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New Woodend Op Shop

New Woodend wildlife op shop to provide much needed help to our native animals

A new op shop has opened in Woodend to provide much needed financial support for our rural and regional wildlife rescue and native wildlife shelter services.

Woodend local, Sandy Howe, has opened Wildlife Shelters Op Shop at 42 Urquhart Street in Woodend, after years of wanting to do more to help protect our native wildlife. Having worked for the neighbouring Salvos Store for almost a decade, Ms Howe says the op shop was a natural way of bringing together her love of native wildlife and her expertise and skills in retail.

The Wildlife Shelter Op Shop's first beneficiary will be the Trentham-based wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre, Five Freedoms Animal Rescue. Its operator, Manfred Zabinskas, is a well-known figure in the area, regarded by many as the "go-to man" to help with any native wildlife rescues. In 2020, Mr Zabinskas received a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to animal welfare.

Mr Zabinskas and his partner and a co-operator of Five Freedoms, Helen Round, recently calculated that it costs approximately \$42,000 a year in dry feed, milk powders and medications alone to operate their shelter at full capacity. That figure does not include the cost of the fuel Mr Zabinskas requires to attend specialist rescues, or the tranquilizers needed to subdue animals.

Every month, the op shop will donate profits to a different chosen local regional shelter or rescue service.

Ms Howe hopes that both locals and visitors to Woodend will take the time to make a day out of op-shopping and visiting some of the great local attractions the Macedon Ranges has to offer.

Ms Howe says that so far, she has been blown away by the generosity of locals wanting to support the op shop.

"What we need now is for good quality, clean donations to keep coming and for volunteers to help us run the store."

For more information please call Jane Lindhe, 0407 290 383 or email janeclindhe@gmail.com

SUBMITTED BY JANE LINDHE

Important Note

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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Winter help for the homeless

Rotary Woodend is putting a call out to the community for donations of towels and hygiene/personal care packs, as part of their Macedon Ranges Homelessness Support project. These donations help Cobaw Community Health's homelessness program respond to requests from clients in need, at what is a very busy and challenging time.

Cobaw requests donations of clean towels that are new or in excellent condition, and 'care packs', clear ziploc bags containing hygiene and skin care products for men and women.

If you are able to help, or for more information, please contact Josephine Falzarano on 0407 271 628, or drop your donated towels and care packs at Mort and Pestle, 19th Hole Shopping Centre, 2/130 High St, Woodend.

Woodend Rotary awards outstanding community service

Local Rotary members, Tim Webber and Shirley Cann have both been awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for 2020. The Paul Harris Fellowship, named after the founder of Rotary, recognizes outstanding contributions in community service. Tim and Shirley have been active participants in many club projects over the last few years, including our school interview skills program, general fundraising activities and the development and implementation of our school building program in Vanuatu. In addition, Shirley is also an active member of with local Red Cross and Tim has been a member of *The New Woodend Star* committee for the last three years.

Commenting on the awards, President Mick Deviny said, "It's wonderful to see two dedicated Rotarians be recognized for their community contributions. Rotary's motto is 'Service above Self' and both Tim and Shirley epitomize this ideal."

The Rotary club meets weekly, alternatively online (7pm on Thursday via Zoom) and at the Vic Hotel (6.45pm on Thursday). New members are especially welcome. If you would like to join us online or come to a dinner meeting at the Vic Hotel, please call membership director Tony Waters on 0418 528 509.

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAMER



Pictured here with new club president, Mick Deviny, Tim and Shirley received their awards at a recent club meeting.

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- 1.....FMO collection day
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- 6.....Rotary club meets
- 10.....Staying Safer Online - library
- 13.....RSL meets 10-12
- 13.....Rotary club meets
- 14...Name the Mascot comp closes
- 15.....FMO collection day
- 20.....RSL meets 10-12
- 20.....Rotary club meets
- 25.....All about Apps - library
- 27.....RSL meets 10-12
- 27.....Rotary club meets

— September —

- 5.....Woodend Farmers' Market
- 25.....AFL Grand Final Holiday

— October —

- 3.....Woodend Farmers' Market
- 4.....Day light saving starts
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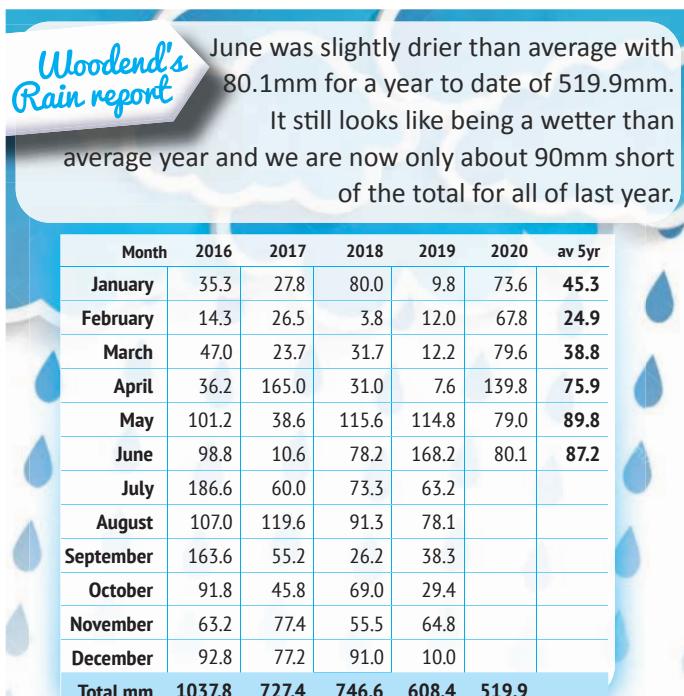


Rotarians at Work

Woodend Rotary recently held a working bee on the garden on the south side of the railway bridge. Held on a Saturday in June, nine volunteers pruned roses, cut back overgrown blackberries, picked up rubbish, and raked and weeded the garden beds. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the working bee numbers were capped, and members socially distanced and brought their own tools. Present were Tim and Carol Webber, Ian Scott, Paul Quinn, Shirley and Allan Cann, Charles Bender, Mick Deviny and Alison Kinghorn. The work was achieved in one and a quarter hours, after which we enjoyed a socially-distanced coffee at a local café.

