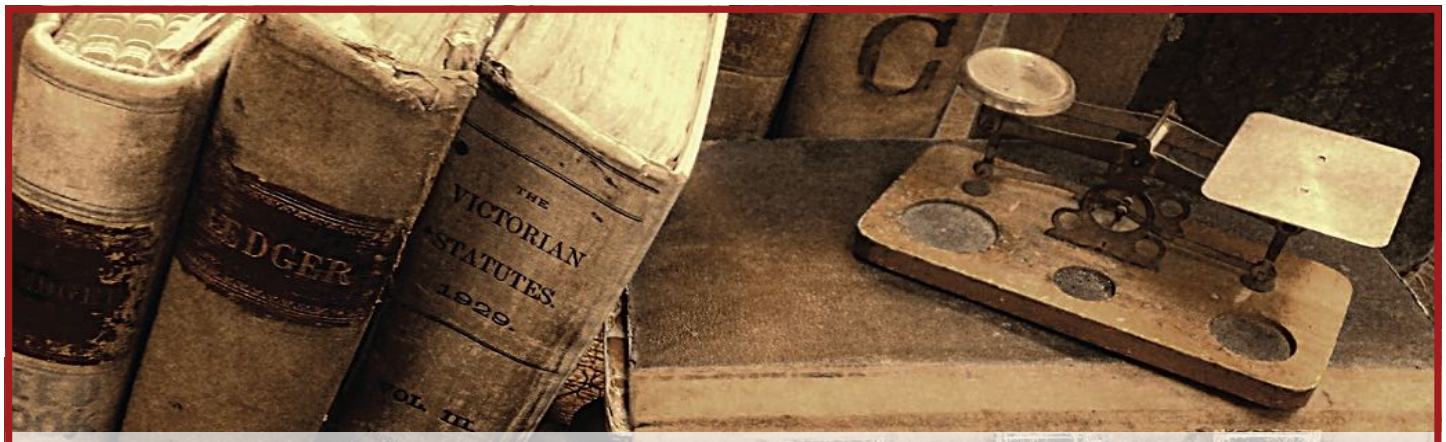

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Churches and the community supporting refugees

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Approximately fifty people gathered in the sunshine to hear Rev. Melissa Clark from St Mary's, Rev. Wendy Elson from the Uniting Church and Fr Martin Fleming from St Ambrose speak about the issue from the perspective of the Christian churches.

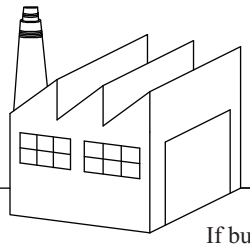
Mr Peter Fernon, a Trentham resident and member of the Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees also gave a tremendous talk and reminded the people attending that "the point about the good Samaritan is that we do not choose our neighbour... our neighbour is whoever we encounter on the way".

The gathered people wrote messages of welcome on a banner that will be presented to our local Member of Parliament in the coming days.

They also raised over $220 for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray. The speakers encouraged everyone to write letters, send emails and make phone calls to relevant politicians in order to bring about change in favour of a compassionate welcome for those fleeing war and persecution.

If you would like to show your support or provide practical help, contact the Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees at mrrar.refugees@gmail.com.

Submitted by Rev Melissa Clark of St Mary's Church



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Cancer Council

Woodend Primary School joined students and staff from Newham and Romsey Schools in a fun week of fundraising to support last month's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life.

Wigs, hats and bandannas were worn to increase awareness of the event that has contributed more than $1.25 million to the Cancer Council Victoria's research, education, advocacy and support programs.

The three schools raised a combined total of just over $1000 through gold coin donations, cupcake decorating and face-painting.

The activities were organised by senior students from the schools, and Relay patrons Athol Guy and Annie Phelan dropped by to acknowledge their efforts. Annie also had her head shaved to promote the cause.

The final fundraising amount for the 2016 event is expected to be around $75,000. Seven teams raised more than $5000 and are eligible to have input into how their money is allocated for research by the Cancer Council Victoria.

Submitted by N Hartnett

Great ideas, great communities

Council's new range of grants and funding opportunities are now open.

New Events & Festivals Grants Program

Council has introduced a new dedicated grant program for groups and organisations seeking funds and other council support for events and festivals.