The wooden picket fence was inspected, and will need some structural work in the near future. This will form the basis of the next working bee when the weather improves. Many thanks to those involved; it was a productive and pleasant morning.

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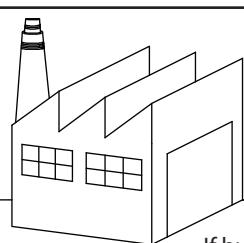
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Three 2nd Woodend Scout Group Venturers; Kate Mahon, Jess Thorne and Adam Walduck successfully completed their Queen's Scout Award this month and are soon to be

recognised at a formal ceremony at Government House. Jess and Kate are the Group's first young women to receive this prestigious award, and the effort has seen the three of them fundraise and traverse some of Australia's most revered hiking trails, plan and work in overseas communities. During their recent humanitarian trip to East Timor, they helped build student housing for a remote school, and worked with local doctors and students. The Overland Track, the Grade 5 Gippsland trail, and the 100 km Ocean Road Walk have all been covered. Their Venturing journey has been supported by 2nd Woodend's dedicated and much-loved Venturer Leader, Dale Sutton. Dale's commitment to the success of many Scouts under his mentorship has seen eleven Venturers receive this rare honour since 2nd Woodend's inception eight years ago. Kate, Adam and Jess represent the very best of scouting, and we are so proud to see them complete this long journey. Congratulations from everyone at 2nd Woodend and thank you for what you have contributed to our community.

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Woodend Police News

I wanted to start on positive note. In the last edition (my first article) I mentioned that a number of shops in High Street had been broken into late at night. After some excellent work from the detectives at Altona North, these offenders have been arrested, and charged for this and a number of other break-ins across the region, including in Trentham, Daylesford and Ballan.

My next bit isn't quite as positive

I'm a little bit concerned about what I see as an important safety issue. As most of you should be aware, students returned to schools recently, I'm big on safety, and have tasked the team to ensure that we had someone at the school zones every day. You may have seen us, we make it obvious that we are there; we are not hiding in the trees/behind bins or in an unmarked car.

We are in fact on the side of the road, in clear view, in a very distinctive white station wagon, blue/white checkers and those flashing lights on the top. However, we had cause to speak to a number of local residents for speeding and other things, resulting in eight infringements being issued.

I'm not going to pull any punches here, if you speed in a school zone, I would expect that you will be booked. You're the adult in this situation driving a car, where primary school children are active in and around the roadway. It's just not going to cut it with the team, saying "I wasn't concentrating". This is the exact time and place you need to be paying 100% attention to the road. Any serious event involving a child is distressing, not only to the parents, but to the other person involved, the school, the wider community and every emergency responder attending.

We will continue to monitor traffic during school times, and I implore you to slow down and concentrate. It's not about revenue raising, it's about safety. Because if we don't do this together, an infringement notice might be the least of your worries.

I'd like to thank the people who approached me about my last article, I hope that I can tell you all how I see things from a policing prospective, the positive and the negative. I'm more than happy to hear what you'd like me to discuss. Stay safe, remember social distancing and hand hygiene, and stay at home if you are unwell (unless you are seeking medical attention, of course).

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Digital connections make a huge difference in lives

The Digital Connection Project for Seniors has received an impressive 25 enquiries from people ranging from 65 to 98 years of age wanting to increase their digital literacy.

In response to COVID-19 restrictions, the project aims to support people over 65 in the Macedon Ranges to socially connect with family and friends using internet-enabled digital technologies. Those inquiring have had a broad range of needs, from having no prior experience using a device, to others needing support to move their business online, search for employment, contact family and friends over platforms such as Zoom, or to complete a carers course to care for partners at home.

Volunteer Project Worker, Andrea Darcy, said, "Prior to the pandemic, most of the people I have assisted had some opportunities for social connection that aren't possible now. Many expressed a degree of loneliness and social disconnection because of COVID – usual community activities not running, children at a distance ... Overwhelmingly all were up for a chat and wanted to share their challenges and frustrations during this time."

The Australian Digital Inclusion Index shows a digital divide where older people are falling behind younger people in their capacity to access and make use of the internet. People aged 65 and over are among the least digitally-included groups in Australia, particularly if they are women, on lower incomes or not living in a major city.

Gisborne Oaks resident Betty Smith is a perfect example of someone who has managed to remain connected over the last few months. With phone calls, texting, emails and social media



apps, she is in regular contact with family and friends, including a granddaughter in Canada. Betty is also an avid watcher of YouTube, listens to ABC radio, plays solitaire and loves to Google things. Thanks to her tablet and smart phone she is in touch with the world.



Digital mentoring is supplied via local libraries and community houses who are Be Connected partners. Mandy McFarlane from Goldfields Libraries says, "Many people just need someone with patience to explain things to them step by step. It is really rewarding to see these older Australians increase their independence through technology."

This Digital Connection Project for Seniors is a joint initiative of Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, Cobaw Community Health, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Goldfields Libraries, Kyneton Community House, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, Gisborne Men's Shed, Macedon Ranges Health and the Zonta Club of Kyneton.

If you (or someone you know) are keen to keep up with Betty's digital skills, call the Digital Connect Project for Seniors at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0237.

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Sunset to sunrise cat curfew now in place

All cats within the shire must now be confined to their owner's property from sunset to sunrise, and are prohibited from entering Council's most sensitive environmental areas.



The cat curfew, which came into effect on 1 July, is part of Council's Dog and Cat Control Order 2019, which also included the introduction of designated dog on and off leash areas.

Cat owners are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new legal requirements, including prohibited areas for cats.

The introduction of the cat curfew and prohibited areas is consistent with Council plan priorities to promote health and wellbeing, protect the natural environment and deliver a strong and reliable government.

Owners are advised to seek out information about cat behaviour training and enrichment options, and Council's website is a great source of information around confining cats, and also includes a list of prohibited areas for cats.

Council rangers and Local Laws officers are available to assist the community with understanding the new requirements over the coming months.

The new cat requirements are a result of extensive public consultation that began with the development of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021, and Council has worked to balance the needs of cats, of their owners and of the broader community, while also reducing the impact of cats on the natural environment.

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Hanging Rock Environmental Management Plan review underway

Work on the implementation of the 2018 Hanging Rock Strategic Plan is continuing, with the appointment of ecological consultants to do a review and update of the 2015 Hanging Rock Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Director Planning and Environment, Angela Hughes said the objective of the review and update was to build on the progress made following the implementation of the current EMP in recent years.

The Hanging Rock EMP will continue to guide future conservation and environmental management of the Hanging Rock precinct and will help inform the finalised Hanging Rock Master Plan in 2021.

The EMP establishes principles and a set of actions that ensure the site's environmental and ecological values are conserved and enhanced, while supporting the continuing association of Hanging Rock as a place of gathering which is accessible to all visitors.

The review and update will be guided by a detailed evaluation of existing management documentation and on-ground works, followed by precinct-wide surveys of flora, fauna and large trees.

Stakeholder briefings and workshops will form part of the evaluation process, and there will be opportunities for the wider community to provide input at key points along the way.

This work is funded as part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implement the 50-year strategic plan for Hanging Rock.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/hanging-rock, call (03) 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE YOUNES, MRSC

Help us name our new bin mascot

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has a new face of recycling, but there is one thing missing ... the new mascot does not have a name.

Enter our competition and help name the bin mascot that will promote good recycling habits and the use of Council's kerbside collection system of up to four bins.

As part of Council's ongoing Let's Get Sorted community waste education campaign, the bin mascot will appear at schools and events around the shire in coming months, as appropriate.

The mascot has four lids, each one reflecting the colour of one of Council's kerbside bins – yellow for recycling, red for general waste, purple for glass only and lime green for FOGO (food organics garden organics).

The competition will be open until 14 August 2020.

To enter the competition and have the chance to win a compost bin or worm farm, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-mascot. To find out more, call (03) 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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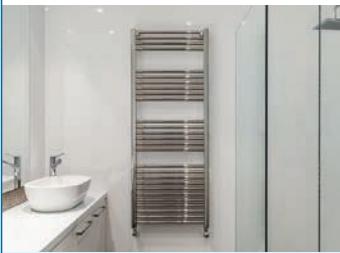
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Mothers' Mentor Helen Tennant

Helen Tennant is an experienced registered nurse of 50yrs and midwife of 42 years.

Her nursing career commenced at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1970, where she worked for four years, before nursing in London based hospitals for three years. Upon her return from abroad, Helen studied midwifery at the Queen Victoria Hospital in 1977, where she worked in the birthing suite and the Special Care Nursery. She then moved to Sydney to work and have her first baby, and finally settled in Woodend in 1985, when her twin girls were born. Helen's career as a local nurse and midwife has included work at Sunbury and Gisborne Hospitals and over 40 years' service at Kyneton Hospital.

Helen has over 40 years' experience working with breastfeeding mothers and babies in both acute hospital and community settings, and is a qualified International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) of 20 years.

Helen is pleased to announce she is now providing private breastfeeding consultation and education for parents via phone and videoconferencing (Zoom link). Home breastfeeding consultations in the Macedon Ranges will be provided only if COVID-safe to do so.

Breastfeeding advice can often be conflicting and confusing. New parents now face even more stresses and challenges during this ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, due to isolation and the potential for less service involvement. Helen is passionate about empowering women with antenatal and postnatal breastfeeding education through evidence-based care and advice.

Consultations include taking a full history, breastfeeding assessment of the presenting issues and things that are going well, and development of an individualised feeding plan for mother and baby to achieve their feeding goals. Please feel free to contact Helen on 0459 124 190 to discuss potential referrals.

SUBMITTED BY HELEN TENNANT



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Avoid winter pipe problems, says

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Western Water is reminding customers to take care of their pipes this winter.

With cooler than average temperatures expected across the state, Western Water says customers need to be extra careful to avoid blockages.

"Throwing fats, oils and grease down the sink at any time can cause issues," said Paul Clark, Western Water's Acting Chief Operating Officer.

"But during winter, problems can happen much quicker as fats harden faster in cold temperatures," he said.

Western Water said customers can avoid issues by following a few simple steps.

"Only flush the three P's – pee, poo and (toilet) paper and never pour fats, oils or grease down the sink."

"Wipes, even ones that say 'flushable' on the packaging should never be flushed," Mr Clark said.

To ensure a constant supply of hot water, Western Water also recommends that customers cover their meters during colder weather.

"Water meters and pipes that are exposed to frost can stop your water supply, and in the worst-case scenario, the pipe can break," said Mr Clark.

"To prevent this happening, cover your meter with a blanket or container the night before frosts are predicted."

Western Water offers tips and videos on how to prevent sewer blockages and frozen pipes at westernwater.com.au.

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for next 12 months

Western Water's prices are to remain stable for the coming year, as set out in the Essential Services Commission's price determination handed down recently.

Western Water's Managing Director, Jeff Rigby, said: "Keeping bills affordable, encouraging customers to save water, and planning for growth were key considerations for our pricing submission to the Commission."

Earlier this month, the Essential Services Commission announced it had approved Western Water's three-year pricing plan that focuses on keeping prices down over the next 12 months.

Western Water has undertaken extensive engagement with customers over the past two years to review how and how much they charge.

"In response to customer feedback, we are reducing our fixed services charges, so customers have greater opportunity to reduce the size of their bill if they can use less water," Mr Rigby said.

Western Water will also apply a small increase to the Tier 3 water usage rate. This rate applies to residential customers using more than 880 litres per day.

"With population growth and climate change impacting the availability of water supplies, we want to encourage all customers to consume less water if they can," Mr Rigby said.

"For those that can't, we have support options available, including large family discounts, and we encourage customers to contact us to discuss these options."

Regional growth continues to be a major planning focus for Western Water, who will invest more than \$90 million in capital works next year, most of which is aimed at meeting demand for services from new residents, while maintaining existing service levels.

Western Water's focus is on customer affordability, particularly as it continues to address the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the community.