In the past, Council's main funding for events and festivals was provided through the annual Community Funding Scheme, with additional in-kind support provided by individual departments on an ad-hoc basis. However, from 2016 onwards, all support requests for events & festivals will be handled through the new program.

The Events & Festivals Grants Program will open on Friday 1 April and close on Sunday 1 May 2016 alongside the Community Funding Scheme.

For further information, contact Bridgette on 5421 9521 or via bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Community Funding Scheme

This is Council's annual grants program for not-for-profit community groups and organisations of all sizes, and offers financial assistance for a variety of projects and activities.

Guidelines and application forms are available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/cfs or at a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

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In the meantime, Doug Dalgleish has been working quietly behind the scenes preparing our site for the 2016 Trees for Mum planting. An attractive little bend in the Five Mile Creek that was once covered in blackberry and willow is now a clean slate ready for planting with species native to this area. Our working bee on 24 April will be dedicated to further preparing the site including laying jute mat in readiness for the big day.

Newcomers are always welcome at our working bees. Please RSVP to Krista on 5427 2140 or woodendlandcare@gmail.com. For more information, check out our website: www.woodendlandcare.wordpress.com.

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Woodend Playgroup will join more than forty organisations across Victoria to celebrate Nature Playweek, an initiative that reconnects kids with nature and the outdoors. Coordinated by the Kids In Nature Network, Nature Playweek is part of the Premier's Active April.

Woodend Playgroup will run Bush Playgroup on Saturday 9 April at the Sanatorium Lake in Mount Macedon. Open to all members of Playgroup Victoria (and Woodend Playgroup), families will meet at 10am at the Sanatorium Lake Picnic Ground before heading off for a short walk discovering plants and animals followed by morning tea by the lake.

Libby Nuttall, President of Woodend Playgroup, said Sanatorium Lake has proved a popular destination for Bush Playgroup in previous years and she is looking forward to a return visit: "We're hoping parents and carers that don't usually get to playgroup will come along to Bush Playgroup. We want to encourage as many families as possible to join us – so If you're thinking of coming along, please invite your friends from your session to come too!"

Wear weather appropriate practical shoes and clothing that won't matter if they get dirty as well as a snack and water to drink.

For more information about Bush Playgroup, visit www.woodendplaygroup.org.au. For more information about Nature Playweek, visit www.natureplayweek.org.au.

Families with children aged 0-5 years interested in joining Woodend Playgroup should contact the Enrolments Officer on woodendplaygroup@gmail.com or 0467 093 878 to arrange a free trial session.

Submitted by Helen Edwards

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Art walks out of the woods

Visual arts again captivated Woodend over the long weekend with the 41st Lions Art Show attracting a steady flow of visitors who saw local artists dominate the prizes.

Organisers were pleased with the atmosphere which included demonstrations by five artists from the Macedon Ranges Art Trail.

Romsey fine art photographer, Ralph Ewart, won the $1500 Best in Show prize. Botanical artist Stephanie Goss, of Woodend, was judged Best Local Artist. The People's Choice Award went to Anisa Sharif, whose glass mosaic waterfall was a majestic feature of the show. Other winners were: Jennifer Barnett, Best Oil; Michael Wilkin, Best Watercolour; Von Van Vliet, Best Acrylic; Sue Coad, Best Drawing; Margaret Torney, Best Mixed Media; Jess Szigethy-Gyula, Best 3D; Elio Pulli, Best Photograph.

The Mrs A. Wiber Junior Award was won by Woodend's Hayley Shannon, who also received a Highly Commended prize. The Mrs A. Wiber Encouragement Award went to Xanthe Wood. Highly Commended prizes were also awarded to Kate Beranic and Olivia Sutton.

This was the second time the Macedon Ranges Art Trail had partnered with Woodend Lions to reinvigorate the art show since a slump in entries resulted in the event's cancellation in 2014.

Although there were fewer entries than last year, the judging panel of Maxine McKee, Jeff Moorfoot and Philip Walsh was impressed by the standard of artwork. More than $7000 from the proceeds will be spent on Lions community projects.

The 2016 Woodend Lions Art Show was made possible due to the generous support of the following sponsors: Mrs A. Wiber Memorial; Ray & Sue Lodder; Fairhurst Conveyancing; Keatings Real Estate; Joan Gladman Real Estate; Raine and Horne; Sign Obsession; Kate & Peter Turner; Ian Marks; Arthouse Direct Sunbury; Mary-Anne Thomas; Lisa Chesters; Bradleys Curtains; Mark Brown Chiropractic; Juliana Smith; Holgates Brewhouse; Chinka Steel; Kosmac and Clemens; Macedon Ranges Signs; Macedon Ranges Florist; Woodend Pharmacy; Firebird Motor Repairs; Woodend Nursery and Garden Supplies; Helen Cottle; Ettore DiPilla; William Ritchie.

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This amazing turn out of locals from Woodend and our neighbouring towns, along with their friends and family, enjoyed perfect weather, carnival atmosphere and a fantastic range of stalls and activities.

This year the children enjoyed more rides than ever,among the favorites were the Cliff Hanger that had the kids soaring in the sky like a hang glider, the Dragon Coaster that thrilled all ages and of course the littlies always love an animal farm.

Pop-up-stalls were back again this year. Many small businesses loved the chance to show their products to such a big crowd. This year there was a huge variety including children's clothes, kitchenwares, and the popular fire pits to name just a few. The Woodend Playgroup was even there to tempt everyone with toffee apples and fruit cups.

The main stage was jam packed with local acts generously donating their time to entertain the crowds. *Woodend's Got Talent* saw children singing, dancing, playing instruments and even performing comedy and variety acts. Congratulations to everyone involved!

An absolute hit this year was the Dunking Machine. A huge thank you must go to everyone who braved a dip and answered our call for volunteers, in particular Andy Kozak from Woodend Primary School.

See all the action from the carnival, pictures at back.

Such a big event could not be held without the support of the local community. Once again the businesses of Woodend and the broader Macedon Ranges region were overwhelming generous! Whether you sponsored a stall, donated goods to our spinning wheel or silent auction or provided discounted services, your support is so appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge the amazing work of all our volunteers and the kind assistance of all the schools in the region.

Submitted by Jennifer Leyden, President
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What's on for term two at the House

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Hot off the press and enclosed in this edition of The New Woodend Star is our term two brochure. We've added a few new courses and workshops to the program and you'll still find the good old favourites.

We're pleased to see local residents joining us as tutors; Joe Tog will be providing chainsaw theory classes, naturopath Jill Kratsis is hosting a children's complementary medicine workshop, Marita Jacobsson is providing creative care for carers, Vicki Maquignaz will teach you to crochet, Sue Gaballa will be sharing her experiences from walking the Portuguese Camino trail and Pamm Brittain is offering a class on lifestyle choices and, gardening classes for children.

Planning for term three will start mid-May so we are also taking expressions of interest for courses starting in September. These include building websites in WordPress, building furniture from pallets and basket weaving.

Have you been to a community lunch? If you would like to come along the next few dates are 15 April, 20 May and 17 June. We're also happy to welcome any volunteers who would like to lend a hand; it's a fun team.

As part of Digital Literacy Year we're also planning a few "Friday Freebies". These short classes will take place on Friday afternoons and coincide with our community lunch dates. They'll also be free. Topics will include Mastering Instagram and What's new in Windows 10 so, if you would like to go on our mailing list and hear about these topics, or add a topic of your choice, please call us on 5427 1845 or email reception@woodendnh.org.au.

In other news, we recently held our AGM and were very pleased to have Cr Graham Hackett, Mayor of MRSC, present Certificates of Recognition to our volunteers in acknowledgement of the great contribution they make to the running of the House. We also thanked and farewelled Lisa Thomas our outgoing treasurer and welcomed Tim White as our new treasurer. We look forward to working with Tim and thank him for volunteering his time and expertise.

Submitted by Angela Van Dam - Coordinator

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Macedon Ranges U3A

After the hectic, very short, first term, U3A's 2016 Committee of Management is planning yet another interesting series of events and speakers for the Autumn/Winter term.

On Monday mornings there will be a guest speaker and the list for April and early May is as follows:

- April 11 – Brian Austin. Brian is a retired Surgeon-dentist. While travelling in London last year he had an accident that left him quadriplegic. He will tell us something about dentistry, and about his present situation.
- April 18 – Peter Hamilton, a U3A member, is a keen student of history, and will speak on Ancient Rome.
- May 2nd – Diana Sargeant of Silkie's Rose Farm at Clonbinane. Diana will speak about her experience as a propagator and grower of roses.

As usual, Monday afternoons are set aside for discussion, and one of the group will act as leader in what can develop into a very lively time indeed!