Mr Rigby says, "Western Water is well aware of the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic on many customers. We will continue to offer the wide range of support measures already in place, and we can confirm that the only increase to typical water bills on 1 July 2020 will be to reflect the cost of inflation."

The ESC's final decision on the maximum prices that Western Water may charge for the three-year period starting 1 July 2020 can be found at www.esc.vic.gov.au/water.

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Cobaw Health: Your local op shop needs you!

Op shops are the heart and soul of our communities – they're a place to grab a bargain, somewhere to recycle our unwanted clothes or household items, a vital source of fundraising for local causes, and an important place for community members to volunteer.

As some restrictions ease across Victoria, op shop managers have been busy planning the re-opening of these treasured stores. But the first crucial part of planning is to ensure that the shop volunteers are in good health and are not putting themselves at risk of the potentially serious complications of contracting COVID-19. As many of the op shop volunteer staff are considered 'vulnerable' due to their age and existing health issues, there is currently a shortage of volunteers to assist in stores throughout the week.

Cobaw's Volunteer Central Vic and Central Victoria Primary Care Partnership (CVPCP) have joined forces to help local op shops re-open, by finding new volunteers who are keen to support their communities in a meaningful way.

"When lockdown began in mid-March, there were many people wanting to help in some way," says Carolyn Neilson of CVPCP, "Unfortunately there were very few volunteer roles available. But now, if you have a few hours to spare each week, your local op shop needs you!"

As the country begins to recover from the economic effects of the pandemic, op shops, like other local businesses, need the support of the community. There will be a staggered re-opening and op shop managers ask that you ring ahead to check about opening hours and whether they are accepting donations. A reminder to only donate items that can be resold, as any broken, dirty or torn items cannot be accepted – don't use op shops for getting rid of your rubbish!

You can contact Volunteer Central Vic at info@volunteercentralvic.com.au or on 0419 362 374.

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Farmers' Market Online

Sustainability group launches Farmers' Market Online for safe and regular access to local produce.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSRG) has recently launched Farmers' Market Online mrsg.org.au/farmers-market-online, a initiative that offers a direct link between local producers and shoppers, and that operates to complement the MRSRG-run Woodend Farmers' Market. Farmers' Market Online is a social enterprise with all proceeds going directly to the farmers, producers, and volunteer organisations that assist.

Farmers' Market Online enables the public to secure their produce early before it sells out on market day and on off-Woodend market days knowing they are buying local, supporting the local economy, and shopping in the most sustainable way, with minimal food miles, packaging and waste. Pickup is from outside the Woodend Toy Library, beside the Woodend Farmers' Market site and is ideal for those wishing to minimise their time in a market or shopping environment during COVID-19.

Besides market day, shopping may also be collected on the third Saturday of the month.

A range of local producers are currently selling on the site, including Rafaels Coffee, Millet Road Maker, Oakwood Smallgoods, Olive's Olives, Hand to Ground egg farmers, and vegie boxes from market favourites Sandors Harvest and Mt Prospect Farm, and more, with the producer list growing all the time.

Patrons may shop from multiple producers, making one payment to Farmers' Market Online. Farmers' Market Online assembles the orders from the deliveries of each producer, ready for collection by the customer.

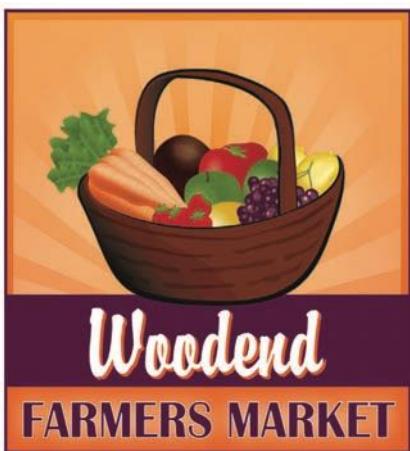
Collection days are the 1st Saturday (Woodend Farmers' Market Day) and 3rd Saturday of each month, from outside the Woodend Toy Library, on the corner of Forest Street and Margery Crescent, Woodend. Order cutoff is the Thursday prior to your nominated collection day, at 3pm.

The website is now open and ready for the public to place orders: mrsg.org.au/farmers-market-online

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Council podcast brings nature to you

Council is launching a new podcast to help raise the profile of the animals and plants within the naturally biodiverse Macedon Ranges.

The 'Macedon Ranges Nature Pod' can be streamed directly to any computer or smart device and played whenever and wherever you want.

Initially three podcasts will focus on sounds in nature that residents might experience in their own backyards.

Learn how to identify frog calls and common day and night back yard birds with audio clues and fact sheets that can be downloaded.

Director Planning and Environment Angela Hughes said the development of the series was fast-tracked when most events in the environmental program were cancelled during the pandemic restrictions.

She said the environmental program activities were often sold out, so Council knew there was local community interest and wanted to develop alternative content that residents could enjoy from their own homes.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/naturepod

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Recycled Sound

Hearing loss is a big problem in Australia, with four million people affected, and it has a big impact on an individual's quality-of-life. Luckily in Australia we have access to many wonderful services, including the availability of hearing aids.

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An unaddressed hearing loss inevitably leads to isolation and in many cases a reliance on social services for support, which then impacts the broader community and the economy.

But what if you can't afford hearing aids?

Recycled Sound is a not-for-profit community service project established to recycle hearing aids. Recycled Sound was initiated by the Rotary Club of Toorak in 2014 and is supported by many other Rotary clubs in Victoria.

Used and no longer needed hearing aids are collected, cleaned, reprogrammed and fitted to people suffering from diminished hearing. The testing and fitting is performed by qualified audiologists for those who are financially disadvantaged and ineligible for government assistance. This enables them to be independent and participate in our communities in all its forms. Clients include:

- The hearing impaired who do not receive government assistance and who are unable to afford hearing aids;
- Asylum seekers and refugees, immigrants where English is their second language;
- Indigenous Australians;
- Other marginalised and vulnerable people in our communities, including victims of domestic violence.

By recycling used hearing aids, Recycled Sound supports and enhances sustainability in our community and environment. Donating your hearing aids is straightforward and easy. Drop them at Mort and Pestle, 19th Hole Shopping Centre, High St Woodend.

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Cr Jennifer Anderson

Winter in Woodend: fogs and frosty mornings, followed by crisp clear blue-sky days. Unfortunately, we have not been able to enjoy sharing them as we normally would this year. With only four weeks left until spring, it is likely to get harder before it becomes easier.



When I do go out of my house, it has been good to see people respecting social distancing as they go about their newly limited activities, to shop for essentials and support our local businesses.

Businesses and volunteer groups have adapted to the Chief Health Officer's recommendations to keep us motivated and well-supplied.

My regular walks/run along the Campaspe parkrun route bring back memories of how important this social connection was for me and many others.

Remember to try to exercise daily in a safe manner if you are able to, and eat healthily. Studies show that people have unfortunately increased their alcohol intake since being indoors more. It is important that we check up on each other via safe means to make sure we all have the support we need to remain physically and mentally well during these difficult times.

Council has prepared a budget, as best it can under the current circumstances, but we are acutely aware that this will need to be constantly re-examined, depending upon what happens in response to the pandemic.

We will ensure we prioritise our services to assist those in our community who are most affected by the pandemic, and may need to put planned projects on hold, as now is not the best time to gain much-valued community input.

As I write this, Council elections are still scheduled for October, with the timing determined by State government. Council will run information sessions, and this year all potential candidates must attend a mandatory training session, run online, through Local Government Victoria. These will be advertised on our website as soon as we know the dates.

Although I can't meet with anyone over a coffee during this time, I am happy to talk on the phone, or via an online video platform, should anyone want to discuss standing for Council, or any other Council-related matter.

Regards, Jennifer 0408 273 670

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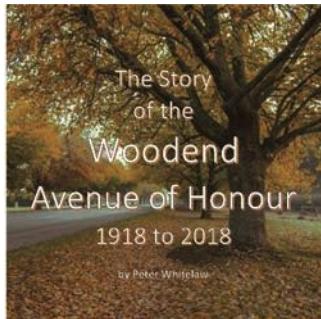
The Story of the Woodend Avenue of Honour

With support from the Woodend RSL and the Woodend and District Heritage Society, Peter Whitelaw has captured the story of the Woodend Avenue of Honour from its origins within the community near the end of World War 1 through to the re-enactment of Armistice Day in Woodend in 2018.

The booklet (68 pages with 40 images) includes the discoveries Peter made when he first researched the history of the Avenue in 2009. He has reproduced articles from the Woodend Star about the planting of the oak trees in 1918, its 'Grand Opening' later that year, and he describes what happened locally after the war.

In 2011, Peter embarked upon a project to restore the names of the WW1 servicemen and women recognised at the Avenue by building the 'Wall of Remembrance' memorial. He relates the story of planning and building that memorial and its dedication in 2015. He describes the 2018 Armistice Day celebration in Woodend and recognises the wonderful local knitted poppies project.

The booklet includes a full list of names of the servicemen and women, with a map identifying every tree in the Avenue. It also recognises the donors and contributors to the Wall of Remembrance. Enquiries to Woodend RSL or to peter@peterwhitelaw.com.au



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Wendy was born in the Great Depression and lived through WWII

"Pestilence"

It was a ship, a dull grey-green colourless thing, moving slowly, soundlessly into the harbour. The occasional shriek of a wheeling gull was the only note to disturb the mournful sky.

There did not appear to be any life on board the barque and what force propelled it, could not be told. As it drifted stealthily by towards the wharf, it became apparent that its decks were rotted through. Slimy green sea weed festooned the leprous timber of its sides. There was hardly any colour in the whole scene. No breeze flapped the tattered grey sails which hung like filthy bandages on gaunt mast-fingers bleached by the elements. On the prow were the rubbed-out letters of the ship's name, but it kept its secret well.

Onwards it moved and so did the objects on the ship's deck. Piles of khaki rags on the encrusted planks were beginning to stir. The vessel slowed almost to a stop and silently nosed its way alongside the wooden pier where it came to rest.

Suddenly, there was a great scratching and a scurry. Hundreds grey and black rats were scampering along the top beams of the masts. One after another, they leapt from the ill-fated ship. Many fell into the phosphorous depths into the sea. With a bone chilling squeal the others scuttled along the pier towards the town whose pointed red roofs now appeared in a burst of golden sunlight beyond the hill.

On the ship, one of the rag bundles raised itself and feebly crawled to the side. It was followed by several others who now became recognizable as human-beings. Not a sound did they utter, but slid their way onto the wharf.

Two doors on the bridge noiselessly opened and out lurched a dozen more miserable shapes. Their forms indicated that there were men, women and children amongst them. Their hair hung down in matted strings around their gaunt faces. Their filthy clothes gave the appearance of shredded lichen. When one of the apparitions raised its face, it looked like a Medieval picture of Death itself. How pitiful and repulsive was the whole sight.

So now the secret was revealed. This was "the Ship of Death". It would never be known where these wretches came from, but where they were going when they left the ship was all too painfully obvious.

Heading for the sunny unsuspecting town over the hill, following the scuttling rats, these wretched souls were taking their foulness as an unexpected gift. Not the Bubonic Plague so dreaded in the twelfth century, or Swine Fever, but the Corona Virus, was being carried to the unfortunate host.

A distant church bell tolled once, dismally, and again the sea-gulls cried.

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State Government news

Supporting our local businesses across the Macedon Ranges

The Victorian Government has helped tip millions of dollars back into the Macedon Ranges economy, by supporting local businesses to get through to the other side of the coronavirus crisis.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, today announced 467 businesses across the Macedon Ranges Shire Council area have been paid a one-off \$10,000 Business Support Fund grant for operational costs such as salaries and utilities.

The Business Support Fund provides payments for eligible businesses that have a wages bill below the payroll tax threshold.

"The coronavirus pandemic has clearly had a devastating impact on lives and livelihoods – but we're giving our local businesses the support they need to survive," Ms Thomas said.

79 businesses in the Macedon Ranges have also received full payroll tax refunds for the 2019/20 financial year, totalling \$1,544,652 in immediate government support.

The payroll tax refunds are part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion Economic Survival Package, which is helping Victorian businesses and workers during the pandemic.