President, Malcolm Colquhoun, is working with the Committee on a topic for another "Q3A" public forum, such as we held so successfully two years ago. Various topics have been suggested, some humorous, some not so much.

For information about U3A, contact Malcolm, 5426 2331.

Submitted by Jo Clancy

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Wine Reviews
with Patrick Eckel

This months wines are from two of the smaller producers in the region, the first is Lord Malmsbury with wines produced from estate plantings of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz and small quantities of Cabernet that were established in 1989. The second is a newcomer in terms of label, but comes from one of my favourite winemakers, Matt Harrop who is also in charge at Shadowfax. The winery is Silent Way with the estate vineyard in Lancefield and fruit sourced from other vineyards around the Macedon Ranges and Victoria.

2012 Lord Malmsbury Pinot Noir

A winery that I hadn't heard of prior to moving to Macedon Ranges, if you look on their website they are still sitting on 2008 vintage Pinot Noir, a small boutique producer who doesn't mind their wine sitting in bottle for a number of years prior to release.

The wine is a deep red in the glass, the nose show sappy cherry and a slight funky aspect that adds to the experience. The palate is a concentrated example of the variety, however there is enough savoury flare and fine boned acidity to keep things in balance. Oak adds a filament of spice with drying tannins and dark cherry lingering on the finish.

Rated: 93 | Drink: 2016 - 2024 | Price: $20
Website: lordmalmsburyvineyard.com.au/

2015 Silent Way Gewürztraminer

This is the first release of this wine from Silent Way and is sourced from the Midhill Vineyard in Romsey within the Macedon Ranges. This is a vineyard that has provided the constituent grapes to a number of fine wines produced from the region.

An ever so slight tint of colour in the glass, the nose is lifted and aromatic with musk and turkish delight supported by a little candied lime. The textural components on the palate give the wine depth and presence, the candied lime from the nose is evident on the palate combining with richer nuances and benefiting from a grapefruit-esque twang to finish. A wine that delivers more than just an attractive nose!

Rated: 93 | Drink: 2016 - 2018 | Price: $30
Website: www.silentway.com.au

Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society

An excursion to the Yarra Valley on 3 February was a stimulating start to this year's ADFAS program of arts events. Over fifty members and guests travelled by coach to visit an exhibition of Howard Arkley and Friends at TarraWarra Art Gallery, followed by lunch and an exploration of the award-winning Alowyn Gardens at Yarra Glen.

Howard Arkley's Exhibition at TarraWarra Gallery was popular with ADFAS members

Lars Tharp, well-known for his appearances on UK television's Antique Road Show, commenced the year's lecture series on Thursday 3 March. His talk, 'Five men behaving badly – a really Grand Tour of Kent', provided the many members and guests attending with an entertaining look at English artists William Hogarth and Samuel Scott and others.

The lecture on Thursday 14 April is sure to have wide appeal. Jane Clark, Senior Research Curator at MONA – Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art – will talk about founder David Walsh's vision for the museum, in her talk, 'David Walsh's Bold Experiment; the evolving Museum of Old and New Art.'

If you would like to attend an ADFAS lecture you are very welcome to come along as a visitor. Attendance is $30 and as well as the lecture, there is a hearty hot and cold supper accompanied by local wines – and plenty of animated discussion. Lectures are held in the Kyneton Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Arrive from 7pm.

Membership of ADFAS is open to everyone with an interest in the arts. 2016 programs and membership applications are available now at Woodend Information Centre or ring Maureen on 0408 517 485.

Submitted by Norma Aplin, ADFAS Central Vic

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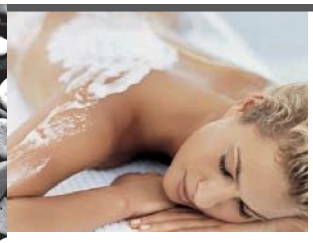

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St Mary's Guild

Congratulations to Rochelle, winner of the March street stall raffle, which comprised a cookbook, tray and pizza cutter.

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St Mary's Guild holds casual events most months, the next will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Norma Richardson Hall. Have you been inside this magnificent hall yet? Come and join us for a light lunch, tea or coffee, raffle and door prizes and friendly chatter. Details of activities are posted on the Coles billboard the week before and usually in The New Woodend Star.