The Economic Survival Package also includes land tax deferrals for eligible small businesses, rent relief for commercial tenants, and the \$500 million Working for Victoria fund to help workers who have lost their jobs find new opportunities.

More than 6,700 workers across the state have already started drawing pay cheques through Working for Victoria.

The Government is also helping thousands of Victorians back to work, by fast-tracking shovel-ready projects all over the state.

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Additional funding for four year old kindergarten in the shire

The Victorian Government has announced that it will continue to reduce the cost of the funded kindergarten program for families during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister for Education James Merlino announced funding of \$230 per enrolled child for four year old kindergarten in Term 3. This is in addition to the free kindergarten that families received in Term 2.

The kindergarten program for four years olds will remain free for those who have a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pension Card, who identify as Aboriginal, or who hold a refugee or asylum seeker visa under the existing Kindergarten Fee Subsidy program.

Council continues to take its lead from Victoria's Chief Health Officer and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) which has advised that Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services can continue to operate with appropriate risk-mitigation measures in place.

Council's four-year-old kindergarten program has remained in full operation since the pandemic began.

Registrations for Council's three and four year old 2021 kindergarten are filling fast.

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All electronic items including fridges, washing machines, TVs and other household electrical appliances can be disposed of at no charge at Council's three transfer stations, along with all other recyclable materials.

E-waste has been banned from kerbside collection bins to ensure potentially hazardous and valuable materials are kept out of landfill and the soil, according to Director Assets and Operations, Shane Walden.

Mr Walden said recent bin audits have revealed some electronic items have been incorrectly placed in household bins, and there had been illegal dumping of e-waste across the shire.

Illegal dumping should be reported to Council, and residents are urged to do the right thing and take e-waste to the nearest transfer station, where residents can drop it off for free.

Council has transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey.

To find out what can be dropped off at transfer stations, or to find locations and opening hours, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations, call (03) 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Woodend Library News

We are happy to announce that Woodend Library has reopened after a period of closure.



The library service is a little different than before our closure. Woodend Library is currently open from 11.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday and offers access to our lending collection, public internet computers, free Wi-Fi, newspapers and printing and scanning.

There are some restrictions in place to keep library patrons and staff safe during the pandemic. We are asking people to register their details for contact tracing purposes and limit library visits to 30 minutes maximum, while practicing social distancing. We encourage everyone to practice good hygiene and use the hand sanitiser provided.

We also regularly clean our public computers, catalogue and self-serve kiosk for added safety, and we ask that before entering the library, you return any library items via our returns chute, where they will remain in quarantine for 72 hours before being checked in. Late fees will not be charged at this time. Of course, there are all of our regular digital collections available online as well, and plenty of activities via our digital portal, including "Library in your loungeroom", which offers many online children's and adults' programs, resources, and digital and non-digital activities for wellbeing, curiosity, learning and creativity.

Online workshops available in August

Be Connected Workshops

Do you have a computer, tablet or phone connected to the internet, and want to improve your digital skills? Join one of our online workshops to increase online skills and confidence; for people aged over 50. All workshop groups will be done via Zoom and will be small, with follow up help provided.

Thurs 6 August 10–11 Introduction to Be Connected

Join our guided tour of the Be Connected portal and discover life online. A treasure trove of interactive learning activities, training, web apps and how-to videos aimed at increasing online skills and confidence.

Tues 10 August 2–3 Be Connected – Staying Safer Online

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Wine review

The wines this month come from a small vineyard on Springhill Road that was established in 1997; the whites are generally un-oaked and the reds matured in French oak. On release the wines have been given plenty of bottle age, which means are both a great value drink-now proposition, but, given the cool, long growing seasons in the Macedon Ranges, will also cellar for many years. Wombat Forest are a small producer that I have only just come across, that deliver quality and value.

2015 Wombat Forest Cabernet Sauvignon

Vibrant medium red in colour. The nose has olive, old leather, blackberry and subtle liquorice. Tannins are ripe and fine, with tobacco and cedar-like influence. The finish has drying black fruits, with a moreish line of acidity. Will live for decades, the virtues of cool climate Cabernet.

Rating: 93 Price: \$33 When to Drink: 2020–2035

2016 Wombat Forest Chardonnay

A light golden yellow in colour, this is a wine that belies its age, with finely crafted stone fruits supported by citrus and faint vanillin and almond meal on the nose. The acidity is finely textured and pure, with pristine white fruits, some lees induced richness that provides fig and nougat, before a long stone fruit-focused finish with finely spiced embellishments.

Rating: 93 Price: \$30 When to Drink: 2020–2026

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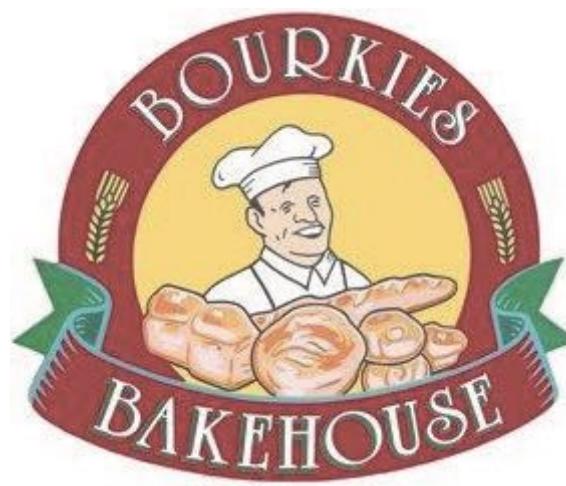
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Preparations begin for Council general election

Council has begun preparations for the 2020 general election, which will be held by postal ballot on Saturday 24 October.

Prior to the election, Council will enter the 'election period' (or 'caretaker period') from 12pm, 22 September until 6pm on 24 October.

During this period, Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy will ensure that Council business continues in a responsible and transparent manner.

Thinking of standing as a candidate?

Becoming a Councillor is a great opportunity to contribute to your community and influence the future directions of the Macedon Ranges Shire.

If you know someone who would make a good candidate, or if you are thinking of nominating yourself, consider attending one of the candidate information sessions to be held in August and September.