St Mary's Guild has been active knitting blankets (500 so far have been distributed by the Salvos for the needy) and this year will add beanies and gloves for needy children around the world.

Drop in from 11am and stay for a little while or join us for lunch if you can. We love to meet new friends.

Submitted by Sylvia Mathews, St Mary's Guild Secretary

Woodend Art Group

Upcoming workshops

Woodend Art Group are pleased to have five workshops in the pipeline for Term 2.

- Life Drawing expertly tutored by Amanda Candusio on April 17, 1-4 pm. Cost is $38.
- Back by popular demand, the first Daniel Butterworth workshop is scheduled for Saturday. April 30, 10 – 4 pm. The subject will be portraits, any medium. Fee is $80.
- Sunday May 15, 10-4 pm Terry Jarvis will conduct his much anticipated watercolour workshop. For bookings and info contact Pamela 5427 1659. The fee is $90 WAG members, $100 non-members.
- The second Daniel Butterworth workshop will be Saturday May 28th 10-4 pm. The subject will be still life, any medium. Fee is $80.
- Due to a dedicated following, Tim Jones has agreed to conduct another of his fabulous wood engraving workshops, This will be held in June, date yet to be announced.

Keep in touch via the website www.woodendartgroup.org.au, Enquiries call Jennifer 5427 4148.

Submitted by J Barnett

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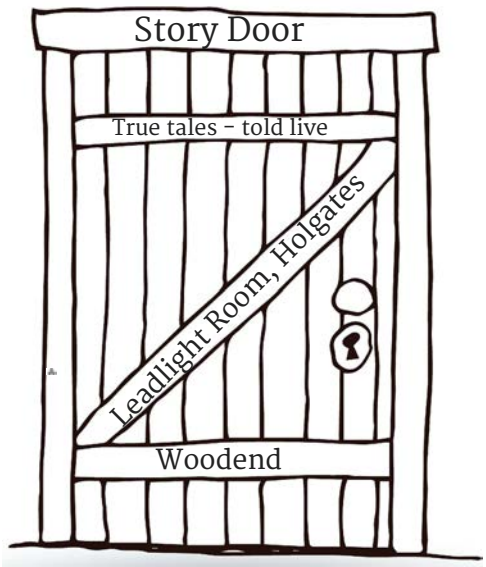

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Rotary Club of Woodend

Over the last month Woodend Rotary has experienced some excitement and activity with the district conference held in Bendigo over the Labour Day long weekend, overseas adventures, social events, building projects and fundraising.

During March we had a visit from Wendouree Rotarians who spoke about supporting youth through interview preparation. The meeting was held at the Woodend RSL and the Wendouree group were impressed with our clubs vibrancy and friendliness.

Club member Howard Bradfield returned from Nepal and then more recently from Fiji where he represented Disaster Aid Australia efforts to support the communities following the Nepal earthquakes last year and the recent Cyclone Winston in Fiji. His recent presentation was excellent and shows how Rotary can support projects anywhere in the world.

Club members recently completed the installation of a picnic setting at the Woodend Avenue of Honour Memorial wall. This follows on from the club support of the project and the Woodend RSL by replacing the fence last year and will make a lovely spot for those visiting the site to enjoy a snack or lunch in the lovely surroundings.

Walks are continuing on weekends through our walking group and we also held a fundraising sausage sizzle at Sunbury Bunnings on Sunday March 20 which was well supported.

All meetings are on Thursday nights from 6.45 pm, upstairs at the Victoria Hotel Woodend unless otherwise specified on the webpage. We always welcome visitors and people interested in supporting the community.

As mentioned in the last edition Woodend Rotary will be celebrating its 29th anniversary and a special event will be held on Thursday April 7th at the Victoria Hotel. We are seeking all past members of the club to attend and the response so far has been good. Contact us if you are interested in attending.

If you would like more information visit our webpage or social media sites below, or contact President Grant Hocking on 0429802722. Webpage: portal.clubrunner.ca/9589 | facebook.com/rotarywoodend | Walking Group Facebook: facebook.com/groups/795089553844781.

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April
1 MRSC Events & Festival grants open
2-15 Macedon Ranges Protection Advisory committee comments welcome
3 Duneira Rosalie Ham writers master class
3 Duneira Comic Opera "Le 66"
3 Bupa Woodend – Harvest Festival
6 ABC Open Writing workshop
7 Woodend Rotary – 29th anniversary celebration
9 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am -12noon
9 Bush Playgroup, Sanatorium Lake
14 ADFAS lecture
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
15 Community lunch, Neighbourhood House
16 Duneira Julian Burnside in conversation
16 Run the Rock
16-17 Open Garden St Ambrose Farm
17 Woodend Lions Market
17 Duneira Open Garden
17 Book discussion with Howard Jocobsen, Duneira
17 Sinfonia Concert, St Ambrose Church
17 MITCH Next Generation Concert, Braemar College
22 Red Poppy Dinner, Braemar College
23 Kyneton Baptist Church Community Garage Sale
24 Lancare Working Bee
27 Draft Council budget released

May
1 Woodend Hesket Masters home game
8 Tree's for Mum
8 Mother's Day
10 HALT Tradies Breakfast, Mitre10
14 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am -12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
15 Woodend Lions Market
20 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood

June
4 Cooking Demonstration
11 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am -12noon¬
10-13 Woodend Winter Arts Festival
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due
17 Community lunch at Woodend Neighbourhood

July
9 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due

August
13 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due

September
10 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due

October
8 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due

November
12 St Mary's Street Stall: 9am – 12noon
15 The New Woodend Star submissions due

COMMUNITY GROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Friday night, Cobaw Community Centre, 0409 131 144
Australian Breastfeeding Association, Heather, 5427 2398
Cobaw Thursday Walking Group 5427 3340
Daylight Masonic Lodge, 5427 2480
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Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, Sheila/Don 5427 3644
Garden Club, 5422 6062 / 5427 3340
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Lancefield–Macedon Ranges, Relay For Life, Kathy 0419 644 688
Living Word Christian Church, 5429 6327
Historical Society, Courthouse, 5427 2523
Macedon Ranges Art Trail Nadine 0439 399 838
Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, 10 Webb Cres, New Gisborne 1st Wednesday each month 8pm
Macedon Ranges Amateur Radio Club Graeme 0418 838 300
Macedon Ranges Animal Aid, Buffalo Sports Stadium, 5427 1752
Macedon Ranges Bridge Club, 5427 1884
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St. Mary's Guild, 11am, 4th Wednesday of month 5422 2942
St. Mary's Street Stall, 9–12 noon (2nd Sat of the month)
Woodend & District Probus, 5427 2003 or 5427 2483
Woodend Art Group, Railway Station, 5427 1659
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Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, Hanging Rock Reserve, 5420 7595
Woodend Lions Club, Meetings 2nd/4th Wednesday each month, Barry McDonald, 5427 1272
Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, 5427 1845
Woodend Playgroup 0467 093 878
Woodend Pony Club, 5427 2793
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Members of Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRC) enjoyed running at Sunfest on Sunday March 20. The event celebrated its 40th year and MRRC members took part in the 5km, 10km and 21.1km runs starting near the Memorial Hall in Sunbury. Congratulations to all those who took part in the event.

MRRC intermediate running group are now looking forward to 'Run the Rock' on April 16, after completing their preparation program for the event. Meanwhile the start running group have been making a fantastic effort by progressing steadily in readiness to complete a 5km non-stop milestone run scheduled for April 10. Well done everyone.

Woodend runners on the MRRC Intermediate program

Want to get involved in running? MRRC has a variety of programs for people who want to start running or experienced runners preparing for local running events. We welcome people of all abilities and running experiences; whether running for the first time or a seasoned runner you will find a suitable level in a fun group environment.

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Hawks off to flying start

Woodend's newest club, the Woodend-Hesket Masters Football Club celebrated an impressive win over the Gisborne Masters on Friday, March 4.

Although a six-quarter practice match, the Hawks made a statement with an impressive 10-goal win over the Bulldogs, who both fielded healthy interchange with more than a dozen players on the sidelines.

The night was a huge success with families lining the ground to watch the Hawks do battle and to begin what is looming as a healthy rivalry with our nearest Victorian Country Masters AFL club. Players also raised $1483 for the Lily Barker Foundation.

Finals scores were Woodend-Hesket 15.6 (96) to Gisborne 5.6 (36).

The Hawks have trained weekly since six players gathered in May last year with a view to forming a club to enter into the VCMAFL. The league accepted the club's admission in November with a unanimous vote of club presidents.

The new jumper, which is an original design that incorporates the original Woodend and Hesket jumpers before the clubs merged.