These optional information sessions will cover several topics, including the role of local government and of councillors, developing an election platform, and how to campaign.

Mandatory candidate training

It is a new requirement in 2020 that anyone wishing to nominate as a candidate must complete a mandatory training session prior to nominating.

Local Government Victoria (LGV) is developing an e-learning module that will be made available from late July to mid-September for prospective candidates to complete.

For more information, and to register for optional information sessions or mandatory candidate training, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/elections

You must be on the electoral roll if you are 18 or older, are an Australian Citizen and have lived in Victoria for at least one month.

Enrol by Friday 28 August, 4pm to be eligible to vote in this year's election.

To enrol or update your details, visit the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC) website vec.vic.gov.au

For more information on the election period, information sessions, candidate training and key election dates, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/elections

SUBMITTED BY LEANNE YOUNES, MRSC

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History to mark their 50th Anniversary

Although productions are at a standstill at the Mountview Theatre, there is still action taking place by our Historical Group, who are gathering and collating information, stories and photographs to put together a book to mark the Players' 50th anniversary, in 2022.

There's lots of history on file, but we are putting out a call to anyone who may have something to add by way of information or photos that will be of interest.

A multitude of productions, one act play festivals, celebrations and indeed tragedies have paved the way over the past 50 years, so it will be a time to celebrate and remember!

Please contact Karen Hunt via email at karenhunt405@gmail.com if you have something you would love to share.

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Woodend CFA

The dangers of hoarding and squalor

Over the past few years, the CFA has been increasingly recognising hoarding and squalor as common features in fires and other emergencies. Hoarding can pose significant risks, not only to residents but also to CFA fire fighters attending premises.

In fact, the Woodend Fire Brigade has attended several fires in recent years where hoarding would have, or did have, a significant impact on how we were able to enter buildings. With one tragic fire, hoarding assisted in totally destroying the home.

What is hoarding?

Hoarding is the persistent accumulation of and lack of ability to relinquish large numbers of objects or living animals. It results in extreme clutter in and around premises.

Commonly hoarded items include personal papers, newspapers, clothing, furniture, appliances, household rubbish, animals and hard rubbish.

What is squalor?

Squalor is an unsanitary living environment that has arisen from extreme or prolonged neglect. It poses substantial health and safety risks to people or animals residing in the affected premises.

The fire risks

Fires in hoarding homes increase risks to the occupants, their neighbours and firefighters because:

- Non-functional gas or electricity may result in unsafe practices for cooking and heating. This combined with high fuel loads provides greater opportunity for fire ignition.
- Possessions blocking exits and narrowing internal pathways impedes escape for the occupant and access for firefighters.
- Accumulation of possessions results in an abnormally high fuel load, creating excessive smoke and fire conditions, and possible structural collapse.

If you know someone who may have problems with hoarding, you can call ARCVic's helpline on 9830 0533 or 1300 269 438 for information and referral.

For further information contact Captain Mike Dornau on 0409 093 935. On Sundays call the Woodend CFA on 5427 2356 or visit the station in Urquhart Street. Follow us on Facebook, or you can visit our website: www.woodendcfa.org.

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

SUBMITTED BY MIKE DORNAU, CAPTAIN WOODEND CFA



We are 130 years young

There can be few clubs or organisations in the Macedon Ranges that have a longer continuous history than the Woodend Bowling Club, and this year we celebrate our 130th anniversary.

At a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers held on 1st June, 1890, it was decided to establish a Bowls and Tennis Club in the town.

A committee was appointed to select the most suitable ground and was authorised by the meeting to make an application to the Shire.

The location was chosen on the south side of the Five Mile Creek, and was unanimously approved at the next meeting. This is the very same location where the Woodend Bowling Club is based today ... 130 years later.

The original agreement of the lease was to pay the 'consideration of one shilling paid yearly'. The Club still has an excellent working relationship with the Shire, although the current 'consideration' is slightly more.

Back in 1890, it was agreed to erect a 4 foot 6 inch picket fence, at a cost which would not exceed £50. As soon as this was completed, the club would spend at least £50 to form the new bowling green, which was officially opened on Christmas Day the same year.

Looking for new members for the coming season

The new Pennant Seasons (Midweek and Saturday) are not far away. If you are a player with some experience, the Woodend Bowling Club is looking for some new players. If you believe you have what it takes to be a competitive bowler or a keen social bowler, please give us a call.

Come on down for a free trial

If you have wondered what playing lawn bowls is like, why not come down to the Club and have a go?

We can provide everything you need, the bowls and important guidance from one of our experienced players. And it's free!

Lawn bowls is now played by people of all ages. In fact, most of the players in the Australian Team are in their twenties and thirties, and some are still in their teens.

Check out our website and Facebook page

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

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Snowy white

Local whispers suggest that snow comes to the Macedon Ranges in the second week of August. So, get ready for our mountain, and maybe even our yards and streets, to be draped in white!

White has been a feature of interior design for as long as young people can remember! But there was a time when true white – bright and startling – wouldn't last across entire walls.

Our ancient ancestors used white paint, drawing on sources of lime, gypsum and calcite. White didn't feature much in Victorian households. The paint was lead-based, and toxic. The deco era brought an attempt to lighten up the place with light-coloured sofas and rugs, reflected in ubiquitous glass and mirrors. But it wasn't until the 1940s, when the pigment titanium oxide was introduced, that paint, textiles and wallpaper became what's known as 'perfect white'. Then who could forget the moulded white plastic chairs of the 1960s and 70s?

Since we let go of the pastel shades of the 1980s, white has been a

mainstay of most decorating. But is any shade of snow, chalk, cloud, pearl, ivory, alabaster or milk still in fashion? Or has it had its day?

Apparently, white on white is now trending. Think textures, layers, fabrics, vases, art. A white couch with a greige* throw. A collection of white curios on a shelf painted 'polar'. A mid-century birch chair upholstered in a self-patterned shade of 'dove'. Whichever you choose, make sure you warm it up with some colour in preparation for when it snows ...

* In case you hadn't guessed, greige is a combination of grey and beige.



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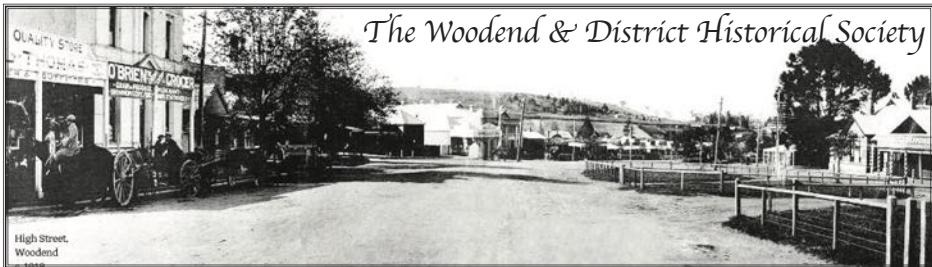
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SUBMITTED BY CHINKA STEELE

SUBMITTED BY WENDY REDMAN



The mighty power of the spud

Early in the current pandemic were you stocking up on your supplies of toilet paper and other essentials, or even vegetables and salads? If so, it would not have been the first time Victorians have kept an anxious eye on their stores.

In 1943, the Federal Minister for Commerce and Agriculture wrote to all farmers asking them what vegetables and salads they could grow to supply the gigantic needs of the fighting Services. The minister wrote that fresh vegetables were an essential part of the Servicemen's diet as well as vegetables for canning and dehydration. This production would have been in addition to the output for domestic consumption.

Farmers were asked to fill in a form stating what crops and how much they could grow so that the Director General of Agriculture could work out which would likely to be deficient and which excessive. The Government offered to assist farmers in any way they could. English potatoes were in huge demand, followed by pumpkins, blue peas, green peas, French beans, green beans, tomatoes, turnips and swedes, and several others. Bill Bowyer of North Woodend received this letter and was just one of many farmers in the Macedon Ranges who could answer the call as their main food crop was potatoes.

The potatoes were harvested sometime between April and July, depending on the type and the season. Digging up and bagging potatoes was a job sought after by children after school and in the holidays. The bags were carted to a railway station. Each weighed 140 pounds so lifting them onto the wagons or trucks was a job for men. Far fewer potatoes are grown in the region these days, but there is a greater choice as growers and consumers explore the tastes and cooking qualities of the new varieties.

SUBMITTED BY JANE HOLTH



Colin McKenzie and Tom Clarke, Newham farmers, with their team of draught horses, returning home after delivering bagged potatoes to the Railway Station at Lancefield. Note the old Lancefield Shire Hall in background. The potatoes were loaded into a rail truck for sale at Couper St. Potato Platform by commission agent, Robert Brown of Acme Seed Store.



Rod and Agnes McKenzie (nee Dousset) digging potatoes on their land for the War Effort C.1940s

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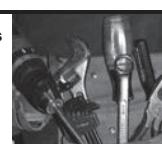
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Students choose the VCAL pathway for many reasons. Current Year 12 student Jayden Walker says, "I felt the subject choices were better for me, as they give me access to the things I enjoy. Choosing VET Business enables me to get specific business skills which could potentially help me to get a good job, and VET Employment Pathways has enabled me to learn about safety at work and ways to communicate in the workplace."

Jayden also studies Studio Arts; he aspires to become an artist, and hopes to gain future employment within this area. Jayden's Structured Workplace Learning placement each Tuesday at the Old Auction House Arts Precinct in Kyneton enables him to gain valuable work-related skills in this industry. Jayden explains, "It's an arts studio and a gallery; my role is to prepare the arts space and the resources for use. Sometimes I am responsible for installations where I am asked to create and display works of my choice."

In a school year like no other, Jayden believes he has coped with the disruption of COVID-19, feeling he has flourished and transferred good work habits back onsite. What would his advice be to anyone considering this learning pathway? "You get out of it what you put in".

SUBMITTED BY LEONIE GARVEY, LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER

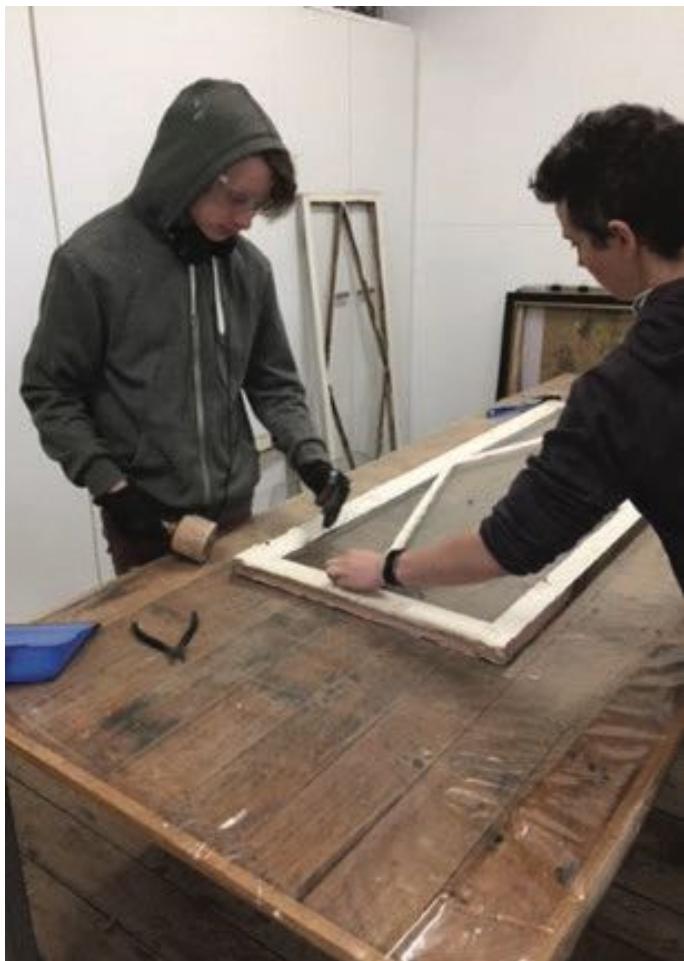


Photo: Jayden working on a project at his weekly Structured Work Placement at the Old Auction House Arts Precinct in Kyneton

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