The club's first home game will be played on Sunday, May 1 at Gilbert Gordon Oval against Bendigo with a special event to celebrate this historic occasion. Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy a great family day.

Pictured is Daron Jacks (media manager), David Robinson (secretary) and Chris Forde (captain/coach).

The Hawks would like to acknowledge the support of the local community and businesses, especially sponsors Sovereign Financial, the Fresh Produce Group, Macedon Chiropractic and Holgate Brewhouse.

For more information on the Masters go to the club's Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/WoodendHesketMastersFC.

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Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

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(pictured at right)

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WHRPC meets every Thursday at the Hanging Rock Reserve from October until April from 5.30 to approximately 8.30pm. There are other social and competition events during the year and opportunities to play with other clubs.

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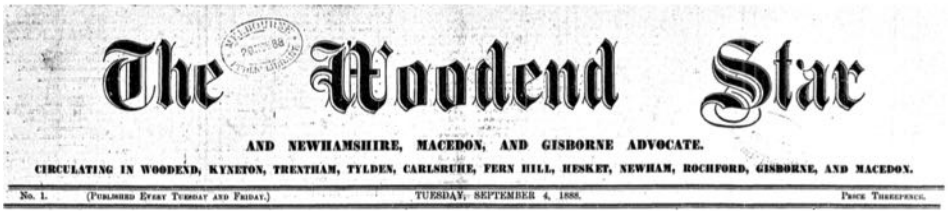

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The opening statement of intention was as follows:

"A WORD ABOUT OURSELVES

To-day, if we may be permitted to judge, Woodend is better off than it was yesterday, for to-day it has a paper of its own. The first issue of the WOODEND STAR is herewith presented to our subscribers, in the hope that it will prove as acceptable to them as we have striven to make it. Of course, in preparing the first number of any paper there is always considerable amount of work and worry which may be expected to have a prejudicial effect upon the sheet produced. Like everybody else similarly placed we have experienced these preliminary difficulties but, at the same time, let it be distinctly understood, we do not desire to make them the foundation for excuse.....

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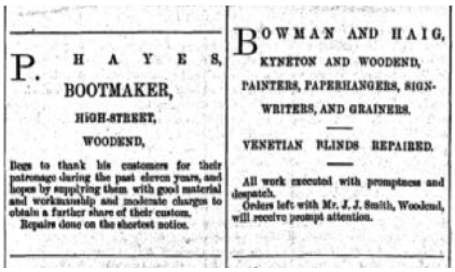

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Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery

Sunday 3 April was the end of daylight savings. Along with changing your clock it is the perfect time to also change your smoke alarm batteries.

Woodend Captain Mick Christie said house fires occurred more frequently in the cooler months, so "it makes good sense to check your smoke alarm battery at the same time you change your clock".

"In Autumn and Winter, we tend to stay indoors more, turn on the heating and do more cooking indoors," he said.

"All smoke alarms, whether hard-wired or wireless, require a battery" added Mr Christie. "Hard-wired alarms use a battery as a back up and the battery needs to be changed as well."

Smoke alarms usually have a lifespan of about 10 years—alarms older than this should be replaced. Some smoke alarms have a printed use-by date, but if an alarm is still 'beeping' after its battery has been changed, it should be replaced.

Only a working smoke alarm saves 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 asleep, our sense of smell is largely 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 you. And, with all of the plastics, materials, electronics and chemicals around - house smoke can be extremely toxic.

For further information contact Captain Mick Christie or 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau at the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356, visit the station in Urquhart Street or our website: www.woodendcfa.org. The Woodend CFA is a volunteer emergency service, committed to Creating Safer Communities.

Submitted by 1st Lieutenant Mike Dornau.

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St Ambrose Woodend Community Carnival

The St Ambrose Woodend Community Carnival was held on Saturday the 27th of Feb. There was an amazing turn out of more than 2000 people, who enjoyed the perfect weather, carnival atmosphere and fantastic range of stalls and activities. See page 20 for more.

Show us your best pics

Welcome to *The New Woodend Star's* photo page – Window on Your World.

Submit your photos to content@newwoodendstar.org.au and every month we'll feature the best ones here.

A beautiful autumn morning at Wooded Rotary Walking Track , photo by Peta McDaniel

Rotary members completed the installation of a picnic setting at Woodend Avenue of Honour Memorial wall.